

PARISH NEWS

OF

ST WEONARDS, GARWAY, ORCOP,
PENCOYD, TRETIRE, MICHAELCHURCH,
HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

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PARISH NEWS

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Vicar's Letter

Hello Everyone,

By now we will be getting into the swing of autumn. Nights are drawing in, crops are harvested, fields are being ploughed and harvest festival services conducted.

Of course, the harvest festival as we know it is very much a Victorian invention! There was a celebration on the farm at the end of the harvest in which cider (around here) was drunk, folk tunes played and sung, the harvest toasted by a relieved workforce who saw that their investment in time and energy had produced enough to get them through the winter and into the next year, with possibly a bit extra to sell.

These days, the harvest is much more mechanised. One person and a tractor can replace the work of 20. But that doesn't stop the harvest being both a crucial time for farmers (and for the rest of us) but also a chance to think about harvest in the Bible. In biblical times, we saw the shift of the people of Israel from pastoralists (leading their flocks from watering hole to pasture etc.) to agriculturalists – planting crops, harvesting grain and grapes, olives and figs and living in the same place for all their life.

And Jesus was not above using these farming images in his parables and stories – you can probably list half a dozen of them without even trying.

So, now that we have moved from agricultural to urban living, can we adapt the sayings of Jesus? Should we adapt them? I ask this question as it becomes more and more clear to me that a lot of people don't know their bible, don't even know the basic stories, and so we struggle to explain our faith to them in terms they can understand.

Does the story of sowing seeds that fall in various spots need updating to be about releasing TikTok videos? Does a story about abiding in the vine need reframing to be the one about being connected to the internet? What language can we use that brings people who are outside the Bible's linguistics in so that they can get an understanding of the message of God through history and in Jesus the Christ?

Questions for us to ponder as we think about the harvest, not just of the land but also of the crop of faith that has been sown in this generation and how we make it flourish.

With every blessing, **Revd Mark**

Our first Sunday of the month service.

The first Sunday of October September falls on October 3rd, and we be having a Zoom Communion service at 10 am. The link is shown on the service rota page. Do join us! **Frances**

October Service Rota

For any changes please check the benefice website www.stw.org.uk

3th Oct Sunday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Zoom
10 th Oct Sunday	10.00 am	All Age and baptism	St Weonards Church
	11.00 am	Iona Lay-led service	The Old Mill Hoarwithy HR2 6QH and on Zoom and Facebook
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6609401749?pwd=eERxaVJmS2M2eWROYWhEUms1cjRsUT09			
Meeting ID: 660 940 1749 Passcode: 873026			
	11.00 am	Holy Communion and Harvest	Orcop Church
16 th Oct Saturday	6.00 pm	Harvest Service	St Weonards Church supper afterwards in village hall
17 th Oct Sunday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Pencoyd Church
	11.00 am	Hoarwithy lay led service	Details on the noticeboard
24 th Oct Sunday	10.00 am	All Age	Zoom
	11.00 am	Hentland and Hoarwithy Harvest	Hentland Church and Lunch afterwards
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Tretire Church
25 th Oct Monday	2.00 pm	Memorial Service Bill Taylor	St Weonards Church
31 st Oct Sunday	4.00 pm	All Souls Service	YouTube
7 th Nov Sunday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Zoom

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funeral services, please contact the relevant churchwarden or Rev Dr Frances Phillips.

If you would like to receive the link to a Zoom service which you have not previously attended, please send a brief email to the contact below:

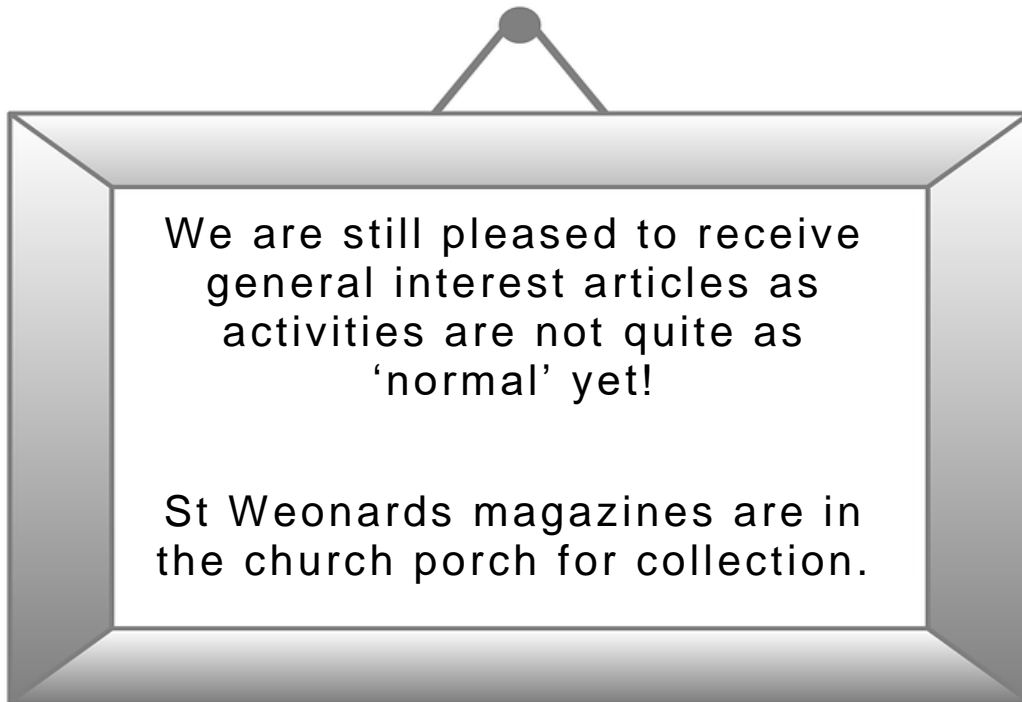
If you would like the link to the All Souls service on October 31st, please contact Frances franjphillips@gmail.com

Holy Communion at 10 am on 1st Sunday: franjphillips@gmail.com

All age service at 10 am on 4th Sunday: stweonardspcc@gmail.com

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Evening prayer at 6.30 pm on 4th Sunday: elizabethamalcolm@outlook.com



Much Birch Surgery – Oct newsletter

Seasonal Flu Clinics 2021

All patients over the age of 50 will be eligible for a flu vaccination this year, as well as those patients under 50 who have certain underlying health conditions. More information regarding the seasonal flu vaccine can be found at www.NHS.net

As you may have seen in the media, there has been a delay in the delivery of the Seasonal Flu Vaccinations to GP surgeries. Therefore our flu clinics that were due to commence in September have been slightly delayed.

Our first clinic will now take place on **Saturday 2 October**. Those patients invited to this clinic will receive their invite letters during week ending 17 September.

Further clinics will take place on **Saturday 23 October** and in early November, following further deliveries of vaccines. Patients invited to these clinics will receive their invite letters by 10 October.

Please wait for your invite letter before attending. Please make sure you bring your letter with you on the day and arrive at the time slot advised on the letter.

Covid-19 Vaccination Boosters

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting guidance on when and how the covid-19 booster vaccinations will be administered. An announcement has been made that those at risk and those over 50 will be offered the booster. When we have more information, we will update our website and Facebook page.

Dispensary Collections

Please always allow at least 72 hours (3 working days) when ordering your repeat medication. During our current staff shortages it may take up to 5 working days to dispense. If possible, please allow a little extra time when ordering.

Following feedback from patients, we have erected a shelter for patients to stand under when queuing at the dispensary collection point. We hope this will improve the patient experience when collecting medications during the winter months.

Keep updated using our website: www.muchbirchsurgery.co.uk and our Facebook page: **Much Birch Surgery**

Patient Information

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION



Tuesday 12th October Christine Davies 01981 580129

VILLAGE PAGES

ST WEONARDS

A number of funerals have taken place recently. We send our condolences to the families.

Joan Cole, the much loved aunty of many was buried on 4th September.

It was sad to hear that **Ian Pugh** had died after his illness. His funeral took place on Friday 10th September. A tribute to Ian is published below.

The interment of David Yarwood, who had lived in the village before he moved away, took place on 16th September.

Harvest Service and Supper 16th October, 6.00pm

Our harvest service, followed by supper in the village hall takes place at 6.00pm in St Weonards Church. We are delighted that Bishop Dr David Thompson is coming to take the service for us. The supper will be a two-course meal for £6. If you can help with a contribution of food, please email fionamynors@btinternet.com or ring 01981580 208. Come and enjoy this celebration of harvest!

On Monday 25th October, a memorial service for Bill Taylor is to be held in St Weonards Church at 2.00pm. Bill's family look forward to seeing some of his friends, and there will be a choir singing a couple of his favourite pieces and the bells will be rung as well. Do come and celebrate Bill's life. **Richard Mynors**

Ian Roger Pugh

Ian was born 9 June 1942 at Kidderminster Hospital, the youngest of three boys and lived on a tenanted farm at Bromley Farm, Arley, Kidderminster. Sadly, Ian's father died at the age of 35 when Ian was only 3 years old and his brothers Owen and Allan were just 9 and 7. Their mother tried to keep the farm running for her 3 sons, but eventually they had to move back to the family farm at Grove Farm, Pembridge.

Ian attended Lucton school before passing the 13+ exam to Lady Hawkins, Kington Grammar School. Left school at 17.

As a young boy, Ian took piano lessons in Leominster. He had a great talent - hum him a tune and he could play it by ear on the piano or mouth organ. When Ian's Uncle announced that he was to marry, the family had to move from Grove Farm to Allensmore where he helped his Uncle Gwyn Owens on the farm.

Ian joined the police force, even though his first love was farming. He could see no way of getting his own farm. He did his police training in Bridgend from the age of 18, passing his exams to become Sergeant by the age of 23.

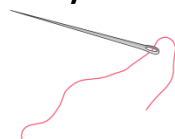
Ian met Eira at Pontrilas YFC Christmas party when Eira was 17 and he was 19. They married on 16 October 1965 at Walterstone Church and were married for 55 years. When their two daughters, Jane and Lyn, came along their family was complete.

When they first got married, they lived in Hereford for a couple of years while Ian was in the police force.

It was very difficult to get on the farming ladder, so after a long period of farming practical, Ian entered into the agricultural arena of agricultural sales. Eira and Ian bought their smallholding at Hillcrest, Three Ashes 53 years ago, where they were able to have their cattle. Other enterprises included calf rearing, growing potatoes and turkeys, bed & breakfast. Contributed by **Janey Cotton**.

GARWAY

Garway Stitches



Stitching is happening again! It is really pleasant to be back in the hall: plenty of space, and passers-by drop in to see how we are getting on. 13th October. **Frances and Tracy**

Taiji and qigong in Garway

Join us for taiji and qigong on the common on dry days and in the Garway Community Centre on damp/cold days.

We will be restarting from October 13th on Wednesday mornings from 10 until 11am in Garway Community Centre as probably more appropriate weather wise. Accessible to all, no experience necessary!

We practice Sun style taiji and slow, flowing qigong exercises to improve balance, flexibility and strength.

It's all about active relaxation, benefitting body, mind and spirit.

It's fun!! See you there! Any questions? **Jane Fleet** janefleet88@gmail.com

Garway Coffee Morning and more!

5th October, Garway Village Hall, 10.15 – 12.15

Following a couple of practice runs of our coffee mornings in August and September we are now ready to welcome lots of visitors to the Village Hall on Tuesday October 5th.

We are delighted to be welcoming Christine Hope, from Hopes of Longtown, back to the Village Hall this month with her refill service. Bring along your own containers to refill with cleaning products and toiletries. Brands including 'Bio' and 'Faith in Nature'. Reduce plastic by reusing your empty containers.

Look forward to seeing you there for an opportunity to use the Post Office, select your library books, refill and recycle cleaning products and enjoy some lovely company with a cuppa and some cake!

Sue Thomas, Garway Spice Girls.

Garway Fun Day

The idea was hatched early in the year – bring back Garway Fun Day! – make up for last year's missed events and celebrate new found freedoms in true village style in the lovely setting of Garway Common. No-one could have predicted that it would be such a success: a blazing sunny day, crowds of people enjoying the stalls, the competitions and the food, and just being together.

There were so many attractions: a hugely successful Dog Show that drew in far more entries than expected and was very efficiently run; the sunflower competition; live music from the Singing Tree and other local talented musicians, fiercely fought welly wanging and skittles competitions, plants and bric-a-brac for sale, vintage tractors to climb on, and much more. Those who were brave joined in hula-hooping and physical exercise in the arena; and the tea tent and BBQ had a steady stream of customers in need of refreshment.

A children's area kept young visitors amused throughout the day. Situated next to the Kelsmor dairy ice cream van – where else? – there were opportunities to dig in a huge sandpit, sit in the quiet of the craft tent and make feathery crowns, strew bubbles around and have a go with sparkly hula hoops. The children's fancy dress parade drew many entries and the crazy croquet was a big hit with the children; as was the story-telling tent where they sat rapt in a moment of quiet as they listened to Austin's stories.

Local organisations were there to share their achievements: the Garway stitching group exhibited examples of the panels that they are stitching for the community hall, depicting Garway village life; and The Friends of Garway church were there to explain their activities on behalf of our beautiful church.

The auction of garden and household memorabilia from the Estate of The Biggs Brothers, formerly of Quab Cottage, Garway brought the day to a close.

It was a wonderful celebration of summer and of village life; and an amazing £3734.57 (to be very precise!) was raised in aid of the Garway Playground Project. Plans for next year are already afoot!

Hilary Smallwood

RUBBISH!

Do you have time on your hands?

Do you wish to help keep our beautiful surroundings clean and tidy?

If so, Garway Parish Council needs someone to empty the bins situated on the Common on a weekly basis.

A small remuneration is available for this work.

If you are interested or require further information, please contact the Parish Clerk

clerk@garwayparishcouncil.co.uk **Mark Hearn**



TUESDAY OCTOBER 12th 7.30PM GARWAY HALL £5.00
TWENTY THREE WALKS

Been yearning for our films and a good night out? Flicks is coming back this October for a post lockdown trial run and we hope many of our audience will be keen to turn out to enjoy our unique community cinema. *TWENTY THREE WALKS* stars Alison Steadman and Dave Johns in a story of a friendship which becomes a late-life romance thanks to their chance encounter whilst walking their German Shepherd and Yorkshire Terrier in a London Park. Over twenty-three walks they go from dog aggro to mutual appreciation but they are soon to find out that love in later life can prove to be anything but a walk in the park thanks to the baggage of families, ex partners, differing social backgrounds and intimate insecurities. It's also a bit of a hymn to dog-walking and the pleasures of chance encounters with diverse people which can happen in an urban park (or on Garway Common!). We'll be offering the usual drinks and cakes *before* the performance and will be running the film without an interval. So come early and catch up with everyone you've not seen in ages. Doors will open at 7pm.

Please book in advance at www.artsalive.co.uk/films/

For more information go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GarwayFlicks

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.

Tuesday 19 October at 7.30pm in Garway Hall

Boil a mouse in urine; the care of infants Tudor Times is the intriguing title of Malcolm Watkin's consideration of the Tudor approach to childcare which will provoke shock, horror. Laughter and discussion.

To find out more, look at the website. <https://www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk/>

ORCOP

We bid goodbye to Graham and Margaret Bowen, who are leaving Orcop to live in Manchester. They have been active and popular members of the Orcop Hill Community, so it is with sadness that we report their leaving and we wish them a successful move and all the best in their new home.

Last month, we recorded the death of Doreen Mapp (Do) and extended our condolences to her family and friends. She died in Hereford Hospital and her funeral and burial took place at Orcop Baptist Chapel. Members and friends of the Chapel thank the family for the generous donation of £285 for its upkeep. Richard Uron Fletcher and family would like to say thank you for all the kind messages, cards and flowers, for attending Doreen's Funeral and donations to the Chapel. Doreen lived in Orcop all her life and is sadly missed.

Two further prominent local figures died during September and we extend sympathy to the friends and families of Ian Pugh, whose funeral, attended by some 350 mourners, took place at St. Weonards on 10th September, and of Herbert Collins, who died on September 7th.

The Orcop August Bank Holiday Fete, back after lockdown, was a very happy day and is reported separately. Here we simply record our thanks to those who attended, helped or donated.

The Orcop Post-Lockdown Concert ("ORCOP PLC") was held in the Parish Hall on 11th September. This was a challenging date, as it coincided not only with the last night of the Proms, but also with the US Open tennis final, featuring Emma Radukanu. This led to apprehension as to the likely attendance. Such fears proved totally unfounded and we nearly ran out of chairs, food and wine. An audience of more than 70 (persons, not years!) enjoyed an amazing variety of local talent and virtuosity, which raised about £500 for Orcop Church. This was truly a community event. Not only the Orcop community, but with wonderful cooperation and talent drawn from neighbouring parishes. Thanks go to the performers, the organisers, the PCC caterers (who served Aces, albeit not from the baseline). We were able to finish, more or less, on time, which meant that most could arrive at home to enjoy the final triumphal points of the US Open Final!

Bishop Anthony Priddis took the 12th September service, delivered with the inspiration and dignity that we have come to expect, given his intense faith and long experience.

Looking ahead, we have the Rev. Crispin Pemberton conducting our Harvest Festival Service on 10th October at 11am. All are invited to decorate the church with appropriate harvest produce on Saturday 9th October (or before).

We are seeking more flower-arrangers. If you are interested in this artistically creative community activity, please ring me on 01981 540790.

Margaret Fletcher, Churchwarden

Orcop Fete

Many thanks to everyone who supported Orcop Fete on 30th August, the turnout was amazing. We have raised over £1200 which is a great boost in these strange times.

The quiz was won by: The Jones & Prices from Upperfields, Pauline Dale, FM Hirst and Stuart Watkins

The answers were:

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| 1. Ewe | 14. Tadpole | 28. turkey |
| 2. Bullfrog | 15. Guinea Pig | 29. Sheep |
| 3. Pea Chick | 16. Hatchling | 30. Game Birds, Partridge |
| 4. Dog | 17. Cows | 31. Spiders |
| 5. Tower | 18. Butterflies | 32. Peregrin Falcon |
| 6. Carotene, A particular
alga, shrimps | 19. Pig | 33. Kiwi |
| 7. Kit | 20. Foal | 34. Columidae |
| 8. Molluscs | 21. Duck | 35. Deer, Rabbit |
| 9. Hummingbird | 22. Donkey | 36. Peahen |
| 10. Cria | 23. Fry, Levin, Parr, Smolt | 37. Pipit |
| 11. Adder | 24. Sow | 38. Porcupette |
| 12. Himalays | 25. Oology | 39. Captain Flint |
| 13. Echidnas, Platypus | 26. Bluebird | 40. Albatross |
| | 27. Horse | |

Orcop Neighbourhood Development Plan – Update September 2021

The NDP Planning Consultant has incorporated further amendments and updated figures in v4 of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. These are now being considered by the Steering Group. After final approval the NDP will then be submitted to Herefordshire Council for an Environmental Assessment. This will take 6-8 weeks. During that time we will be preparing the public consultation, Reg 14.

Meanwhile all queries should be addressed to **Mark Hearne**, Orcop Parish Clerk, Tel 01981 251887
clerk@orcopparishcouncil.org

Harvest Supper
Saturday 9th October 2021
Orcop Village Hall at 7.30pm
Everyone Welcome
Bring your own drinks.

For the purposes of catering please contact Julia Garlick tel 01981 580515 to book a place



Delinquent?



Whilst sorting out pictures for the Orcop Fete, I came across this cartoon, which I drew about 60 years ago, based on one of my delinquent schoolmates. It seems childhood obesity was not so much of a problem in those days!

Peter Garratt.

OWL GOOD NEIGHBOURS



**Invite all to an Afternoon Tea
in Orcop Parish Hall
on Wednesday 6th October at 3pm**

Donation £5.

special diets catered for, ring Jane
01981 241310

It is hoped to restart the monthly community lunches in November with the first one on the 3rd. Planning has started for a Christmas lunch in December, probably on the 8th. Watch out for more details.

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCLOYD

Very little has happened in our villages during the holiday season, and by now the children will have gone back to school to start in new classes, and possibly some of our young people will be embarking on life in university or other further education. We wish them all a good year in their new class, or new way of life. On Saturday October 2nd there will be another consultation with the rural dean, Sean Semple and his team, on the future of parishes in the Ross Deanery. So, if you were unable to attend the one on September 18th in Orcop Village Hall, here is another chance for you to hear about plans for the future of our parishes, and have your chance to make suggestions. It will be as before at 10.00 till 12.30pm, this time in Peterstow church.

On Sunday 17th October, the Benefice Holy Communion service will be at Pencoyd church at 10.00 am. The following Sunday, there will a service of Evening Prayer led by Elizabeth Malcolm at St Mary's Tretire, (instead of Pencoyd) at 6.30 pm. It has been really good to be allowed to join in with the singing of hymns in services, since restrictions were eased somewhat, so do come along and add your voices! An evening service in St Mary's Tretire should be lovely at sunset! **Margaret Oubridge**

Jam Jar Appeal!

As we draw near to Harvest Festival, we are in the peak jam and chutney making season, and once again I am **very** short of jam jars! If anyone has any to spare, I would be most grateful for them. I can collect. Preferably 1lb size jam jars rather than large Bolognese type jars, or small jars also very useful.

Many thanks. **Margaret Oubridge** 01981580233 or oubridge@phoncoop.coop

HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

Harvest at Hentland 24th October, 11.00am

We shall be having our Harvest Festival service at St Dubricius at 11am on Sunday 24th October. This will include presentation of the harvest goods – eggs, bread, fruit etc, but not holy communion. It will be followed by Harvest Lunch in church, consisting of Ploughman's with a variety of cheeses and pickles followed by a tempting choice of home-made puds. Bring your own drink and drinkers.

The price for the lunch will be £12.50 a head (children under 12 free) and it is essential to book by emailing robin.symonds@btinternet.com or telephoning **Robin** or **Phiney** on 01989 730439.

hArt at St. Catherine's Hoarwithy

We had a very successful Exhibition at the church with exhibits of Art, Pottery, Jewellery, fabrics and even a hand-crafted wooden Guitar. It is amazing the variety of talent in our area.

The community group "The Friends of Hoarwithy" set up a "Pop Up Café" which was much appreciated. Many people commented, in the visitor's book, how much they enjoyed the refreshments and £2,600.00 was raised for St. Catherine's Restoration Fund. We would like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who provided such an enjoyable experience for our visitors.

Peter and Jeff Churchwardens



Come, hear the merry organ play at St Dubricious Hentland

Tuesday 12th October 7.30pm

To celebrate completion of the work on the chancel at St Dubricius, there will be an organ recital by John Challenger, organist at Salisbury Cathedral, who will be joined by tenor Ruairi Bowen with a selection of favourite arias from oratorios, an extract from J S Bach's **Cantata 140 Zion hört die Wächter singen** and two of C V Stanford's wonderful **Bible Songs**. Of course, we are celebrating not just the recovery of architect John Pollard Seddons's scheme of polychromatic decoration, or even the complete reroofing for the chancel together with new rainwater goods and French drains, but because to enable all this work to be done, the

1869 organ by the great builder J W Walker had to be completely dismantled and rebuilt. This was something that had badly needed doing for probably the last fifty years, and the organ had sat silent since 2008 when the little Osmond instrument was installed at the back of the church. Organ builder David Gallichan has



carried out the work and now we have a magnificent instrument which it will be a pleasure to hear, and by all accounts, to play. None of this would have been possible without major funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, and at a lower level, Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and the parish's own fundraising. A project which was originally scheduled to start in March 2019 and finish in September the same year was first delayed by the discovery of bats nesting and raising their young

in the chancel roof, and then, as if that were not enough, the arrival of Covid in March 2020 which meant all work had to cease. But nothing happening didn't mean that costs didn't mount inexorably upwards, and these costs were most generously met in full by the Jordan Charitable Foundation.

The organ will be shown off as a recital instrument with a varied programme of music from the Renaissance to twentieth century, chosen to demonstrate the full range of our instrument. The recital is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October. Admission will be on a first-come-first served basis and if you wish to come, please register with Robin Symonds on robin.symonds@btinternet.com or by telephoning 01989 730439. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection. We still do not feel it is safe to fill the church, with nothing being yet fully resolved with the Covid pandemic, so numbers will be limited.

Robin Symonds

Garden Notes

In August, after many months spent tending my own garden, I enjoyed a visit to the garden at the Old Rectory, Thrupton with the Garway Spice Girls. It's always fun to visit another garden to discover new plants and interesting features and to hear the story of how the garden has been created.

The owners, Judy and Andrew Hallett moved to Thrupton just 14 years ago and have created a wonderful 4 acre garden in that short time. There were just six trees and a lot of grass when they moved in, but equipped with much enthusiasm and the 450 plants that they brought with them, they have created an interesting and beautiful garden with distinctly different areas. There are lawns, three long pretty borders, roses, a vegetable plot with trained fruit trees on the surrounding walls, a greenhouse housing a vine, an orchard of plums, pears, cherries and old varieties of Herefordshire apples, an arboretum and a pond. In all it's an impressive achievement and a lovely garden in which to spend a leisurely afternoon. For the dog lovers amongst us there was a very friendly and well-behaved border terrier to help show us around.

They created the vegetable plot by building raised beds on the existing tennis court, which they filled with topsoil dug from another part of the garden. It was the easiest way to turn the area into a vegetable plot with the added advantage of creating a huge hole which they turned into a surprisingly natural-looking pond. It is a lovely surprise to discover the pond at the far end of the arboretum. Chickens are allowed to potter about in this area which makes me quite envious as our own chickens have to be confined to secure pens.

There are two small woodland beds tucked away in a corner which I admired. Planting here includes



orange, *Digitalis ferruginea* and *Ulmus parvifolia* 'Geisha'. The *Ulmus* is slow-growing dwarf Chinese elm, with variegated leaves and only growing to around 2 metres. Its attractive toothed leaves have creamy-white edges and it appears to be unaffected by Dutch elm disease. It would be a good specimen plant for growing in a large container. Another interesting plant in the woodland beds was the Celandine poppy, *Stylophorum diphyllum*. This is a handsome woodland poppy from North America with deeply lobed grey-



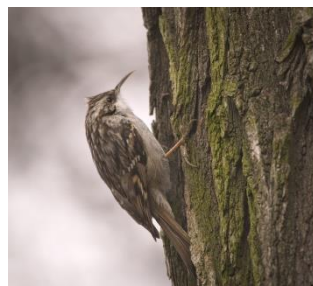
green leaves and clear yellow poppy flowers. It is very happy in deep shade, is easy to grow from seed and will even seed around if it is happy. Having seen it growing there, I am keen to include it in the shady areas in my own garden.

One plant which was new to many of us and which we all liked was *Verbena officinalis* var. *grandiflora* 'Bampton'. We were all very familiar with *Verbena bonariensis* but this shorter *Verbena* was so distinctive and unusual that we spent some time discussing it and asking the owners about it. It is a bushy perennial two or three feet high which forms a light airy clump of wiry branches, deep purple leaves and small purplish-pink flowers. It prefers full sun. It is better not to cut old growth down until spring when the new shoots begin to appear. Don't tell anyone but I have become more than a little bored with *Verbena bonariensis* so I will definitely consider growing this one instead. I suspect I won't be the only one wanting to add 'Bampton' to my borders next year!

Julie Davies

Wildlife in our Garden

On 9th August, all on the same morning, we saw a tree creeper for the second day running, a nuthatch, the first for several months, and a small warbler shaped bird with yellowy-green plumage flitting about amongst some agapanthus flowers for a few seconds before it disappeared again, most likely a chiff-chaff. They usually keep to the trees well away from habitation. We only know they're there when we hear their song.



The remainder of August and the start of September have continued quiet and relatively uneventful. Few birds come regularly to take seeds from the wall now, only blackbirds, robins, dunnocks and juvenile chaffinches, two females and “Scruff”, the scruffy male. We’re now convinced that Scruff is a juvenile as his feathers have gradually got tidier so that he’s now difficult to distinguish from an adult. It seems likely that the two females are his sisters and that they are all from the same late brood.

The cock pheasant rarely comes to feed. We gather he often turns up in two of our neighbours’ gardens as well as ours where he spends much of his time making dust bowls and sunbathing. We never see a hen pheasant now. They and many other birds, such as house sparrows, must be getting plenty to eat out in the woodlands and fields. We have seen a thrush on the lawn though. He or she probably prefers snails which are now plentiful, rather than seeds. We do see many broken and empty shells on stone paths which rather confirms this.

The vole stopped feeding from the wall from mid-August till the 8th September. During that time we occasionally saw one eating a fallen apple. We also saw, on 20th August, a tiny vole, presumably a baby, which I found wandering in some long grass looking lost and weak. I decided there was nothing I could do so left it alone. Later it had disappeared. It may have found its way home, or wandered off to die elsewhere, or become a tasty snack for some passing magpie or other predator. We shall never know.



The squirrels are back. They’ve not paid much attention to the seeds on the wall. They’re far too busy under the hazel tree, apparently looking for something. At first I thought they were finding nuts and burying them, hoping they’ll find them again when other food is scarce. A study I heard about, of squirrel memory, discovered that 70 to 80% of buried nuts were later successfully recovered. Not bad! But now I’m not so sure that’s what they are doing. Not many nuts have yet fallen, and they don’t seem to have any in their mouths ready to bury. So what are they doing exactly? Perhaps by next month I’ll have the answer.....

John Oubridge, 10th September 2021

Book Reviews

***House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons* by Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason**



The large Kanneh-Mason family (there are seven children) came to prominence when one of the sons, cellist Sheku, won the Young Musician of the Year in 2016 at the age of 17. Few who saw his performances could have failed to be moved by his extraordinary talent and mature interpretations of the music. The world then got to know the family through documentaries which revealed that all seven of the children were instrumentalists of a high standard. How can it be that all seven, the children of non-musicians, have such talent?

One of the answers is through the sheer hard graft and determination of their parents. Their mother, author of this book, admits that she is herself a wannabe musician, and her ambition has been the driving force behind these children – she wanted them all to get to at least grade eight on their chosen instruments, so that they would “have the basics.”

Her book does not shy away from the challenges: lack of funds, racism, endless nappies, Sheku's Type 1 diabetes, and crazy timetables involving crack-of-dawn train journeys to get to classes in London at the weekends.

Mother Kadiatu grew up as the child of a Sierra Leonian father and Welsh mother, and had a successful academic career before embarking on her prodigious reproductive career. This book opens up their Nottinghamshire home to scrutiny, and we see the inevitable chaos that seven children bring to a home. Her absolute determination in the face of so many obstacles is impressive. She paints a picture of a family that is both ordinary and extraordinary. All the children attended a Nottingham comprehensive school. So far, so normal. But they practice and practice and practice their music, so is there little time left for childhood fun? The house is filled with them all making music together and they bolster each other's performances with kindly criticism. Music is the centre of the home.

However I could not help wondering what would have happened if one of these children might rather have pursued some other interest: cycling, horse riding, art, botany or whatever. The musical emphasis in the home is utterly relentless and a wonderful environment for a gifted and enthusiastic child, but where is the balance? Do they have "helicopter parents" whose ambitions are realised through their children, or parents working beyond human endurance to foster the talents of their brood? Their mother tells us that the children do not miss out on childhood fun and normal pursuits: board games, walks etc.

It is worth reading the book to make up your own mind. The life of a high-flying professional musician is a hard one: constantly on the move, disrupted family life, repeated anxiety over performances, and lonely hotel rooms. These children have experienced the equivalent from birth, pursuing a never-ending timetable of lessons, practice, music exams, and rushed journeys. A hard life; but endlessly fascinating to those looking in from the outside; all the more interesting because these are mixed race children in a society where sadly a black child picking up a musical instrument and pursuing classical music is still a rarity. No wonder seven of them make us sit up and take notice.

A Summer on the Farm by Ralph Cross



Local author Ralph Cross has produced a chronicle of rural times past that will strike a chord with many older members of our local communities.

Set in the 1950s, the book chronicles a summer in the life of an 11 year old boy, Jimmy Granger. His six weeks of freedom are spent with his aunt and uncle on their farm, as his grandmother, with whom he usually lives, is in hospital having surgery.

Jimmy loves life on the farm, enthusiastically taking on every task that is sent his way, and developing a particular affection for the two shire horses, Blossom and Kate.

Life is harsh in many ways - the toilet is housed in a hut, and there is no mains electricity or water – but Jimmy takes to the life like a duck to water and throws himself into the farm routine. Even harsher is the violent bullying from a gang of fellow school pupils, who target him relentlessly each time he ventures beyond the farm gate, although it is not clear why he has been singled out for this cruel treatment.

In the course of the summer, Jimmy learns that the farm lease is about to end, and that the animals that mean so much to him will be sold and dispersed around the district. The council finds a new home for his aunt and uncle, who are torn between relief at the mod cons, but sadness at the loss of their old way of life.

But how good it is that there are authors keeping the memories of these dying ways of living alive.

Hilary Smallwood

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Limericks of sorts from Peter Garratt

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Of Butty Bach and HP ale.

One cold night the moon was pale

As he tottered home

Now here's the tale:

Of what befell him on the way

And why he's sober 'til this day

For across his path ran Jack O' Kent

And close behind the devil went

Both were carrying white rocks

Scaring the old man out of his socks.

Jack and the devil had a nefarious plan

On the Garron Brook to build a dam

But knowing that they had been rumbled

They dropped the rocks, and down they tumbled

To where they rest until this day.

Our drunken friend, filled with terror

Lamented his alcoholic error

And, reflecting on what he had observed

Concluded the vision was well deserved

He forsook the ale and grew quite thin

Drinking just tonic without the gin.

So let this be a lesson to the sinful

Not to totter home with a skinful.

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There was an old man from Garway Hill
Each night he took a sleeping pill
So as to get a good night's rest.
He closed his eyes and tried his best
But all the night he stayed awake
And so a lot more pills did take,
At last he slept
Not home in bed

But behind the potting shed
And there did stay
For many a day
Until his wife thought him dead
At last he fled the potting shed
Resolved no more to cure his ills.
By taking lots and lots of pills.

Modern Slavery

You might have seen the report of a man running along the Monarch's Way (the path that goes from Worcester to Shoreham via Devon (and Stansted), retracing the route of Charles II's escape. His name is Tom Crosland, and you can read about his run on www.runtorefuge.com. He has been running all the way round England and Wales to increase awareness of Modern Slavery, and to raise money to help victims of it. Many people are shocked to hear that slavery is still going on in Britain in the twenty-first century. After all, the Slavery Abolition Act **passed by Parliament in 1833** made the purchase or ownership of slaves illegal and provided for the immediate abolishment of slavery in most parts of the British Empire.

But the sad fact is that throughout the world today *an estimated 40.3 million people are living in slavery. This means there are 5.4 victims of modern slavery for every 1,000 people in the world. There is no typical victim of slavery – victims are of all genders and all ages, ethnicities and nationalities.* Modern slavery is an umbrella term encompassing slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking. Victims of modern slavery are unable to leave their situation of exploitation – controlled by threats, punishment, violence, coercion and deception. They are commodified for the purpose of exploitation and financial gain. Slavery violates human rights, denying people of their right to life, freedom and security.

Here in Britain in 2019, 10,627 potential victims of trafficking and slavery were referred to the National Referral Mechanism, which identifies and supports victims. This was the highest number recorded by the UK authorities since the figures were first compiled in 2009, and a 52% increase from 2018. About a quarter of the victims were British nationals, followed by people from Albania and Vietnam. In reality, however, the extent of slavery and trafficking in the UK is likely to be far greater than the NRM statistics would suggest. The Global Slavery Index estimated there are 136,000 victims of modern slavery in the UK.

Modern slaves may not be physically trapped in shackles and chains, but their traffickers are still able to manipulate and control them. It is fear and desperation, not guns and chains, which keep people trapped in slavery today. This may include debt bondage, fear of deportation or threats to their family. Slavery is happening all around us - in car washes and nail bars, hotels and restaurants, factories and warehouses, massage parlours and private homes – in fact, it can be anywhere.

There is no typical victim of slavery, but *it is normally more prevalent amongst the most vulnerable, and within minority or socially excluded groups.* Poverty, limited opportunities at home, lack of education, unstable social and political conditions, economic imbalances and war are some of the key drivers which contribute towards vulnerability. Here are some of the signs to look out for:

- Behaviour: withdrawn, scared, not willing to talk
- Appearance: unkempt, malnourished, few possessions, health concerns
- Work: inappropriate clothing for the job, long hours, little or no pay

- Fear of authorities: doesn't want to speak to police or authorities
- Debt bondage: in debt to, or dependent on someone else
- Accommodation: overcrowded, poorly maintained, blacked-out windows
- Lack of control: no ID, no access to a bank account, work transport provided
- Lack of freedom: unable to move freely, unwilling or scared to leave
- Children: alone, not related to adult carer, inappropriate behaviour or clothing

If you suspect modern slavery, you can report it in a number of ways. Install the **Unseen** app on your phone, use the **modern slavery website** or call 0800 0121 700. (An article published in a parish magazine in Sussex)

KILPECK ART CLUB.

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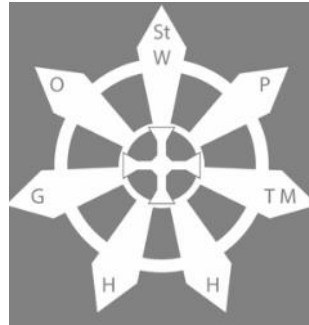


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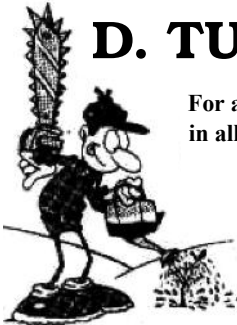
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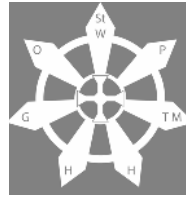
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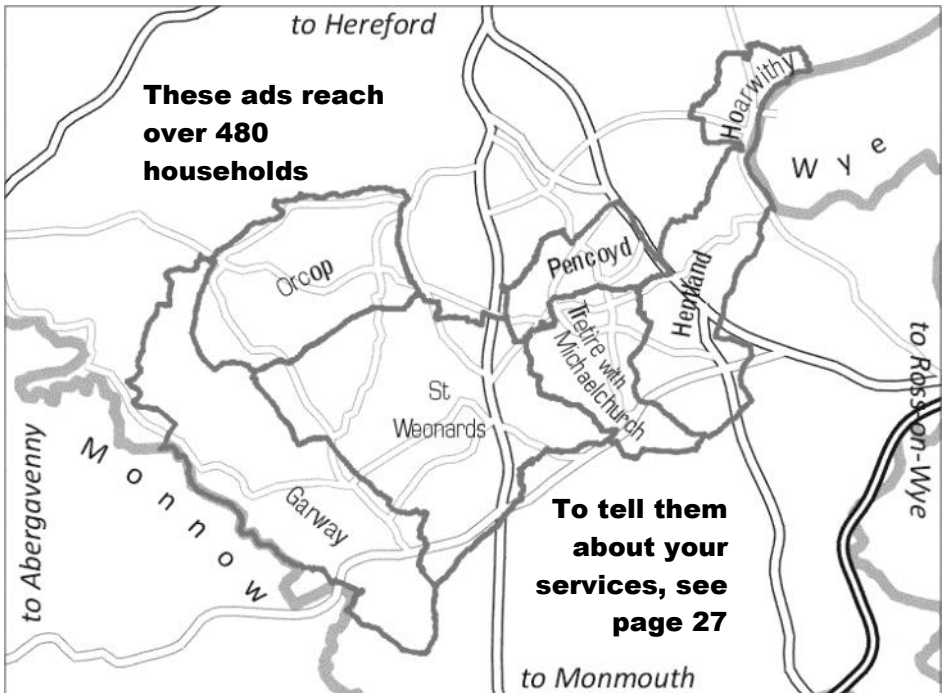
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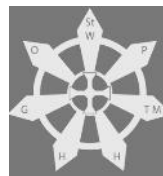
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