

WHEATLAND NEWS

July 2021



The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Cleobury North

***News from the Diocese of Hereford and the 17
Parishes around Stottesdon, Ditton Priors and
Highley***

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Editorial

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..... is dominating the news at the moment and the expectation and excitement for the fans is overwhelming at times. However, one incident has brought home the importance of prompt action in the case of an emergency under any circumstances.

Christian Eriksen, the young, fit footballer who collapsed on the pitch in the middle of a game was fortunate to have exactly that. This brings to light the importance of knowing what to do if this should happen in any of our parishes. Have all of our 17 parishes got their own defibrillator? Do you know where your nearest one is located? Some are situated in reclaimed telephone kiosks and others in special defibrillator boxes.

It is important that we all know where these machines are so that, in the event of an emergency, they can be put into action.

To access the machine, dial 999 and the operator will give you the code to open the box.

Instructions will be given, verbally, on the use of the machine. The sooner action is taken, the more likely the patient will survive. Please spend time to find out where your defibrillator is situated. We wish Christian a speedy return to full health.

It is now only three weeks until the end of the school term, and we wish the pupils and staff at all the schools, primary and secondary, a good and well-earned holiday. Enjoy each day wherever you are.

There are some important notices throughout this edition of Wheatland News which will have some impact on the future of our parishes and the way we proceed forward in the Hereford Diocese. Please note the various changes and let those who cannot access the magazine electronically know what is happening.

August edition deadline!

Please would you send all contributions for the August 2021 edition of WN to your contact, as below, no later than **Monday 26th July.**

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An Example:

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Address Line 2

Town/City

Postcode

What3words

3. The operator will ask a series of questions which you will need to answer to the best of your ability. This will only take a few moments and will not delay the ambulance.
4. The operator will then provide you with the access code to open the cabinet (if the AED is located inside an external cabinet and registered with the ambulance service) or access the nearby defibrillator.
5. The defibrillator and resuscitation pack should be removed from the access point and the ambulance service will stay on the line and give verbal instruction if required.
6. Switch on the defibrillator and it will then provide you with verbal instructions for use.
7. The defibrillator cannot be used incorrectly as it will only deliver a shock to the patient if it detects it is necessary.
8. There are scissors in the resuscitation pack to assist with removal of clothing and a pocket rescue breath mask for use with ventilations in CPR.
9. If you are unable or unwilling to give ventilations, simply do "hands only" chest compressions.

Remember THINK safety.

Look around before pushing the button to shock and SHOUT the command STAND CLEAR SHOCKING and then check to make sure everyone is clear.

Content of this post has been approved by SWASFT Community Response Manager (Ref ssos14V3)

Diocese of Hereford

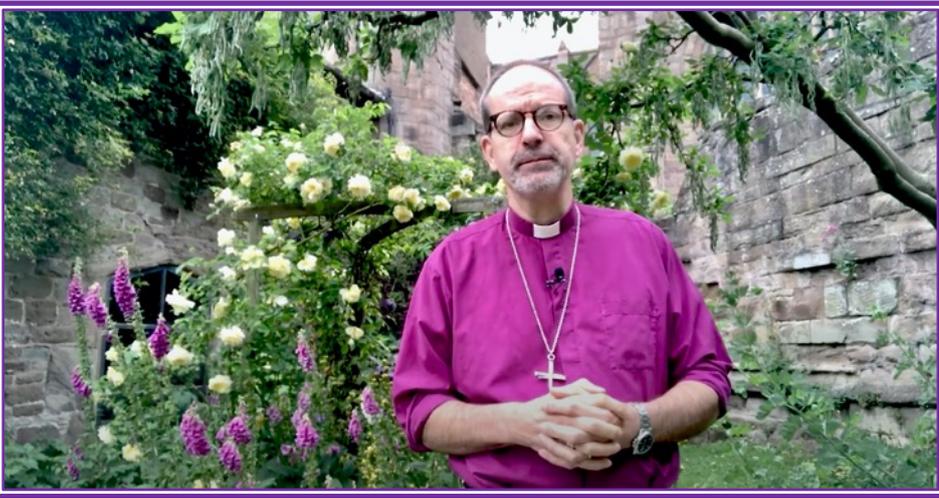
July message from the Bishop of Hereford



As you read this the Wimbledon tennis tournament will be well underway, albeit with reduced seating capacity. A recent development in coverage has been the thrusting of a microphone into the players' faces immediately after the final. It usually starts with the question, "how are you feeling now you have won/ lost?" with the cameras poised to zoom in at the first sign of moisture around the eyes. Gone are the delightful days of Ilie Nastase, who when asked by a reporter how he felt after losing, replied, "absolutely fantastic, next stupid question!"

A few weeks ago, the Japanese tennis player Naomi Osaka was forced to withdraw from a tournament because she refused to participate in post-match publicity. Quite rightly, she suggested that to put losing players under that sort of pressure in public wasn't good for their mental health. Some would say, that being in the public eye makes you fair game. But this isn't the same as the press offering proper scrutiny. It's using the pain of others as a form of entertainment. You see it all the time in certain news programmes. The same zooming in as the tears flow; the same probing questions to elicit an emotional response.

I think Jesus is mercifully more respectful of our privacy than that. Even if Christians have a dispute with one another, he suggests trying to deal with it in private first, not sharing our grievances through blind copied emails. It may be that over this time of COVID disputes have festered electronically. As we can more freely meet face to face, it will be good to get back into the habit of these private conversations.



This week, Bishop Richard reflects on working together.

The Bishop's weekly video message

On the [Diocese of Hereford website](#), together with a full transcript of his message

And on
[YouTube](#)

Messages from our Rural Dean, the Revd Mark Daborn

Deanery Gathering:

July 27th at Cleobury North Village Hall

The front cover picture is of the church at Cleobury North for a very good reason this month. On Tuesday July 27th there is a very important meeting in the village hall at Cleobury North, which I urge all church officers in our parishes to attend if possible.

There are two parts to the meeting. The first part is at 7 pm for deanery synod representatives, to elect deanery representatives on the diocesan synod.

The second part is at 7:30, and is an open meeting about the future of the deanery as we come out of the pandemic. We have two guests to lead us in our discussions, Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Fiona. Bishop Richard is already holding meetings across the diocese to plan out a diocesan strategy for a new post-Covid age; and Archdeacon Fiona will be helping and advising the deanery on pastoral planning.

It's really important that the senior leaders in the diocese hear the voices of the people in the parishes, to make sure that you are properly looked after in whatever plans are made. Bishop Richard is not in favour of top-down management – and neither am I. We need to work together to make sure the Church flourishes.

So please put the date in your diary. Tuesday 27th July, 7:30 pm at Cleobury North Village Hall. A chance to talk to the Bishop and Archdeacon about how you see the needs of our parishes developing over the next five to ten years.



Our Rural Dean, Revd Mark Daborn pictured in Middleton Scriven Church alongside his wife Mrs Alex Daborn, who is a Reader.



Reverend Terry Mason

This month sees the beginning of the vacancy in the Brown Clee Group after Terry's retirement. We give thanks to God for his ministry in these parishes, and his service to Bridgnorth Deanery and Hereford Diocese, over the last seven years. Please pray for Terry and Norma as they begin their well-earned retirement together, that this may, by God's grace, be a time of peace and new beginnings for them.

Saints of the Month – Martha, Mary and Lazarus

By the Revd Mark Daborn

On July 29th we celebrate three siblings: Martha, Mary and Lazarus, described as ‘companions of our Lord’. They figure prominently in two or three Gospel stories, and are also somewhat the subject of speculation beyond what we actually know. Let us stick to the stories we know from the Bible, though!

They lived in Bethany, near Jerusalem, and Jesus seems to have used their house as a base when he visited the city. And it was there that he travelled when he heard that Lazarus was ill – but not too quickly. When he arrived to find Lazarus already dead, he was gently reproached by the sisters for taking so long to arrive; if you had been here sooner, they said to him, you could have healed Lazarus. So then Jesus went with them to the tomb, called Lazarus, and out he came, alive. As word got about, the authorities determined even more that this dangerous prophet from Galilee should be silenced. They planned to do away not only with Jesus, but with Lazarus too – which always struck me as just a touch unfair!

It is worth bearing in mind where this story comes in John’s Gospel, because it is the last event before Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the start of that extraordinary roller-coaster week that ended in the Last Supper, betrayal, condemnation, death on the cross – and resurrection.

Lazarus’s sisters, Martha and Mary, are sometimes regarded as the template for two different types, the active and the contemplative. Once when Jesus was staying in the house at Bethany with his disciples, Martha was acting as hostess, preparing and serving food, dishing things out, clearing things away, washing the dishes, and setting them out again with yet more, as Jesus taught his disciples.

Mary sat at Jesus’s feet and listened.

Eventually, Martha’s stretched-out temper snapped, and she asked Jesus to tell Mary to get up and help. Jesus gently told Martha that what Mary was doing was all right, that she had made a good choice, even if it was unusual and a bit daring.

For Mary was doing what was men’s territory: listening to the teacher, the rabbi, and learning from him; preparing, perhaps, to become a rabbi in turn. As a woman, she should have been helping Martha with the domestic tasks, that was what women did in those days. Herein, perhaps, lies Martha’s real irritation, that Mary was transgressing the accepted boundaries by joining the menfolk in the teaching session.

But Jesus said it was all right for Mary to do that, that she had made a good choice.

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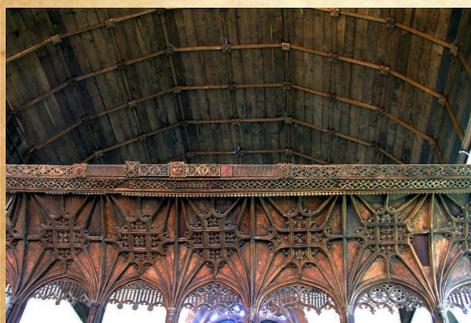
June 2021

This second Newsletter is to keep Patrons and Members of the Trust and also other supporters of Gardens Open and Ride and Stride informed of activities of the Trust at this time when all events are still to some extent provisional. I have included notes on two Shropshire churches in a beautiful part of the county which both merit visiting. My thanks to Ms Shannon Commins for editing this Newsletter.

William Price, Chairman

St John the Baptist's Church, Hughley

St John the Baptist's Church, Hughley, lies in a quiet part of our county, to the south-west of Much Wenlock, below Wenlock Edge. The church is celebrated in AE Housman's words in *A Shropshire Lad*: 'The vane of Hughley steeple/veers bright, a far-known sign', although Hughley church has never had a steeple. What it does have, however, is the finest screen in Shropshire, probably dating from the late fifteenth century. Dr John Leonard describes it thus in his wonderful book on *The Churches of Shropshire and their Treasures*: 'It has three lights on each side of the



central section, and the tracery under the arches is extremely varied. Above is a cover cornice, with carvings of birds, grapes and flowers and below a band of wavy quatrefoils. The disposition of ribs in the vaulting produces a stellar plan. The upper part of the dado (the lower part of the screen) is also delicately carved'. See also the fourteenth-century tiles and stained glass in the chancel and the Jacobean pulpit.

Grants Awarded

At the May meeting of Trustees grants were awarded to:

- ◆ Shrewsbury Holy Cross (The Abbey) for work on the organ
- ◆ Weston-under-Redcastle St Luke for work on the clock and the building
- ◆ Doddington St John the Baptist to improve access to the church

gardens OPEN

The Citadel opened on May 19th to warm sunshine and lots of happy visitors! The Wednesday opening seemed very popular and friends enjoyed seeing each other after so many months of lock-down. The gardens were in tip top condition and looked superb and the delicious cream teas kept everyone happy!

The event was a huge success and managed safely with visitors booking in on the government's Track and Trace system and social distancing being sensibly observed.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr and Mrs B Griffiths for so kindly opening their gardens for the SHCT and giving so many visitors a lovely afternoon out and of course raising money at the same time.

The Hurst opened on May 23rd. Heavy rains didn't deter 65 visitors and children from enjoying the blue-bell woods, azaleas and rhododendron walks in the lovely grounds. It all looked beautiful in a soft drippy sort of way. Delicious cakes and teas, the plant stall looked busy and there was a small tent to eat cake in if you were lucky enough to bag a seat!

Visitors enjoyed the comfort of their cars on the drive up as hardy volunteers collected entrance money and took Track & Trace details with rain pouring down on them, a big Thank you to all the volunteers for helping out on such a nasty day!

The Trust would like to thank everyone who visited these gardens and helped support both the Garden Owners and the SHCT. Every visit to our gardens helps finance another grant for a Shropshire church or chapel. Please have a look at our website for up to date photos of both events.

June/July Opening Dates

Date	Where	Times	Price	More info
6th June	Stokesay Court			CANCELLED
6th June	Cressage Garden Trail	12pm—5pm	£5	Ticket sales village hall & Old Crown House field. ☕🐾
6th June	Westwood House, WV16	2pm—5pm	£5	☕♿
9th June	Broadward Hall, SY7 0QA	2pm—5pm (Wednesday)	£6	☕♿
13th June	Bishops Castle Trail	2pm—6pm	£5	Pay at St John the Baptist church. ☕♿
20th June	Little Ness and Adcote Trail			CANCELLED
20th June	Tugford Gardens SY7 9HS	2pm—5pm	£5	Tickets at car park ☕♿
27th June	Harley Garden Trail	11am—5pm	£5	☕♿🐾
27th June	Culmington Village Gardens SY8 2DB	2pm—5pm	£5	☕♿
4th July	Clee St Margaret Trail	1pm—5pm	£5	☕♿🐾
18th July	Bitterley Court SY8 3HL	10am—5pm	£6	☕♿🐾
25th July	Sambrook Manor TF10 8AL	11am—5pm	£5	☕♿

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Teas available



Some gardens suitable for wheelchairs



No Dogs Allowed

Tours

I regret that the North Herefordshire Coach Tour arranged for Thursday 8 July has been **postponed** on the advice of Mr Tim Bridges, who was to lead it. The Tour has now been rescheduled to **Thursday 7 July 2022**. Full details will be available on next year's booking form.

I also regret that the South Shropshire Tour, which I had hoped would be held in September, will now have to be **postponed** to 2022. The only date on which Mr Bridges was free to lead the Tour clashes with a Gardens Open day, and it would clearly be unwise to hold two events on the same day.

The Afternoon Tour to churches at Betton Strange and Berrington will go ahead as planned on **Saturday 31 July**. In the unlikely event of its being cancelled, all those who have booked will be informed.

Events later in the year remain **provisional**:

- Saturday 21 August - North Shropshire Tour to High Ercall and Wrockwardine areas.
- Saturday 11 September - Ride and Stride.
- **Thursday 16 September (rearranged) - Members' Annual Meeting at Alberbury church. This is scheduled to begin at 2.30 p.m. Please park in Alberbury Village Hall car park [SY5 9AH]. Five minute walk to the church. The meeting will begin with reports on the Trust's activities, followed by a short talk on the history of this fascinating church, and then tea. There might also be a presentation by the Church Recorders Group. Please book by contacting Mrs Diane Radford, Bookings Secretary: email radfordsdiane32@gmail.com or phone 01746 762089 or write to 32 Foster Road, Bridgnorth WV16 4LS. There is no charge for attending this meeting, but we need to know numbers for tea. Those who have booked will, of course, be informed if we have to cancel the event because of any flare up of Covid-19 infections.**

St John the Baptist's Church, Church Preen

St John the Baptist's Church, Church Preen, is about one and a half miles west of Hughley. The lane connecting the two places passes Church Preen Primary School, the original school building being by the great Victorian architect Norman Shaw. Church Preen Church almost hides in the centre of the hamlet (but it is signposted from the lane). The yew tree by the porch is one of the oldest and largest in the country. The Church itself is of unusual proportions, long and narrow, 13' x 70'. This is explained by the fact that



between the twelfth century and 1534 it was a small cell of monks from Much Wenlock. The 35' chancel was for the monks and the 35' nave for the parishioners. See also the Jacobean pulpit and reading desk; the east window by Frederick Preedy, and the window of 2004 by Jane Gray to Philip Trevor-Jones. The Manor House, also designed by Norman Shaw, was largely demolished in 1920.

Ride and Stride

We are definitely going ahead on the second Saturday in September (11th Sept). This is a National event and our largest fundraising event so it's very important to us.

The objectives are twofold:

- (1) To have many open Churches, ideally with light refreshments for visitors. It's quite common to leave them in church, especially the smaller ones, whilst the Church People go out on a sponsored 'stride' or a 'ride'.
- (2) To raise funds: a person or a small team will visit some churches by walking or riding, having collected some sponsorship money using our Sponsorship Form - small gifts from many people soon mount up.

This money is split evenly between the local Church and SHCT.

As some of us are 'of a certain age' it is quite usual to do a **sponsored car ride**, and it's the best way to get around many of our scattered churches.

If you cannot do 11th September, then go during the week (although you will miss the refreshments!)

It's so easy to do, Ask for a Sponsorship Form; then get some Sponsors; then do a ride or stride on 11 Sept. "Simples". Contact David Hardham (Organiser) dhardham@yahoo.co.uk /01588-650362

Please have a go this year! Thank you.



The Trustees hard at work!

Please check to see if there are any last minute cancellations via

www.shropshirehct.org.uk or ring 01743 367166

Photos By Richard Bifield and Angela Hughes

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www.shropshirehct.org.uk

Gardens Open! - Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

The ones we've missed – or maybe we didn't?

Shannon Commins tells WN:

Yesterday, Sunday 6th June we had two lovely gardens open for the trust. **Cressage Garden Trail** and **Westwood House** each had a wonderful turnout of visitors. Teas and plants sold well and everyone enjoyed the sunshine.



Cressage



Westwood House

On Sunday 13th June there was a short interview about the SHCT and Gardens Open on Radio Shropshire at 7.50m just before the Church service.

And the open gardens that we can enjoy in July

Eyton Hall is open on July 18th, 1-5pm, Teas, Plants, WC, no dogs and sadly unsuitable for wheelchairs. £6 cash please. Eyton upon the Weald Moors, TF6 6ET.

Eyton Hall is a NEW garden for the SHCT and was sadly left off the SHCT Newsletter, so they are getting their own slot here to make up for it!

Bitterley Court – CHANGE OF DATE.

Please note that Bitterley Court is open on 11th July, and not 18th as reported in the June newsletter.

The gardens will be open from 10 am to 5 pm, with tea, cakes, and light lunches. Parts are suitable for wheelchairs. No dogs. £6 cash only please. Bitterley Court is near Ludlow - postcode SY8 3HL. Bitterley Court was one of the three gardens which opened very successfully for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust last year, just after lock-down ceased, and they are very generously opening again for the Trust this year. SHCT is sorry that an error was made in the SHCT Newsletter and we extend our apologies to Mr and Mrs Wheeler.

[Download the full details of SHCT Gardens Open here](#) – ideal to hang on the fridge with a magnet! In light of Covid, there may be last minute changes, so please check before making a long journey. [SCHT also has a Facebook page – click here.](#)

The United Benefice of Brown Clee

Rector: vacant

*Please contact your Churchwarden, as below.
In emergency, contact Revd Mark Daborn, Rural Dean, on 01746-718127*

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All Saints, Neenton

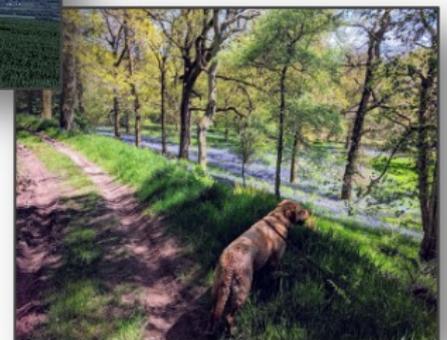
CHURCHWARDENS
Bobbie Jarvis: 01746-787093

Brown Clee Group News

Please see the service information for July and August on page 14.



More beautiful
Brown Clee skies
from Jutta



2021 - July-August Worship Rota - Brown Clee Churches

2021 JULY	WEEK 1 Sunday 4th July Trinity 5	WEEK 2 Sunday 11th July Trinity 6	WEEK 3 Sunday 18th July Trinity 7	Week 4 Sunday 25th July Trinity 8
9-45 am	Ditton Priors Communion	Ditton Priors Communion	Ditton Priors Communion	
10 am				Cleobury North Group Service Communion <u>10.15am</u>
11-30 am	Aston Botterell Communion	Chetton Communion	Neenton Communion	
6pm			Wheathill Evening Prayer <u>6pm</u>	

2021 AUGUST	WEEK 1 Sunday 1st August Trinity 9	WEEK 2 Sunday 8th August Trinity 10	WEEK 3 Sunday 15th August Trinity 11	Week 4 Sunday 22nd August Trinity 12	Week 5 Sunday 29th August Trinity 13
8-30 am				Ditton Priors Said BCP Communion	
9-45 am	Ditton Priors Communion	Ditton Priors Communion	Ditton Priors Communion	Chetton Communion	
10 am					Neenton Group Service Communion <u>10.15am</u>
11-30 am	Aston Botterell Communion	Chetton Communion	Neenton Communion	Cleobury North Communion	
6 pm			Loughton Communion		

(Tuesday Services are suspended at present)

**THANK YOU to all those who sent their good wishes for our retirement.
With our prayers for the future, Terry & Norma.**

A Church Near You

Don't forget to look at the Benefice website – A Church Near You, on the [Ditton Priors Church and Benefice Information Hub](#) page, to see what is going on in all the parishes too.

Ditton Priors News

We have no report from Ditton Priors this month.

Cleobury North & District Village Hall

Cleobury North Village Hall is now open! Regular users have recommenced their activities. The hall is available for hire, subject to Government guidelines and Covid restrictions. At the time of going to press, the maximum number of people permitted to attend an event is 30. For enquiries about booking and using the hall, please call 01746-787093.



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Thank you so much for reading, take care, be safe and happy! Christine:-))

Chetton News

From Pam Downing

St Giles's Church and Parish

Services for July

✝ Just one service this month - on Sunday 11th, 11.30am.

Flowers

- June Preece and Helen Dunn

Revd Terry Mason

Last month the Revd Terry Mason took his last service at St Giles. The PCC and parishioners presented him with a garden voucher. We all wish Terry and Norma a very happy retirement.

Chetton St Giles 100 Club winners

- £15 – Tilly Meehan no 99
- £10 – Ivor Smith no 70

Chetton Village Hall

Following our reopening, **Chetton Active Friends** has resumed from 2pm on Monday afternoon. **Zumba/stretch with Lisa** is held on Tuesday at 2.30. For inquiries about both sessions please telephone 789239.

We have secured a grant from Tesco, Bags of Help, of £1,000 towards improvements at the hall. We appreciate this generous donation which was applied for around two years ago.

The hall is available for hire within the current guidelines. Telephone Sue on 789239.

Burwarton, and Wheathill & Loughton News

We have no report from these parishes this month.

Aston Botterell News

We have no report from Aston Botterell this month.



Neenton News

Bobbie Jarvis writes:

All Saints Church

We wish Terry and Norma every happiness for the new era in their lives – in their new home, and with time to enjoy the many things that matter to them. At the service in June presentations were made of gift vouchers and, recognising Terry's love of chocolates, a hamper containing various different items associated with chocolate. Also, to remind Terry and Norma of his ministry in rural Shropshire, Rosie and George presented him with a Wellie Bear to join his collection of bears which resided at the vicarage during the last 7 years. It was a great surprise too for Terry to see the most senior member of our congregation, Margaret Moreton, at the service.

Our **next service** will be on **Sunday 18th July at 11.30 am.**

Please see pages 14 and 19 for future arrangements.

150th Anniversary celebrations

The celebrations on Sunday 5th September when we shall have Bishop Richard in attendance to commemorate the building of the church 150 years ago and the addition of the stained glass memorial 100 years ago will now take place at 4.30pm. More details of the celebration will be in the August edition of WN.



Thank you

A huge 'Thankyou' to Graham and Lizzie for the work they have carried out on the church railing, gate, umbrella stand and the porch – and also to Graham and Malcolm for the sterling work on the ivy which had been taking over the walls of the church and the stained glass window which could have proved a disaster if it had infiltrated the glass.

Fundraising

The Fun and Fundraising group, following great deliberations, have provisionally started to organise future events as detailed below:

Saturday 24th July – Strawberry Tea at Rose Lea Bungalow, 3pm – 5pm £10 Tickets available from 07817 327 012 – numbers are limited so please get your ticket now.

Reminder: Ride & Stride is taking place on Saturday 11th September – sponsor forms are available from Bobbie Jarvis if you wish to take part and raise funds for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and All Saints Church, Neenton.

Saturday 18th September – Duck Race & Fete, sponsor a duck now - contact members of the PCC or Bobbie Jarvis – in the event that we are unable to hold this event, there will be a Virtual Duck Race so worth a 'go'

All Saints Tote – congratulation to our winners for June

🌸 Toni Cartwright and Martin Moreton.

Our defibrillator

Neenton's defibrillator – which was a generous donation to Neenton Community Society from a resident, for the benefit of the village – is located in the old telephone kiosk at the western end of the village.

On page 4 of this WN there is a summary of the instructions on how to use one.

Also, on YouTube, there is a very good [video by St John's Ambulance](#), showing how straightforward it is.

Lost & Found

A ring has been found in the church. If anyone has lost this please contact Bobbie Jarvis.

Farm Flowers – The Ridges, Neenton

We're delighted to benefit from this local business to supply lovely fresh flowers for our church.

The warmer weather in recent weeks has resulted in the flowers coming into bloom and have been much enjoyed by those who have received them.

If anyone wishes to purchase flowers for any occasion or reason please contact: enquiries@ridgesfarmflowers.co.uk



The Pheasant at Neenton

Opening times:

Wednesday & Thursday	12 noon - 3pm, last food orders 2.30pm 6pm - last food order 8.30pm
Friday & Saturday	12 noon: open all day: last food order 8.30pm
Sunday	Lunch from 12 noon

To discuss times and your requirements please email info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk, telephone 01746 787955 or book direct on the [website](#).

Brown Clee Benefice – Suspension Service Cover: July and August

CM – Revd Clive Munday	DC – Dot Cartwright	FG – Ven Fiona Gibson
MD – Revd Mark Daborn		VS – Revd Val Smith

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Church</i>
July 4th: Trinity 5			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Aston Botterell

July 11th: Trinity 6			
09:45	HC	CM	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	CM	Chetton

July 18th: Trinity 7			
09:45	HC	VS	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	VS	Neenton
12:30	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors
18:00	EP	DC	Wheathill

July 25th: Trinity 8			
10:15	GpHC	FG	Cleobury North, Arch Deacon Fiona Gibson

August 1st: Trinity 9			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Aston Botterell
Lunchtime	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors – time to be confirmed

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Church</i>
August 8th: Trinity 10			
09:45	HC	VS	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	VS	Chetton
13:30	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors

August 15th: Trinity 11			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Neenton
18:00	HC	MD	Loughton

August 22nd: Trinity 12			
08:30	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
09:45	HC	VS	Chetton
11:30	HC	VS	Cleobury North

August 29th: Trinity 13			
10:15	GpHC	MD	Neenton
13:00/14:00	Wedding	MD	Chetton

Severn Valley Group of Parishes

Rector: Revd Mike Harris The Rectory, Highley, Day off – THURSDAY		Revd David Poyner, Curate Tel 01562 68638 (home) or 0121 204 3997 (work); email D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk
St Mary, Billingsley CHURCHWARDEN Vacant	St Peter, Chelmarsh CHURCHWARDEN Derek Arnold: 07956-844854	St Bartholomew, Glazeley CHURCHWARDENS Vacant

Benefice Church Services in July

The Revd Mike Harris writes

Dear All,

We're approaching a point of transition as we go into Summer and holiday time. We're also more sanguine now on the easing of lockdown restrictions and social distancing, at least well into July. I hope that will have only a marginal effect on our gatherings as we seem to be able to accommodate most regular services without a problem.

You will see below the plan for July and an outline of services for the Summer series. Last year we developed Mary Rayner's suggestion of hymn and song themes. This year I've developed a series along the lines of 'The Faith of...' which will enable some of those on the edge of our thinking when it comes to sermons/talks, to inspire us with their stories, whilst also including some of our regulars.

This will take us almost through to my retirement! Please note that services taking place at Chelmarsh and Billingsley may not share these themes in the series as the individuals doing them can only be in one place at a time (but also, hopefully on the recorded services).

Trinity 5, 4th July:

- ✝ 10am Baptism of Margot MacNaughton and Holy Communion: Highley - MH and virtual BANNS

Trinity 6, 11th July:

- ✝ 11am Godparent Sunday Family Service: Highley (VS/AF) and virtual. Possible picnic after? BANNS
- ✝ 10am Holy Communion: Chelmarsh RL
- ✝ 6pm Billingsley, Evening service - DP

Trinity 7, 18th July:

- ✝ 10am Holy Communion Glazeley, DP and virtual. BANNS

Trinity 8, 25th July:

8am MH (or DP) at Billingsley HC

- ✝ 11am Highley All-Age Family gathering VS/MW/AW & virtual. Summer Series 1: The Faith of a Teacher.
- ✝ 10am Chelmarsh – Morning Prayer/Family worship (KS) – follows Flower Sale on Saturday, which may stretch into Sunday!

I would like to think we can serve refreshments after services. Currently we are able to do so as long as precautions are taken and people remain in their seats (like a restaurant!).

I am also assuming that separate children's activities through the summer will cease soon after they have begun, when term ends on 21st July.

How we incorporate the children after that will depend on their freedom and what activities we incorporate into the services, but also on their presence at services which we tend not to know until the day! Some indication over the summer as to whether or not children will be present would be helpful for those organising services. We want their presence, but we also need to be prepared if we KNOW children will be coming.

Very best wishes and thanks for your patience,

Mike

Rector, Severn Valley Benefice

01746 862837



Severn Valley Benefice

Summer Series 2021

Theme – 'The Faith of ...'



Local Christians share a life focus and the part faith has played in it

10am Highley unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 25th July	The Faith of ... a Teacher	Val or Amy
Sunday 1st August	The Faith of ... a Scientist	David Poyner
Sunday 8th August	The Faith of ... an ex- Midwife	Bev Bevan
Sunday 15th August Glazeley with MH	The Faith of ... an Engineer Hebrews 11	Richard Law
Sunday 22nd August	The Faith of ... a Photographer	Roger Littleover
Sunday 29th August Benefice Service at Chelmarsh with MH.	The Faith of ... a Priest	Francis Biddlecombe
Sunday 5th September RL to lead.	The Faith of ... a Dreamer	Mike Harris

Services start at 10am and accompanied by an online recorded service

Glazeley

Marion Corfield writes:

Services at St Bartholomew's Church

A reminder that services at St Bartholomew's Glazeley, will be the only church holding a service on the **third Sunday of each month**. This will be HOLY COMMUNION starting at 10am. All are welcome.

Open Garden at the Woodlands Hall

A most successful Open Garden was held at The Woodlands Hall, Glazeley by kind permission of Caspar, Toni & Roger Gabb. We were blessed with a wonderful sunny day and lots of visitors from near and far. People enjoyed the lovely sheltered walks in the Woodlands then joined the queue for a cuppa and piece of cake. There were plenty of plants and shrubs for sale with Caspar and Holly giving advice on care and planting.



Friends of both Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches did a sterling job manning the coffee, tea and cake stall with hardly a minute for a break. Thanks go out to Marion, Lynda, Catherine, Judy, Rita, Shirley, Barbara, Glenys, Michelle, Pam, Sheila - and anyone I've missed out!

A raffle added to the fun of the day – and our winners were:

- 1 – Case of wine – Charles Gill, Chetton
- 2 – Hamper – Laurence, Spring Cottages
- 3 – Boot vase / peonies – Jessica, Highley
- 4 – Rose bush – C Hornby
- 5 – Bottle of whisky – Pam D'Arcy, Chelmarsh
- 6 – Bottle of wine – Moira, Eudon George



It was Sunday before it was confirmed how much was donated - a total of **£3117.79**. This was divided between kidney research, in memory of Annie Gabb who sadly passed away earlier this year, and Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caspar for all the hard work he and his team did to make this possible.



Billingsley News

The Revd David Poyner writes:

I am writing this column after doing one of our regular Sunday 6.00pm evening services. On what has been the hottest day of the year, it was actually a pleasure to be in a cool church! This month was a reflection on water; holy water, holy wells and the importance of clean water. It took the usual form of music, readings and musings from myself. We looked at some local holy wells, which I hope we might be able to visit in the coming months. We also admired photos of the spectacular font in Stottesdon Church, which just happens to be the destination for our **next evening walk, on Thursday 24th June**, when we meet Chorley Baptist Chapel, provisionally 7.00pm (but check on our website or facebook pages for confirmation):

<https://www.facebook.com/BillingsleyChurch/> , <http://www.stmarys-billingsley.org.uk> , and <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10415/>

Over July and August we will be experimenting with a few outdoor services, in an initiative called **"Forest Church"**. The aim is to meet outside, to experience God through the natural world; in vicar-speak, to meet the creator through creation. The services are built around one or two readings and prayers, a little music but largely time for silence and reflection; we hope they may appeal not only to Christians who are concerned for the natural world, but anyone who finds it uplifting to be surrounded by the natural world. The first will be on **Wednesday 7th July at 7.00pm** in the churchyard at Billingsley and will last no more than an hour. All are welcome.

Mike, our rector, is conducting a **grand auction in aid of our churches** in the Severn Valley benefice in Chelmarsh Parish Hall, starting at 12.00 noon. If you have items you wish to give to raise funds for Billingsley or Glazeley, please contact me and I will put you in contact with the appropriate person.

We have recently been contacted by a relative of the **Revd Beynon James**, vicar of Billingsley, Sidbury and (latterly) Middleton Scriven, from 1938-1960. If anyone has memories of the Revd James, I would love to hear about them.

David Poyner

Tel 01562 68638; email D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk

Chelmarsh News

Eleanor Haddon writes:

We hope you are enjoying a bit more freedom under the lockdown rules, as life gets carefully back to a new "normal". We wish everyone a refreshing lifting of spirits during the summer.

Benefice Auction – Chelmarsh Parish Hall – Saturday 24th July at 12.00 noon

The churches of the Highley Benefice are joining together to hold a "Cash in the Attic" type of auction of any items you might be able to part with to help a good cause, namely, to support the four churches in the Benefice. **REMINDER** - Please contact Barbara on 861291 **if you have anything you would like to donate**, and either deliver it to her at 2 Ingram Lane by Friday 23rd July or to the Parish Hall. Thank you very much. We hope to see you at the Hall on the 24th.

New Church Service pattern

From the end of June, Chelmarsh will, sadly, no longer be able to hold a service every week as we have in the past. The new pattern for Chelmarsh is services on the **second** and **fourth Sundays** of the month. This will be less easy to keep track of, but we hope we can still welcome you on those days.

Confirmation - Sarah Grantham

Congratulations and best wishes, Sarah, on your Confirmation. Welcome to the church family of St Peters. We look forward to seeing you married next year, after all the postponements you had to make.

We hear that...

... a family in Highley took a pigeon to Barmouth! They only discovered it under the bonnet of the car after they got back, it was none the worse for its adventure!

Chelmarsh Friends

A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details of the date Friends will resume, hopefully once restrictions are lifted on 19 July.

Chelmarsh Walking for Health

Chelmarsh Walking for Health meets every Monday from the Village Hall at 10am. Walks have restarted. It is hoped to offer two levels of walks – a short walk and a longer walk lasting 1½ to 2 hours.



July's Molecule of the Month – Paracetamol

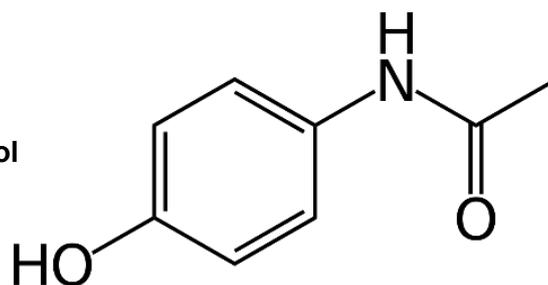
By David Poyner



It is amazing how little we really know about some very common drugs.

Paracetamol is the most common “over the counter” medicines available; it is a drug that can be purchased without the need for a prescription. It is the first port of call for annoying headaches as well as (usually) minor conditions such as influenza, which are associated with a mild fever (high temperature) but which will not respond to normal medicines such as antibiotics. Paracetamol can reduce the symptoms whilst the body deals with the infection. As many people will now know, it also is first port of call for dealing with aches and pains associated with vaccines.

Paracetamol



Pain associated with infections or swellings is usually caused by a class of compounds produced by the body and called prostaglandins. These switch on the defence mechanisms that help the body to fight infection. However, they also cause pain and a high temperature that is often not helpful. A major class of drugs such as aspirin or ibuprofen (the active ingredient in “Nurofen”) are what are called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and work by stopping the production of prostaglandins. In molecular terms, they stop a group of proteins called cyclo-oxygenases from making the prostaglandins. For many years, it was assumed that paracetamol also did the same thing. However, paracetamol has always been odd; it is particularly effective at stopping a high temperature and to do this, it has to work in the brain. The other NSAIDs have little effect on the brain.

Recent work has suggested that paracetamol itself is not the active agent. Instead, in the brain, it is turned into another chemical often simply (?) called AM404. This seems to be substance that really produces the beneficial effect of the drug. We are still not entirely sure how this acts. However, rather than stop prostaglandins from being made, it seems instead to stop nerve cells from working. Nerve cells are unique in the body in that they conduct electricity; they actually use short pulses of electricity to communicate with each other and to switch on or off their targets. In nerve cells, proteins called ion channels open and close to generate the electrical pulses. There are many different types of ion channels, some of which are particularly important in producing electric signals in pain and fever. AM404 selectively binds to these and stops them from working. Thus the nerves no longer work and the pain and fever stop.

The mystery of paracetamol is still not yet fully solved, as we do not know for certain what type of ion channel AM404 blocks for its useful actions.

But we do now know enough for me to rewrite my lecture on pain killers and anti-inflammatory drugs.

The Stottesdon Group of Parishes

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Day off – FRIDAY

July Message

'O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom...'

[From the Collect for Peace in the service of Morning Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer]

There are two anniversaries of freedom in July, which may give us some pause for thought. July 4th is the anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence; July 14th is the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille that marked the start of the French Revolution.

The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Thomas Jefferson, and contains this famous statement: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".

Now I agree with those principles entirely, although I am a little dubious of truths that are 'self-evident'. That can so easily mean truths that are evident (or convenient) to me! Truths that are clearly derived from Bible teaching seem to me to have a much more secure basis, otherwise they become just human wishes – and probably variable according to circumstances.

But liberty, or freedom, crops up in both these revolutionary movements: the motto of the French Revolution was 'Liberté, égalité, fraternité' i.e., liberty, equality, brotherhood. It's ironic, of course, that what started in such good hope turned into a bloodbath before ushering in the age of Napoleon; but that is often the way of revolutions.

Many people would associate liberty with an absence of restrictions. Liberty, that is, meaning you can do what you like. But the Bible doesn't see it that way. Right at the start (or almost) we see a code of laws being given to his people by God – the Ten Commandments. These are rules for living within a community in such a way that the community functions well. They include the rules for respecting each other: because, if there is no such framework to society, the strong can take what they want, and the weak are left with a very limited liberty indeed. For liberty to be equally shared, there has to be some sort of control.

Humans are, of course, brilliant at making rules in great detail. But the one rule that Jesus stressed as the basis of all communal life is the 'Golden Rule': 'Whatever you wish others would do for you, do that for them.' That is serving God, as following the commandment to love our neighbour. And to respect the freedom of others is the surest way to perfect freedom.

These are important things to ponder as we approach freedom from the restrictions imposed because of the covid pandemic.

Mark Daborn

Stottesdon Benefice Group News

St Mary, Stottesdon CHURCHWARDEN Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007	St Giles, Farlow CHURCHWARDENS Joan Evans - 01746-718619 Nigel Savage-Bailey - 07989-308599	Holy Trinity, Sidbury CHURCHWARDEN Andrew Sierakowski - 07934-714149
St Mary, Cleeton St Mary CHURCHWARDEN Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583	St John, Middleton Scriven CHURCHWARDEN vacant – so your contact is Revd Mark Daborn - 01746-718127	St Michael, Silvington CHURCHWARDEN Annette Metcalfe: - 01584 890161

The Revd Mark Daborn writes:

Churches in July

Online services will continue to be recorded. You can pick these up where and when may be convenient for you, either on the [Stottesdon Benefice website](#), on the [Stottesdon Benefice Facebook page](#), or [here on You Tube](#).

The pattern of services in our churches remains the same, although the type of service may be a bit different over the next few months as we provide clergy cover during the Interregna in the Ditton Priors and the Highley Benefices.

Services in Churches for July

	Open for Private Prayer	Trinity 5		Trinity 6		Trinity 7		Trinity 8	
		4 th July		11 th July		18 th July		25 th July	
Cleeton St Mary	Churches all OPEN DAILY subject to Covid precautions			0900	HC			1600	EP
Farlow		0900	MP						
Middleton Scriven		1030	MP						
Sidbury						1600	HC		
Silvington				1830	EP			0900	HC
Stottesdon		1830	HC	1030	HC	1030	IW	1030	HC

HC Holy Communion	EP Evening Prayer	MP Morning Prayer
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From the Stottesdon Benefice Registers

- Stottesdon: 5th June: Service of Marriage – Isabel (Whitehouse) and Andrew MARTIN.
- Cleeton St Mary: 23rd June: Funeral Office – Elaine CUNNINGHAM R I P

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer or a visit or Communion at home or elsewhere, then please contact Mark direct, or ask your churchwardens to help you to arrange this.

Lectionary for July 2021

Sunday 4 th	Sunday 11 th	Sunday 18 th	Sunday 25 th
Trinity 5	Trinity 6	Trinity 7	Trinity 8
Green	Green	Green	Green
2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5;12b-1 Psalm 24 Ephesians 2:11-end Mark 6:14-29	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-end Mark 6:30-34;53- end	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-end John 6:1-21

The **deadline for the AUGUST edition** (Stottesdon Benefice and Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing **Sunday 25th July**. Thanks!

Silvington News

Annette Metcalfe writes:

“Come ye thankful people, come...”

It is so good to be able to join together in worship again in our parish churches. We are not worrying about the hymns that we can't sing at present. It's just so wonderful to be able to be a congregation again!

Services in July

- ✝ Evening Prayer at 6.30pm on Sunday 11th and
- ✝ Holy Communion at 9.00am on Sunday 25th.

All welcome.

100 Club

With apologies for the delay, here are the winners of the first four draws of 2021:

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Leah Brookes Mart Millichamp Pat Deane Kerry & Sophie John & Ivan Morgan, Ian Douglas	Charles Metcalfe Joey Hicks Gemma Millichamp Ewart Yapp Ruth France Annie Evans	Bill Foster Caroline Metcalfe Steven & Rosie Charles Metcalfe Kate Hickman Jess Gordon	Annette Metcalfe, Andrew & Logan Sonia Thomas Lucy McKellop, Pauline Millichamp Janet Howells

Cleeton St Mary News

Gill Jordan writes:

Our services for July will be:

- ✝ Holy Communion at 9am on Sunday 11th and
- ✝ Evening Prayer at 4pm on Sunday 25th.

June 100 Club results:

- £20 Sam Harman no 61;
- £10 Steven Pritchard no 115 and Elliot Muscat no 116
- £5 William Gibbon no 20 and Liz Skuse no 42.

Farlow News

Church services

There will be a service of ***Morning Prayer at 9am on Sunday 4th July.***

There is no other report from Farlow, Oretton and district this month.

Sidbury News

There will be a service of ***Holy Communion at 4.00pm on Sunday 18th July***

There is no other report from Sidbury this month.



What happened next?

Middleton Scriven News

Ann Constable writes:

Church Service

Morning Prayer will be said at 10.30am on Sunday 4th July.

It was excellent to see Mark back on his feet, taking the June service for us. Even with one crutch, he successfully negotiated the altar steps under the watchful eye of Alex, who was co-leading the service with him.

[Pictured as the Rural Dean on page 6].



Community events:

Saturday July 3rd: 10-12. Community Coffee morning in the churchyard. Come and meet up with friends, all are most welcome. Produce and homemade items for bring and buy stall please.



Thanks to all who supported our June coffee morning held on a gloriously sunny day. As our oak tree has been pollarded, shade was thanks to Rachael's gazebo!



Churchyard wild flower update - following the cowslips on the wild flower patch the oxeye daisies are now blooming in profusion.

Stottesdon News

Clare Tibbits writes:

St Mary's 100 Club:

Congratulations to the winners in the June draw – Henry Marsh, Rosemary Griffiths, Rosemary Gittens.

Bridgnorth Food Bank can now accept monetary gifts via Internet Banking and this a very easy way of getting your donation direct to those in desperate need of our help at this very difficult time. To give online, please use the following details – Bridgnorth Community Trust, sort code 20-85-46, account 73700445, and quote 'Food Bank' as the reference.

Heritage Project update

After a long interval, due to Covid restrictions, planning is well under way again on the Development Phase of the Heritage Project at St Mary's Church.

You may recall that the PCC was awarded a Lottery Heritage Fund Grant to produce proposals for priority repairs and community based heritage activities. That Development work is now at the point when ***we'd like to share ideas and ask you for views and feedback*** – to help with our final Lottery application (for the capital funds required). This ***consultation is open to all*** - church members, other Stottesdon residents, neighbours in nearby parishes, visitors and potential visitors from all over....

In 'normal times' we might have called a public meeting but that is not practical due to Covid precautions - so, instead, we have devised ***a short on-line survey***. Anyone and everyone can use this to give us feedback, so if you want to participate but can't access the internet you'll need to ask someone you know who can get on-line to help you view and make your response to the survey.

We hope that you'll be able to spare us five minutes (that really is all the time it takes!) to do this. The details are all on the following page. To say 'thank you' for helping, if you reply before Friday 16th July, we'll enter your name in a Prize Draw with a chance to win a six month subscription to the monthly 'St Mary's 100 Club' !!





St Mary's
Parish Church
Stottesdon
Shropshire



**Please help us with our National Lottery Funding Bid
by taking our Community & Heritage Survey**

St Mary's has welcomed Stottesdon's residents and visitors for almost 1000 years - since Saxon times, before the Normans invaded in 1066.

The church building is "Grade 1 Listed" - a rating which means it is 'of national importance' (because of its architecture, scale, and the richness of its 'heritage treasures' (such as The Norman Font).

In 2018, the National Lottery Heritage Fund awarded St Mary's a £27,800 Development Grant to shape a project which would enable people to learn new skills and have fun whilst becoming more engaged with their built and cultural heritage. The heritage would be better interpreted and more sustainable, along with extensive roof repairs and other top priority conservation work to the Listed building.

The Community & Heritage Survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will help design the facilities, events and activities that this project could deliver. Tell us what you think about our ideas and, by all means, please suggest others too!

The Survey is online - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Stottesdon01

If you respond before Friday 16th July you can enter our prize draw for six months membership of our monthly '100 Club' Lottery – which is our way of saying 'thank you' for your all help!

Good luck and many thanks !!

The Cricket match ...

THE Cricket match produced an unexpected result....our Special Correspondent, Mike Mooney, not only captained the visitors at Kinlet but also wrote the match report:

Kinlet vs Chorley/Stottesdon. Sunday 6th June.

If ever the expression "it's the taking part that matters" applied, it was to this annual 'church match' between Kinlet and a combined Chorley/Stottesdon team. Both sides struggled to get players (only 17 between the two teams) and both featured players who had rarely, and in some cases never, played cricket before. But none of that mattered once the game started with everyone, of any ability, treated fairly and in good humour by both teams.

Kinlet batted first with Danny Bishop continuing his recent run of excellent form reaching his retirement score of 30. He was partnered by Sarah Martin, the mother of a Kinlet player, making her cricket debut and scoring a fine 5 runs. After a couple of quick wickets fell off the bowling of Chorley/Stottesdon debutants Chris & Kevin Jordan, a fifth wicket partnership of 34 between Nick Holmes (15 runs, 1 four, 1 six) and Andy Wallace (34 runs retired, 4 fours) kept the Kinlet score moving along. The retired Danny Bishop returned to plunder more runs off the late overs finishing unbeaten on 61 runs (8 fours, 2 sixes). The highlight of the fielding performance was a stunning, flying one-handed catch at midwicket by Tom Cook off the bowling of Mike Mooney to remove the Kinlet Captain. Thanks to Andy Millington of Kinlet for keeping wicket for the opposition!! Kinlet closed on 133 runs off their 30 overs.

The Chorley/Stottesdon reply started with a steady opening partnership between father and son Dave & Tom Cook, Tom eventually retiring on 31 runs. A quick-fire 10 runs (2 fours) off 10 balls by Tom Casswell kept the scoreboard moving along, followed by Chris Jordan retiring on 30 runs (3 fours). This brought Peter Scott, another Chorley/Stottesdon debutant to the wicket. It was only at the tea interval that the team found he is currently Head Coach at Halesowen CC with an impressive cricket background, and he showed his class with a magnificent 30 runs (retired 3 fours, 2 sixes) off only 14 balls, moving the match firmly in favour of the visiting team. It was left to Mike Mooney (19 runs, 3 fours) and the returning Tom Cook (34 runs, 4 fours) to reach the target score with two overs remaining.

Both teams then retired to the hospitality of the Eagle & Serpent (for the first time this season) to continue the friendly cricket chatter that had made this such an enjoyable afternoon for both players and spectators. And it truly didn't matter who had won; a great day for everyone and wonderful to be able to continue this 'church match' which has so much history for both teams.

Kinlet 133/5 off 30 overs (Bishop 61*, Wallace 34*, Chris Jordan 2/10)

Chorley/Stottesdon 136/5 off 27.1 overs (Tom Cook 34*, Chris Jordan 30*, Peter Scott 30*, Mike Mooney 19*, Bishop 2/27)

Kinlet; Danny Bishop, Sarah Martin, Dan Green, Charlie Baker, Nick Holmes, Andy Wallace, Tony Jukes (C), Andy Millington.

Chorley/Stottesdon; Tom Cook, Dave Cook, Dave Richards, Tom Casswell, Chris Jordan, Kevin Jordan, Peter Scott, Ken Ellison, Mike Mooney (C)

Useful Community Contacts

Brown Clew Walkers	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
Burwarton & District WI	Meets in Cleobury North Village Hall. The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. Contact 01746-712466
Little Explorers Pre-School, Ditton Priors	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact Wendy Lloyd 01746-712506 / 787549
Burwarton & District Garden Club	Meets on the 2 nd Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm. Contact 01584-823723 for details of topic and venue
Burwarton & District Wives Group	Meeting 8pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421 or Gill Severn 01746-712231
Chelmarsh Crown Green Bowling Club	Welcomes old and new members. Contact Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Indoor Short Mat Bowling	Welcomes old and new members. The sessions are every Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.00pm. Further details Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Parish Hall	Available for hire - booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk
Chelmarsh Jubilee Club	Parish Hall 01746-86525 Jean Davis
Chelmarsh Walking for Health	Monday 10.00am except Bank Holidays. Parish Hall. Eleanor Haddon 01746-862884. 2 levels of walking available
Chelmarsh Friends	Meet every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Jenny Green 01746-862191
Cleobury North Village Hall	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
Tae kwon-do	Chelmarsh Parish Hall Tuesday evening. Suitable for children & Adults. Neil Morris Thursday 5.45pm. 07969-996055
Chelmarsh Parent & Toddler Group	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
Chetton & Gazeley WI	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sam O'Sullivan 01746-868225
Chetton Folk Dance Club	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
Chorley Village Hall	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact Jenny or Charlie on 01746-718437
Short Mat Bowling	Every Monday & Thursday 2.30 – 4.30pm at Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall, October to end of April. Pam 01584-89261
Cleeton & Silvington V H	Zumba - Thursdays 6.30pm 7.30pm all year Ula 01584-890200
Fun & Fitness for 50+	Cleobury North Village Hall - low impact fitness programme working the whole body every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.15am. Contact 01584-823640
Ditton Priors Art Group	Village Hall Wednesday morning (except Christmas) 9.30 – 12.30pm all welcome Various visual art forms eg Water Colour, Oils & Acrylics. Mrs Denise Davies 01746-712521
Short Mat Bowling	Ditton Priors Village Hall Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 7.30-10.00pm except the second Wednesday in the month when it will be Thursday at 8.00 – 10.00pm. Everyone is welcome - try at no charge. Contact 01746-712157
Ditton Priors WI	Meets in Ditton Priors Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.15pm 01746-712473
Ditton Priors Local History Group	The Local History Centre, next to the Willows Café, opens 12.00-2.00 on Saturdays, and at other times by arrangement. Contact 01746-712850
Ditton Priors Parent & Toddlers Group	Meet in the Pavilion, Playing Fields, Ditton Priors Thursday 9.30 -11.30 am everyone welcome for a coffee and play.
Ditton Priors Book Club	Jenny -01746-712665
Knowle Sports Club	Second hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
Stottesdon Gateway Nursery	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
Stottesdon & District W.I.	Meets in various venues on the 3rd Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746 718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
Stoke St Milborough Dance	Mike 01746-712774 - Betty 01746-77515
Domestic Abuse Hotline	Telephone Number 08448-044999