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Tretire, Michaelchurch, Hentland and Hoarwithy

PARISH NEWS

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Magazine News

This will probably be our last online magazine as our willing team of volunteer collators prepare to work together in September to produce hard copies for our 400+ Readers.

Our churches are open for private prayer, and live services are scheduled as outlined below. There will a mix of live and Zoom services to ensure that we can be as inclusive as possible. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the magazine and we hope that you will continue to do so as the number of events to advertise will be limited for the moment.

A few hard copies will be available in St Weonards Shop and Broad Oak Garage for those who do not have access to the internet. Please take a copy to anyone you know who needs one, but we have only printed a few! Enjoy your reading and keep writing for next time! **Fiona Mynors**

Vicar's Letter

Hello Everyone,

In 1985 the film director Philip Groning contacted the Prior of the Grande Chartreuse Monastery, in the French Alps with a request to be allowed to film inside the monastery. Grande Chartreuse is the Mother House of the silent and contemplative order of Carthusian Monks. It sits right in the heart of the Chartreuse Mountains, is home to a community of monks vowed to a life of silence and prayer, and is only accessible by a thirty minute walk from the nearest carpark. When Philip Groning made his request in 1985 the last photos that had been taken inside the monastery were from the 1960's.

Philip Groning's request was met with the response 'it's too early, maybe in ten or fifteen years.' Well it transpires that Philip Groning is a very patient man who was prepared to spend those years establishing and maintaining a relationship with the Prior, while the Monastery pursued its gentle and ancient rhythm of daily life and work. It was out of those long years of trusted relationship and patient waiting that, one day, came the simple message from the Prior, 'now is the time.'

The ensuing film, which was released in 2005, twenty years after its conception, is called, 'Into Great Silence.' It's an almost silent documentary on life in the monastery; there are no interviews, no commentary and the only singing is the chanting of the monks. To watch the film is a meditative experience, which gives a feeling of being a part of life inside the monastery, rather than an observer of another lifestyle.

The history of the making of the film is a story of patience and faith and trust.

'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go.'

Julian of Norwich.

Bishop Richard's Prayer Pilgrimage

Saturday 19th September 3.45pm

Starting in late August, Bishop Richard will be marking the return to school and work with a special prayer pilgrimage around our Diocese.

He will be visiting a total of 39 churches around the boundary of our Diocese. This is an extract from his letter about the pilgrimage. (Please see a full letter later)

I hope you will have registered that we plan a diocesan gift day on September 20th. Further details of that will follow. However, as part of the preparation I am planning to 'beat the bounds' of the diocese over the 4 preceding Saturdays. You will see from the attached programme when I hope to visit your Benefice. I have chosen more or less at random a parish from those within your benefice that is on the boundary. What I would like to find when I get there is an open church and some parishioners to pray with me.

I will produce a simple liturgy that we can use as part of our praying together.

Bishop Richard will be visiting St Michael's Church, Garway on Saturday 19th September at 3.45pm. Garway church has been chosen because it's on the edge of the diocese. The bishop's visit will be quite short – around thirty minutes – and it would be lovely if some folks from around the benefice were able to be there to meet and pray with him. It goes without saying that we'll be observing social distancing measures on this, and all, occasions when people gather in our churches. ***Elizabeth Cathie***

Lammas service

Thank you to all the people who contributed to the Lammas service which was on You tube on Sunday 2nd August. So many of you sent in pictures of your gardens, of your pets, and of the 'fruits of the lockdown'--all the projects and crafts you have been doing during these difficult months. In addition, lots of people helped with readings, prayers and leading the singing: it felt a real community occasion!

The You tube service has been viewed 115 times, which seems a huge number when you think of our little church congregations, but it is explained when people tell me that they have sent the link to relations in Canada and Australia, not to mention other parts of the UK.

Thank you again—**Frances**

Church Services September

During August we've begun to hold worship services in our churches once again. We've held a series of short services of Evening Worship with music, reading, prayers and reflection. On each of these Sunday evenings it's felt good to be back in the churches after such a long spell away from them, so thank you to everyone who has enabled that to happen by keeping the buildings cleaned, with contact lists and hand-sanitiser available etc. During September there will be a reduced rota of services (as per the list below), and we hope to begin to increase the number of services in the upcoming months. There will still be a few Zoom services during this time.

The churches mostly remain open for private prayer and reflection, but some continue to need to have limited opening times so do check before you visit if you're making a special trip.

Hentland Church remains closed until the building work is completed.

Services August/September

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| 23rd August | 10.00 am | Zoom Holy Communion | Rev E Cathie & Rev Dr F Phillips |
| 30th August | 10.00 am | Zoom Morning Worship (non-communion) | Rev E Cathie & Rev Dr F Phillips |
| 30th August | | On-line Deanery Service | |
| 6th September | 10.00 am | Zoom Holy Communion benefice service | |
| 13th September | 10.00 am | Zoom All-age service (lay-led) | |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Communion at Orcop Church | |
| 20th September | 9.30 am | Holy Communion at St Weonards Church | |
| | 11.00 am | Zoom Morning Worship (lay-led) | |
| 27th September | 10.00 am | All-age service (Lay-led) St Weonards Church | |
| | 5.30 pm | Harvest service in Pencoyd churchyard (dress warmly) | |
| 4th October | 10.00 am | Zoom Holy Communion benefice service | |

For the services on August 23rd, 30th and Sept 6th the link to join the service will be sent out at 9.45am to everyone who has asked to be included. If you have not attended the service before, please send a note to Frances at franjphillips@gmail.com with your email address.

For the All Age Services on Sept 13th the link for the service will be sent out at 9.45am to everyone who has asked to be included. If you have not attended the service before, please send a note to Stephen Herbert (stweonardspcc@gmail.com)with your email.

Bishop's Letter



Dear Friends

I hope this letter find you well. Firstly, I want to express my thanks for all your support for the ministry in one of our local churches in the Diocese of Hereford. These have been difficult months for all of us. Being out of our church buildings has been especially hard for many. Although we are rejoicing at our return, nonetheless the continued restrictions make this a challenging time.

I have been continually impressed by the creativity displayed over this time. Pastoral care has continued; new people have been contacted, especially through our online services, and the church has demonstrated sacrificial care and love in our communities. Our churches have truly shown what it is to be the body of Christ.

I am hugely grateful for the leadership offered in all this by our clergy and lay volunteers. They have shown clearly that buildings may have been closed but the church has been very much alive.

One of the struggles in this time has been financial. The loss of fee income and fund-raising events mean that many parishes are struggling. People's incomes are under threat if they are in employment. However, many of us find we have saved a lot of money over this period as we've been unable to access our normal social activities.

I am writing to ask you to prayerfully consider participating in our diocesan-wide parish Gift Day. This will be either on Sunday, September 20th or on a Sunday close to that date. In part this will be our response of gratitude to God for his gifts to us. Generosity is part of our response to a loving God. Parish Offer pays for the cost of the ministry so wonderfully demonstrated over these last few months. In most cases, what parishes give is well below these costs and the gap is made up either by the generosity of other parishes, or central reserves. This has been the case for a number of years. COVID has made the situation much worse and our current situation is unsustainable. If it continues, we will be forced into some very difficult choices about ministry provision.

This Gift Day is an opportunity to invite people to give to the ministry and mission at your local church to allow your PCC to have the confidence to make a generous Parish Offer towards the cost of ministry during 2021. Resources to support you hold a Gift Day at your church can be found at www.hereford.anglican.org/documents/gift-day-guide/ The reverse of this letter gives you more detail about how Parish Offer is used to help towards funding the costs of ministry within your parishes and deanery and throughout the Diocese. I want to reassure you that we run a very tight ship centrally. The vast majority of our costs go towards funding local ministry. Please do join me in praying for the life of our Diocese in the four Saturdays leading up to the Gift Day.

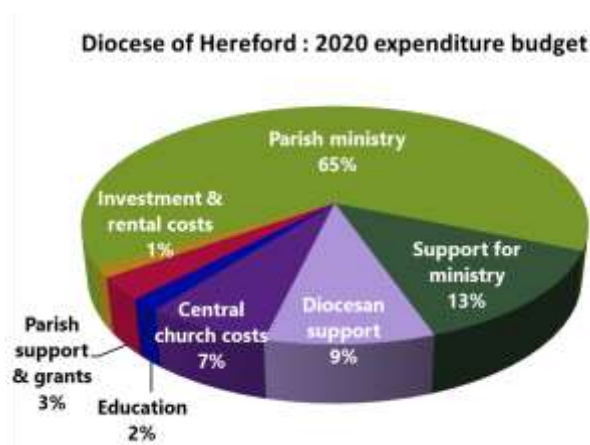
With every blessing and thanks in anticipation for your generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "+ Richard".

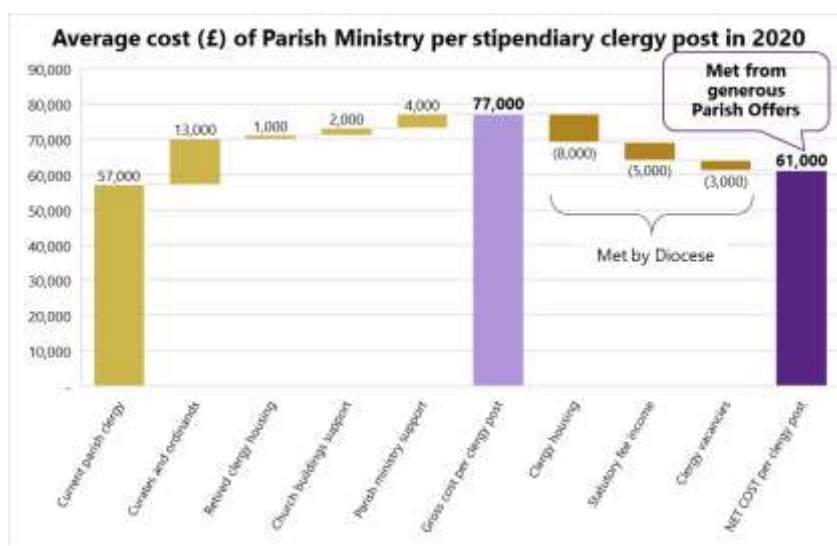
Diocesan and parish finances

In 2020, our Diocese planned a 'balanced budget', with income and expenditure of £5.9m. However, the COVID-19 restrictions have led to a reduction in voluntary income in parishes and, in turn, this has translated into an estimated 15% decline in Parish Offer contributions and a 40% reduction in statutory fee income. This means that, even with 12 diocesan staff furloughed, we are forecasting a full year operating loss of ~£700,000. We pray that through the forthcoming Gift Day in many parishes, PCCs will be able to make good some or all of the reductions in income they have experienced recently and be better placed to renew their Parish Offer commitments this year and next.

Generous giving from PCCs provides £3.8m or 65% of total diocesan income. Every pound of Parish Offer is used to resource our local churches – in fact £4.6m or 78% of total diocesan expenditure is invested in parish ministry & mission. The balance of expenditure is shown in the chart below:



So, what are the costs of Parish Ministry in our Diocese? Perhaps a lot more than many of us realise! In 2020, the total cost of this ministry is around £77,000 per stipendiary clergy post. The Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance covers some £16,000 of this, leaving just over £60,000 for each group of PCCs to provide through their Parish Offer. While this is a significant challenge for many parishes, we are all invited to respond to God in prayer and in faith, and give to parish ministry and mission realistically and generously.



Annual 'current parish clergy' costs comprise £26k stipend, £10k pension contribution, £2k national insurance, £6.5k housing-related costs plus £8k provision of parsonage (met by Diocese), £3k ministry development and training, and £1.5k towards costs incurred by voluntary ministers and rural deans.

The Garden

When apple trees offer their autumnal gifts
and the bees are busy with thoughts of winter.
When flowers are fading with evening light
and grass has decided it's time to stop growing;
then is the garden the love of my life
as I look towards wassail and winter.

When flakes of falling snow fashion the scene
and berries of holly are breakfast for birds.
When the pond is covered in perilous ice
and the hedgehog is hidden for fear of the cold;
then is the garden the love of my life
as I look towards sowing and springtime.

When blossom blooms bright
and the leaves come alive.
When the beautiful song of the birds can be heard
and the sun says, 'I'll stay just a little while longer;'
then is the garden the love of my life
as I look towards sunshine and summer.

When flowers are fused in glorious fashion
and the sky is ablaze with skeins of bright light.
When veggies shoot vainly from their earthen
abode
and night is pushed out by the nudge of the day;
then is the garden the love of my life
as I look towards armfuls of apples, and autumn.

Elizabeth Cathie

VILLAGE PAGES

St Weonards

St Weonards PO and Stores



During Covid we have all become more reliant on our local shops as many of us have been wary of going far. Julie and her team have been working flat out to keep us all supplied with essentials and much more, even getting hold of flour and tins of tomatoes!

I used to ring up with a list and Julie would prepare it as necessary, and either hand it out of the window or come to the door as I did not want to go in. I felt muddled when I first entered the shop after three months! So thanks to Julie and her team for their support during these curious times. **Fiona Mynors**

Fund raising when shopping online

You can now support our local church whenever you shop online. Just sign up to **easyfundraising** using this unique link and start earning free donations for St Weonards PCC: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-weonards-pcc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl

You can download a donations reminder or app for your phone, or just bookmark the easyfundraising page. Easyfundraising will send donations to St Weonards PCC once a quarter. Thank you for choosing to support us!

St Weonards Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2020

Here are the dates of the next Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council. All meetings will take place at St Weonards Village Hall starting at 7.45pm, unless advised differently by the Parish Clerk.

14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 7th December

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Garway

Boxed In in Garway

How has Lockdown and its easing been here in Garway?

It's long past time to change the water for the fish in the phone box on Garway common and a good time to use our three cubic metres of space to share something about the past few months. Here are a few ideas.

It could be a letter (to a friend or family member ?) or a photo/image of a significant 'lockdown' experience (Pat has owl chicks but it could be a house plant or a project or something you've been doing at work) and a note about what it means to you. If you're artistically inclined it could be a poem, painting, collage, something you've made with your 3D printer for an exhibition about how we've been in Garway in lockdown.

It needs to be postcard size or slightly bigger to fit the space (you might need 2 e.g. for a photo and a note or notepad size for a letter will fit) and can be dropped off at Broad Oak Garage in an envelope with **For the Phone Box** written on it or call Ann: 01600 750281 e mail:ann@umiskin.co.uk and we'll come and collect it if you can't get there. **Ann Ashley**



Tai Chi

You may have passed the common on a Wednesday morning and wondered why there is a group of people wielding bamboo sticks ... we're certainly not staking tomatoes!

This is just one of the qigong practices we do in our qigong and Taiji class.

With our instructor Jane Fleet, we begin class with a series of qigong movements to regulate the breath, loosen the joints and awaken the qi, followed by learning Sun style Taiji form and then qigong bamboo stick exercises.

All these practices have many benefits, such as reducing stress, improving breathing, balance, energy and flexibility and employ slow movements which are suitable for everyone.

And it's always fun!

What is qigong? Qigong translates as cultivating qi. 'Qi' is energy or life force and 'gong' means to study or cultivate and is achieved with a series of gentle flowing movements which help the qi to flow, the joints to be loosened and at the same time activated.

Taiji is based on qigong and employs similar movements but is a martial art originally developed for self-defence. It is a choreographed set of flowing moves. We practice Sun style and you may have heard of Chen and Yang style too.

The text above has been written by Jane Fleet who is expertly guiding us through the moves she discusses. She has a very mixed bunch of pupils to deal with, which incorporates a wide range of abilities and aged 4 to almost 90. Everyone who is attending the class has been made to feel so welcome and every single one of us is enjoying the class. It has been so good to be able to see and chat to each other, whilst working hard, of course. Self-esteem and morale have been boosted and we are of course much more flexible, well maybe!

During the current strange times we live in, we only meet on the common in fair weather. We also are somewhat confused by the government guidelines as to how many people should be attending. It could be 6, or if a sporting activity, it can be 30 socially distanced people. We are socially distanced by the length of our bamboo sticks! The charge is £5 per class.

If anyone fancies coming and joining us on a Wednesday at 10am on The Common opposite 'The Moon' please do! Further details from Jane Fleet (janefleet88@gmail.com) or Sue Thomas 01600 750898 or any of The Spice Girls. ***Sue Thomas***

Garway Heritage Group

The Garway Heritage Group (GHG) was created to explore the rich and diverse heritage of Garway and the surrounding area and to make its work available to others who may share our interests.

Our focus is on learning how historical events, from the Bronze Age to the present day, have impacted on our area and have influenced -- and continue to influence -- the bigger picture of social development.

Monthly talks are held between September and April on the third Tuesday of every month. During the summer months, walks, visits and events are arranged and advertised through an email list and this magazine. To find out more, look at the website.

<https://www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk/>

For the time being, we will be posting some pieces on an irregular, more or less frequent, basis depending on what you send us – whether you are a Garway Heritage Member or not, you are welcome. These will offer a little more depth to previous talks, reminisces of World War 2, looking to the future post Coronavirus and more. Please send them to me, the chairman – liz@fouracretrust.org.uk

Our first autumn meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 September but as there is no news yet of the reopening of Garway Community Hall that is uncertain; please look out for details in our newsletter or by emails which you can receive by logging in to our website.

Orcop

It is with deep regret that we will not be holding this year's fete, but it was felt that with the current regulations in place that we could not practically hold the event.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Quiz sheets are still available from St Weonards Shop or me.

Julia Garlick

The Short but Eventful Life of an African Beetle

There are many species of beetle in Africa. This is the story of *Scarabaeus Currus Germanicus*, Kansas Beige in colour, and quite rare.

I was sent to Lusaka, Zambia in 1971 to run my firm's small office there. In those days, a big advantage of being posted overseas was that one could buy and export a new car free of tax and duty. This provided an exciting opportunity for me to own my first new car. I had been in Lusaka for several months when papers arrived from the shipping company advising that my VW Beetle 1302S had been unloaded at the Mozambican port of Beira. I flew to Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe) and hitched a lift with friends to the Gorangoza game reserve in Mozambique, famed at that time for its enormous population of elephants. (Sadly, the population was decimated in the subsequent war). Having been chased by several of these magnificent beasts, I bade farewell to my friends and took the short bus ride to Beira, where I presented myself and the papers to the port customs officials. The port of Beira had an extensive system of railway sidings and, in those days, many steam locomotives, so everything was caked in soot, oil, or both. The customs officials studied the papers, frowned in a solemn and dignified fashion and pronounced that they knew nothing of the vehicle under reference. I was naturally dismayed and cast a doleful eye over the acres of sidings surrounding the customs offices. In the distance I could see a solitary jet black mound, about the size of a car. More in desperation than hope, I asked what this might be." Oh", they said, " that's been there for weeks. It's a car that arrived without an ignition key, so we can't move it". The solemn and dignified frowns were replaced by expressions of resignation, rather than enlightenment. Anyway, the customs officers were persuaded to join me in a hazardous expedition over the rail tracks, between the frantic shunting activities. Upon inspection, the black mound did seem to be an example of *Scarabaeus Currus Germanicus*. (I should point out that, in those days, new cars were shipped in a thick

protective coating of something like candle wax, which was very good at attracting soot). Having convinced the customs officials that this was indeed the vehicle under reference, I discussed with them the problem of gaining access to it. They recommended that I should contact the Beira Mercedes Benz dealer. This yielded amazing results. Within half an hour, a big black Merc. arrived and I was taken to the dealership. I explained the problem and they were keen to help (perhaps mistakenly hoping that I might one day aspire to a Mercedes). They bade me wait a while in a big armchair, with excellent coffee. After about half an hour, a little chap appeared in a flat cap, bearing a leather Gladstone bag. He was of English extraction, probably Cockney, and I thought it wise not to enquire about his career history, or why he ended up in Mozambique. Anyway, we were driven back to the port, where my new friend inspected the black mound and said "No problem, Guv'nor!" He extracted from the Gladstone bag a



welding rod, which he bent into a strange shape and within seconds he had the car door open. The ignition key, as you may have guessed, was in the glove box. I said something along the lines of “What do I owe you, good man?” fearing a massive Mercedes Benz style bill. I was much relieved when he chuckled and said “No charge Guv’nor”. By this time it was getting dark and too late to embark on the 1000km drive to Lusaka, so I found a modest hotel in Beira for the night. Having scraped the candle wax and soot from the windscreen of the black mound, I set off early on the long drive at “running-in” speed to Lusaka, arriving, very tired, at about midnight.

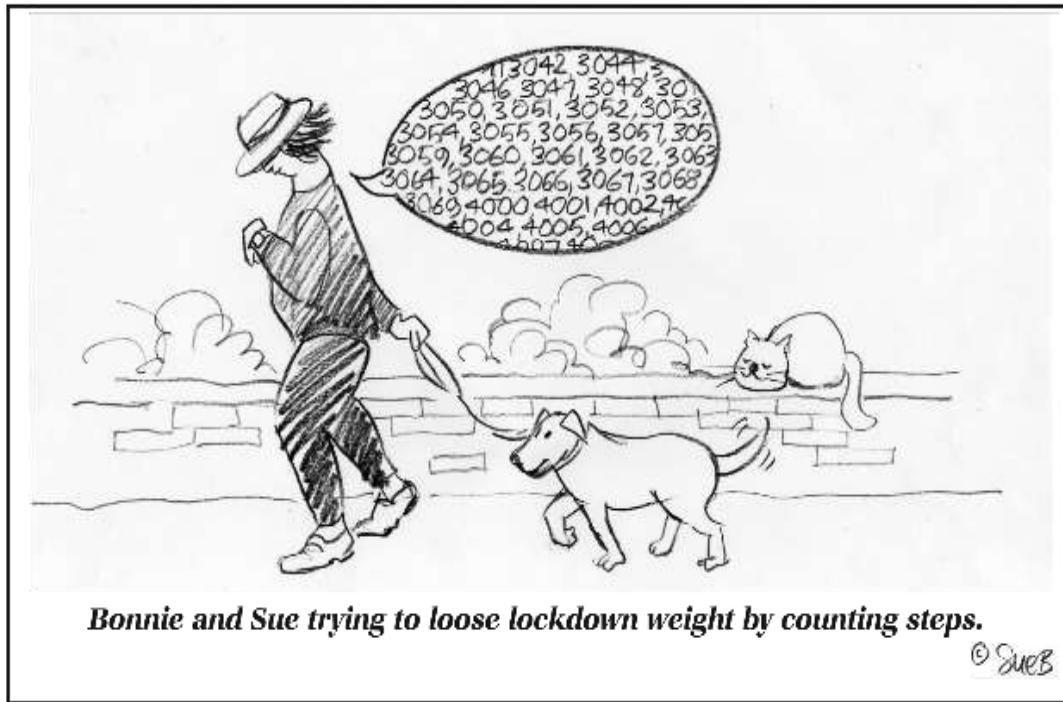
The next morning, I rose at about 7.30 to find my faithful domestic helper, Gibson, preparing breakfast as usual. Gibson’s breakfasts were unusual, in that they usually included fried onions and sometimes cabbage. The garage led off the kitchen and I opened the door to find the Beetle no longer black but Kansas Beige and spotless. I turned to Gibson to thank him for his splendid early morning cleaning effort and asked how he had removed the filthy black wax. “No problem” he replied, beaming. “I used hot water and lots of VIM!!” On close inspection, I found the car had an unusual finish, featuring rather attractive circular scratch marks all over.....

At that time Sue and I were not married and she was working as a social worker in Salisbury, about 300km from Lusaka. I would drive over for the weekend to see her about once a month. This was a very interesting drive because the road ran through the Zambezi valley. The area was teeming with game and the animals would congregate on the tarmac road at dusk because it retained the day’s heat. Returning from one such visit on a Sunday evening at the end of the rainy season (when the roadside grass is dense and about 2m high) I came upon a pride of lions sitting in the road. I should mention at this point that the car windscreen had been shattered by a stone and I had knocked out a small hole through which I could just about see the road ahead. I stopped and waited. Eventually the lions sloped off into the bush and I set-off again. When I had accelerated to about 30mph a large lioness strode out from the roadside grass and I ran straight into her. The impact caused the entire windscreen to fall out and seriously damaged one wing of the car. Sadly, the poor lion was left limping and clearly injured. With nothing between myself and an injured lion, I thought it best to proceed. I reported the accident to the game guards based at the Rhodesian border post and they undertook to find the injured animal. Unfortunately they thought it would probably have to be shot. I took to the road again and it started raining, not English rain, but the African variety which fills a bucket with one raindrop. With torrential rain, no windscreen and only one headlight the remaining 50km or so Lusaka was a challenging drive.

A few weeks later, Sue and I were driving north to Kitwe, on the Zambian “Copperbelt”. We had reached Kabwe (formerly “Broken Hill”) when we encountered very heavy rain, whilst negotiating a gentle bend at about 60mph. The 1302S version of the Beetle has a 1600cc engine and consequently it is heavy at the back. The car aquaplaned, meaning that the front wheels were not on the road surface, but on a film of water. Consequently there was no steering and after two 360 degree spins we left the road and the car eventually came to rest on its side, having hit a large tree. Fortunately the impact was forward of the dashboard, so Sue and I were OK apart from a few cuts and bruises. The car, however was badly damaged and we made our exit through the rear window, which had fallen out. The wreckage was picked up and delivered to a breaker’s yard in Lusaka.

Sadly, after only about six months and 13000miles, *Scarabaeus Currus Germanicus erat mortuus.*

Peter Garratt



Tretire with Michaelchurch and Pencoyd

As I write this morning we are stifling in the heat awaiting a thunderstorm, but I expect by the time you read this we shall be much cooler and with luck will have had significant rain. Even though everything is so dry the fruit and veg in the garden seems to be doing OK and there is much swapping courgettes, beans (of several persuasions) and tomatoes and the chutney makers are busy. The combines have been out in force and Peter has managed to secure some wheat to make sheaves for the Harvest Festival.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 27th at 5.30pm in the churchyard at Pencoyd.

If you would like to come and join us please can you e-mail me - lizzie264@btinternet.com and I will send you the hymns and order of service in time for you to print at home. Please bring something to sit on and pop up gazebos or brollies for rain or shade. If it is very wet we shall be in the church where we shall have to be much more careful and there won't be any hymns. As we can't have our usual Harvest Supper and Auction we are trying to organise a sale of jams, marmalade, chutney, cakes etc. for after the service. Please can you let me know if you can provide anything. Things are still a bit fluid at this stage but as I have e-mails for most of our parishioners I will keep you posted and hope the word gets round.

There are, sadly, quite a number of people in the parish who are unwell both at home and in hospital and others who are going through very difficult times and we ask for your prayers for their support.

Liz Everall

Ross Community Larder

As you may already know food banks are in great need of supplies at the moment and the Ross Community Larder is no exception. Local parishes have been donating to them for several years. Before lockdown there was much panic buying and even if we didn't buy 50 loo rolls I am sure we all stocked up with more flour etc. than

would be in our normal weekly shop. Some of these goods will keep for a very long time but other more perishable items may be approaching their best before date. **Please give them now**, do not wait until they are out of date as the food banks will not accept them. The thought of people throwing away food is appalling, please go through your cupboards this week or buy extra in the supermarket and donate what you can. Here is the link with more details of what, where and when you can deliver <https://rossparishes.uk/the-community-larder/>

Hentland

HENTLAND CHANCEL

Latest news

A month has passed since I last wrote, and wonderful to report, we now have a new chancel roof. The north pitch is tiled with selected stones from the previous cover, so doesn't look really different from how it did before, which is rather sad, but the sparkling new tiles are all laid on the south side which are difficult to see, thanks to trees growing in the church wall bordering Pengethley Park. The scaffolding, which has now been there for over a year, is due to be taken down this week which will enable the French drain to be dug. This will not be easy, because it is a condition of the faculty that it will be dug by hand. Our man is Tim Hoverd of the county Archaeological Department, and he looks as if he would make light of the job, and is able to do the survey required when digging in a churchyard, where graves may be disturbed. Naturally, digging is part of an archaeologist's stock-in-trade, although when you see pictures of the excavations of Tutenkhamen's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt, Howard Carter who was the mastermind behind the project is immaculately dressed in a white suit topped with a solar topee, and clearly, never turned a sod. That was left to the Egyptians. I shall be interested to see if anything turns up although the drain is only 450mm deep. But there are several headstones close up to the chancel wall, so who knows? Any human remains will be treated with due respect and re-interred.

Inside, Christina has been picking out the florets on the south wall and very pretty it now looks. The Diocesan Advisory Committee are sending a delegation on Wednesday, where the final layout will be discussed and perhaps determined. With the choir stalls removed, the fine tiled floor has been fully revealed and it would be possible to have these professionally cleaned and left exposed by installing folding chairs to replace the choirstalls. Once we had a service of BCP communion after Christmas and it was clear that the stalls had been made to accommodate small trebles rather than modern well-fed adults.

The contractors have told me that they will be finished by the end of August, and with everything cleared away, rebuilding of the Walker organ can start. Fingers crossed, it will be playable for the carol service on the second Sunday in December.

Robin Symonds 10th August 2020

HOARWITHY

Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2020

Listed below are the dates of the next Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council. All meetings will take place at Llanwarne Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, unless advised differently by the Parish Clerk.

Thurs 17th September

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Quarantoons

A granny and a dog surviving isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020



160 Year Anniversary of Garway Hill Methodist Chapel

I am writing this on behalf of the members of Garway Hill Methodist Chapel – the little stone-built chapel on the forked junction, above Bagwylydiart on the road to Garway Hill. The chapel is temporarily closed, but in normal times it is regularly used with fortnightly services throughout the year. We are a small congregation but are well supported by the local community at notable services and special occasions.

If you have never visited the chapel you might be surprised! Six years ago it was modernised and decorated with light, welcoming colours - retaining original features and mixing comfortable seating with original pews. There was also the welcome addition of a small modern kitchen and WC. This old building is now a warm and welcoming place to visit.

This year we are marking our 160-year anniversary and had plans for celebrations, but due to the current situation special events have all been put on hold. However, we are hopeful that these celebrations will take place next year.

As you can see our chapel has a long tradition, but like many small communities lockdown has been hugely challenging for us. Our contribution to the Methodist Circuit is usually met through generous donations from each member and a lot of fund raising. However, we have a financial shortfall for this year and we need help. If you have or have had any connection with our chapel, we would be so glad if you would consider supporting us this year. If you are able to, please contact me, **Ruth Maskell** 07908122478 or ruth.maskell@hotmail.com

Garden Notes

Annuals are fun! For many years I never really bothered with annuals, preferring to grow perennials, usually from seed. Now that I am filling the garden with shrubs I find that it is more fun to grow annuals in the gaps in between and at the front of borders. By growing annuals I can change the look of the border every season.

Because the shrubs are providing a generally green annuals to provide a real punch of colour. This year I have that have given me plenty of colour and will definitely find a favourites. I have grown mallows before – the lovely pink ‘Silver Cup’ - but this year I grew *Malope trifida* ‘Vulcan’. The are an intense magenta pink and the calyx showing through flower a translucent green eye – very beautiful. At four feet middle of the border. The decorative flower buds look like lanterns.



background I want my grown two annuals place on my list of *Lavatera trimestris* silky petals of this one at the centre gives the tall this is one for the green Chinese

The second annual I grew for the first time this year is *Silene coeli-rosa* ‘Blue Angel’ - a beautiful little Viscaria which flowers for weeks. It is recommended that you sow it directly in the border but I had no trouble transplanting them having sown them in cells and then potted them on into 3 inch pots. At only 6 inches tall they are great at the front of the border. The flowers are a stunning electric blue – the same blue as *Echium vulgare* which I have also grown again this year. They look lovely with strong pinks and lime green flowers.



My husband’s sunflowers have been a great success. ‘American Giant’ achieved a magnificent ten feet against our sunny front wall and were the subject of much admiration from passers-by. This is the one for competitions with the potential to grow up to 16 feet. Most of ours only grew one large flower although one or two have produced a few extra smaller flowers. The heads are now drooping but we are leaving them to develop seeds for the birds.

gardening I am an avid reader and things. How do you like my themed clock? **Julie Davies**



When I’m not I make gardening



BOOK REVIEW

***Brother of the More Famous Jack*, by Barbara Trapido**

This is the second time I have read this book, and I loved it every bit as much as the first.

Following her successful university interview, 18 year old suburban Katherine finds herself sucked into the large, intellectual, bohemian, socialist-leaning, Guardian-reading, faux-poor, chaotic family of Professor Jacob Goldman. There she encounters open discussions on subjects entirely taboo in her upbringing; natural talent casually accepted as part of their due; and an apparent warm acceptance which fills a gap in her life. But there

is the sense of a family with a deliberate eccentric pose to maintain, and the reader is sucked in along with Katherine:

"She [Jane Goldman] could surely rise to a dishwasher, but she prefers to use her children. She believes that a row of children chopping vegetables is a better thing than a machine."

Katherine is charmed by the erudite discussions that arise casually round the dinner table, and by the nitty-gritty of family life, where babies crawl about at will and pianists are virtuosic amongst the general mess. She is more charmed still by the elder son of the family, with whom she enters into a somewhat submissive relationship, accepting his put-downs and superior manner as her due.

Needless to say the relationship is doomed and she retreats to Rome for several unhappy years to teach English and lick her wounds.

On her eventual return she is welcomed back into the Goldman family fold with open arms. It is interesting to speculate what her role is there – what function she serves for this family; and tempting to think it is not wholly benign; that they enjoy moulding her; that there is an element of abuse of power.

But, in spite of some very sad events and a sense of innocence wilfully trampled, the book is very funny indeed. The humour is witty and slick and irresistible; the Shakespearian references ever present (I am sure I missed many); and the sense of being in the presence of a highly intelligent and accomplished writer with an original voice is all-pervasive.

The title refers to W B Yeats, whose brother Jack was, in their day, the more famous of the two as a painter and Olympic medallist. I can just about see how this relates to the story.

I can highly recommend this book, mainly because of the writing style, which repeatedly catches the reader unawares with its masterly wit.

Hilary Smallwood

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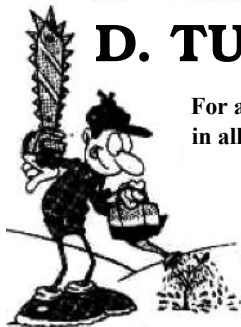
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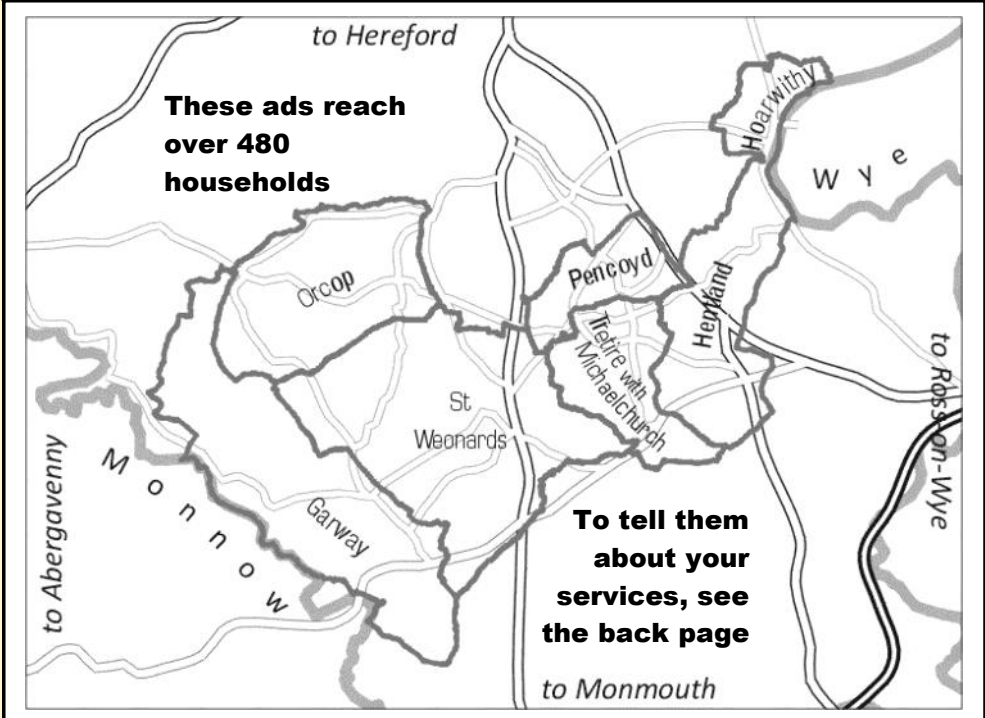
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