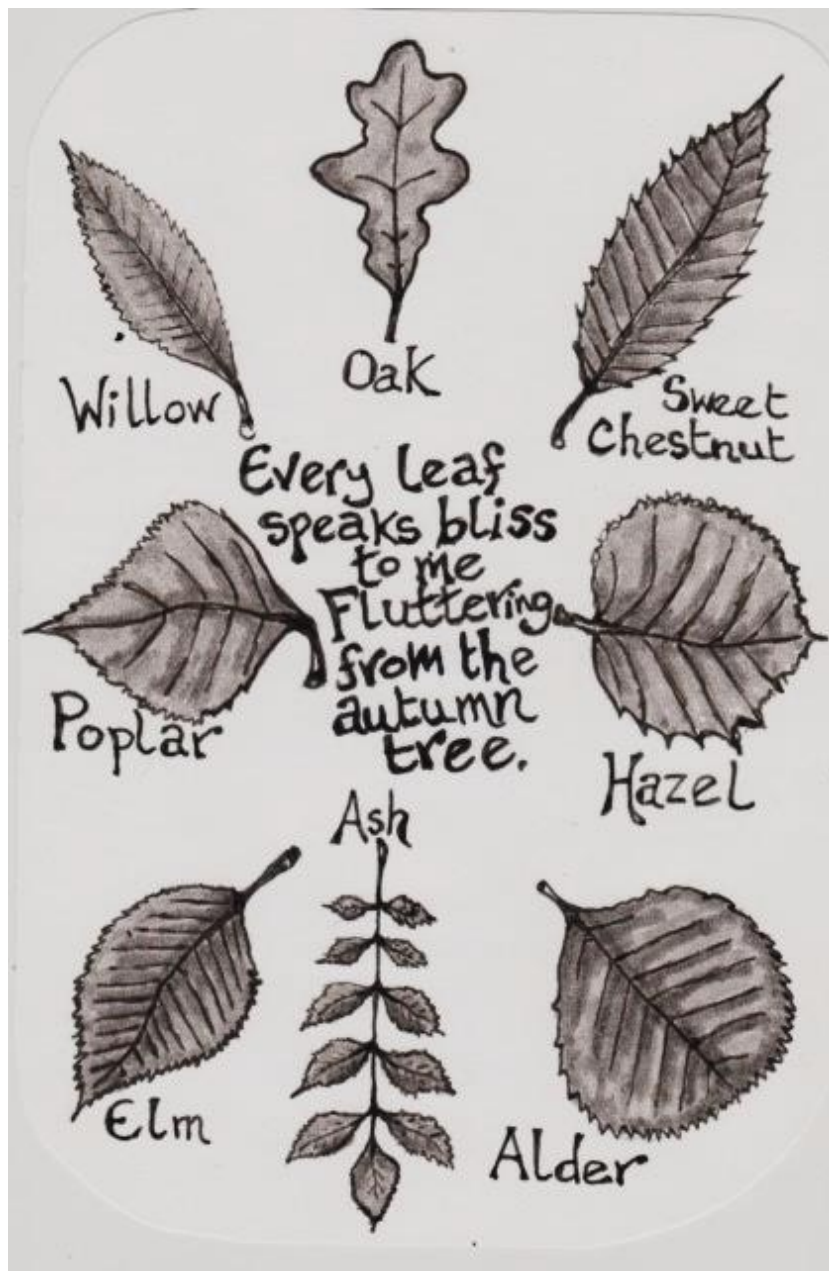


PARISH NEWS

OF

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

OCTOBER 2022



From "Fall, leaves, Fall" Emily Jane Bronte 1846

Illustration by Louise Brosnan.

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www.westmercia.police.uk Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

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PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHENFIELD GROUP

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Please see St Mary's Ross website for more details or contact your churchwarden.

Letter from the Bishop

It is with great sadness that we heard the news this evening (Thursday 8 September 2022) of the death of Her Majesty, The Queen. She has been a constant in our lives for eight decades and has been steadfast in Her service to our country and The Commonwealth. Her reign will be remembered for her witness to some of the biggest historical moments of the last century: the Second World War, international crises financial and military, a global pandemic, and the rise of postmodern societies, global consumerism, travel, superpowers as well as an exceptional explosion of technology. Many great historians will write far better words than I can write.

Despite witnessing so much change, she has managed to remain both constant and evolving. She redefined the British monarchy whilst maintaining the mystery of this much revered and loved British institution in an era where the level of public scrutiny has increased with every passing decade of Her reign. Throughout her reign, her faith in Jesus Christ remained the bedrock on which she built her life. Her role as Supreme Head of the Church of England was not a mere title but something about which she was passionate.

I had the privilege of meeting Her Majesty at the start of my time as Bishop of Hereford when I participated in the traditional ceremony of homage. I was the seventh Bishop of Hereford to do so in Her Majesty's reign. She was both dignified and informal and we were able to chat for some time at the conclusion of the ceremony. She was well informed about our diocese and my own circumstances. She visited the Cathedral on four separate occasions and the diocese for a number of other formal royal events. As many have said, when she spoke to you, she made you feel as if you were the only person there.

This is a global moment of deep and profound grief that will be felt by many. Her 70-year reign will fill the history books as we mark the end of the second Elizabethan era in this country.

Today we remember that there is also a personal loss for the Royal family, and I pray that God will comfort them at this time.

May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory. God Save The Queen. **+Richard**



We share with our sister parishes in the St. Weonards Group our sadness on the death of Her Majesty and our gratitude, respect and admiration for her dedication and commitment to public service throughout her extraordinary 70-year reign.

THANK YOU FROM FRANCES

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the extraordinarily generous leaving gift I was presented with on Sunday 18th September. Les and I plan to erect some sort of field shelter or shepherd's hut in our fields on Garway Hill next year, when our house move has calmed down, and your gift will go towards that. You will all be so welcome to come and share the view and a cuppa!

The loveliest part of the tea party on Sunday was seeing so many people coming together, enjoying each other's company, and eating the superlative selection of home-made cakes!

Go well. Frances.

Future Vicar/ Parish Profile/ Statement of Needs

Discussions are taking place across our parishes to draw up *Parish Profiles and a Statement of Needs* to give potential candidates who would consider becoming our vicar, information about our communities. We also have the opportunity to make statements about the sort of person we hope to attract.

It would be great to have as many contributions as possible from a range of people. Please get in touch with your churchwarden to give your views.

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION



11th October Chris Strange 07970 614933

YOUR MAGAZINE

The magazine committee is working to contain escalating costs so that we can control the cover price in these difficult times.

The company that handles the collation and stapling has advised that it cannot hold current costs unless we advance the copy deadline by one week. If we do not do this, we will face a serious cost increase.

The earlier date will enable them to fit in the St. Weonards magazine between other jobs, which will be more efficient for them, and hence more economical for us.

So, with effect from the November issue, the copy deadline will be the 5th of the preceding month, not the 12th. Hence, please submit copy for the November issue by 5th October.

Also, if at all possible, please send WORD or PUBLISHER documents as our software cannot copy PDFs.

Thank you.

SERVICE ROTA FOR OCTOBER

October 2nd	10.00a.m 5.30p.m	Benefice Service, Orcop Harvest Service, Pencoyd
October 9th	10.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	All Age Service, St Weonards. Harvest Service, Orcop
October 14th	6.00p.m	Harvest Service, St Weonards
October 16th	10.00a.m	Harvest Service, Hoarwithy
October 23rd	9.15 a.m. 10.00a.m.	Holy Communion, Hentland. All Age Service, St Weonards
October 30th	11.00a.m	Harvest Service, Hentland

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funeral services, please contact the relevant church warden.

V i l l a g e P a g e s

ST WEONARDS

It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of the Queen. To help provide a focus for people at this strange time of change, we set up a small table with a picture of Her Majesty and the opportunity to light a candle. Bishop David also helped us to celebrate her life. In his sermon he encouraged us to give thanks for the Queen's steadfast faith and commitment, as well as celebrating the joy of welcoming George Thornley, through his baptism, into the family of God. The Thornley and Evans families and friends as well as others from parishes who joined us filled the church for this special service.

As is out custom, we enjoyed time in fellowship after the service, with refreshments and the delicious cakes from the Williams family. Many thanks to all those who helped on this occasion.

The repairs on the roof have been completed which is a relief. I would like to thank our builder Philip Muldowney and his sons, for his support in making sure that costs have been tightly controlled and the work completed so promptly. Pictures of the before and after will be found on Facebook. These repairs have been paid for by the PCC and some generous donations. However, this has inevitably depleted our funds and we will need to build them up quickly to pay for the essential repairs to the chancel.

Unfortunately, as those who have visited the church will know, we have problems with 'heave' in the chancel. Our builder with advice and guidance from our architect, took up some tiles to assess what the problem was. It seems that a little water may have penetrated the wooden floor under the tiles and made them lift. We await a full report from the architect before any decisions can be taken about the way forward for repairs, but no doubt they will be expensive.

Our annual **Harvest Service** will be in church on **Friday 14th October at 6.00 p.m.** led by Bishop Michael Westall. We will be looking at the origins of the festival. Afterwards we shall enjoy supper in the village

hall. Adults £8 children £3. Please let Anna Williams or Fiona Mynors know if you are able to bring a casserole or pudding to share. We shall as last year be collecting items for the Hereford Food Bank as part of our church decorations.

All singers are invited on **Saturday 12th November at 2.00pm to Come and Sing Handel's *Messiah Part 1*** in St Weonards Church in aid of our building repair fund. After tea we will 'perform', so if you don't want to sing do come and listen.

On Sunday 9th October, we are looking forward to welcoming the Very Reverend Sarah Brown to celebrate communion with us. She will tell us about her work running the cathedral.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward with gladness and sadness as we say goodbye to Frances Philips at a tea party in church. Her ministry and support for us all has been wonderful, and we shall miss it badly. We wish her and Les a happy retirement in Ewyas Harold. Thank you, Frances.

Richard Mynors

St Weonards Church 10th October

Explore?

Do you feel drawn

...to Simplicity?

...to Silence?

...to Solitude?

...to Space to breathe?

Do you want to explore who God is and the depths of His Love for you?

We are gathering at St Weonards Church to do this together for a season.

You are so welcome to explore with us.

Where?...St Weonards church.

When?...10am-11.30am on Monday 10th October

Come and See.

For more information please contact me at

shirleycooke62@gmail.com

GARWAY

Garway School and Pre-school

As a school community, we were sad to learn of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, who passed away yesterday at the age of 96. Throughout her long reign, The Queen showed unstinting dedication to public service. We held a whole school assembly to remember her life, during which one of our Year 6 children stated, 'She was a fantastic role model for us all.'

We were thrilled to announce the very lovely news that Miss Samuel gave birth to a baby girl called Martha. I know you will join us in sending CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Samuel and her partner.

What a fantastic way to start the term! You will have seen that there have been great changes at school over the holidays, with a switch around of classrooms and the completion of the new pre-school building. The staff have worked extremely hard to get everything ready for the children's return and all the classes

look wonderful. It has been really lovely to see children from different year groups playing together and to see how the whole school has welcomed our new staff and children. We have been so impressed with our oldest Class 6 children who have excelled in their role as 'buddies' to our youngest school members in Class R.

Julie Jones (headteacher)

Garway Primary School – Governor Vacancy

Garway Primary School is seeking to find a motivated, dedicated candidate to join our team of Governors who support our lovely school. Ideally, we are looking for someone with an educational background. If you have some spare time and feel you may have relevant skills to offer, please get in touch on the details below and we will be able to send further information.

admin@garway.hereford.sch.uk

Mark Bevan Chair of Governors on 01600 750623. Julie Jones – Head teacher on 01600 750273

Christine Davies - Clerk to Governors 01981 580129

Garway Stitches

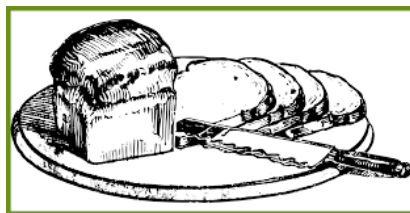


Garway stitching group meets once a fortnight on Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 12.30.

October dates are 5th and 19th. We are working on a series of community embroidery panels depicting life in Garway.

All are welcome to join us and add your own piece to the panels or bring your own project if you prefer.

For more details, contact **Tracy** 01981 580263.



Garway Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4th October 10.30a.m.

Garway Community Hall

Teas, coffee, cake, Post Office, library

And the chance to try your hand at
churning butter and making bread!

Everyone welcome – all ages

We look forward to welcoming you!



TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH
7.30pm GARWAY HALL £5.00

BELFAST

Nominated for seven Academy Awards, Belfast is Ken Branagh's semi-autobiographical homage to his home city and to his childhood in Belfast. Nine-year-old Buddy and his family live on a mixed Catholic and Protestant street where violence erupts during the riots of 1969. Buddy has been living an innocent existence dominated by comics, football, and his wee classroom crush, Catherine. He and his brother can't grasp why the close-knit street where they are used to fighting dragons with wooden swords and dustbin lids, is suddenly riven with anti-Catholic rioting. His father, struggling to earn a living over in England, returns to check up on his family. The Protestant, close-knit clan are pressurised into signing up to the prevailing enmities and have to make a momentous, life changing decision. This is a film where a warm heart and brilliant Irish wit together with exquisite performances from the cast, plus a Van Morrison sound track, pack a tremendous emotional punch. It's a very personal tribute from Branagh to his Belfast working class roots and a film you'll be very glad not to have missed. We'll be serving our usual refreshments before the film and during the interval – wines, real coffee, teas and, of course, a magnificent choice of cakes. Watch a trailer for this wonderful film on www.facebook.com/GarwayFlicks and join us on October 11th.



Garway Live starts again on Saturday October 1st with the return of our own musical maestro Mr, Danny Chang. Danny is bringing his band "*Searching for Hollies*" to the hall as a warmup for their nationwide tour, so once again Garway Live has secured a premier performance of this band. Obviously they will be playing all the hits of the "Searchers" and the "Hollies" plus some tracks by "Crosby, Stills and Nash" so expect some close harmony singing. Next year's programme is coming together nicely, and we can promise some very enjoyable evenings ahead.

Date for your diary: Saturday, November 19th when we are pleased to bring you "*The Will Killeen Band*". Saturday December 10th. Something special and different!

Graham Bevan

ORCOP

We are sad to report the death of Delphine Coleman, at the same age as Her Majesty. Many will recognise her name as the author of "*ORCOP: The Story of a Herefordshire Village from Pre-history to Present Times*". Published in 1992, this excellent book remains the definitive work on the history of Orcop. She authored a similar work on the village of Kingstone.

After two years of ZOOM benefice services in response to covid, live services are resuming and will be held monthly, in rotation around the parishes. The first such service will be at Orcop Church at 10.00am on Sunday 2nd October.

Please note also the Harvest Festival service, to be held at 11.00am on Sunday 9th October and the Harvest Supper on Saturday 15th, advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Margaret Fletcher Churchwarden

Many thanks to those who supported Orcop Fete on bank holiday Monday, approximately £900 was raised for Church funds. The answers to the quiz are

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Venus Fly Trap | 15. Number of rings in trunk | 28. True |
| 2. Tomato | 16. Forget me not | 29. Dig for Victory |
| 3. Pistil | 17. Dianthus or Carnation | 30. Sherwood forest |
| 4. Winter feed for Reindeer | 18. Crocus | 31. Cucumber |
| 5. Roses | 19. Lives for 2 years or more | 32. St Dorothy |
| 6. Shamrock | 20. Daffodil | 33. Grapefruit |
| 7. Rice | 21. Lily of the valley | 34. Rose/Rosaceae |
| 8. Seed | 22. April 19th | 35. Garden gnomes |
| 9. Topiary | 23. Speedwell | 36. Ikebana |
| 10. Mountain Ash | 24. Percy Thrower | 37. Yew |
| 11. Fuchsia | 25. Nebuchadnezzar | 38. Orchids |
| 12. Wheat | 26. Hogweed | 39. Loganberry |
| 13. All Poisonous | 27. Australia | 40. Yellow |

Harvest Supper

Saturday 15th October at Orcop Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets £10. Please could tickets be booked in advance, tickets available

please contact **Julia Garlick** 01981 580515

Date for the diary: November 12th 7.30pm ZOE HANNA MAY as seen on The Voice UK

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCOYD

Following on from the meeting with PCC and other church members in our Benefice with Archdeacon Chedzey, our churchwardens met on August 30th to consider producing a survey in which any parishioner may share their hopes and expectations of a new vicar for the St Weonard Benefice. They also looked at the allocation of a Benefice service in each of our churches for the first Sunday in the month until a new Vicar has been installed by the Bishop. Pencoyd has been allocated 6th November at 10.00 am.

Parishes are being encouraged to consider the viability of services in their churches through the colder months of the year when costs of heating and lighting will be so much higher, whilst congregations will tend to be smaller.

Frances celebrated Holy Communion for her last time in Tretire Church on Sunday August 21st. We were very pleased to welcome some members of the Hoarwithy Singers to that service, which swelled both our congregation numbers and the volume and enthusiasm of our hymn singing! It was good to gather afterwards with Frances and Les over a cup of coffee.

We had our final Zoom communion service with Frances on Sept 4th, which was attended by many now familiar faces. It has been a monthly event hosted by Frances since Covid first necessitated the closure of our churches, and so well attended, that it has been continued in its same format even though our churches are now open again. We are indebted to Frances for preparing such a meaningful service, always with a thought-provoking reflection; enabling us to receive Holy Communion in our own homes, yet, through the use of the internet, to do so in the virtual company of such a friendly and sizeable congregation. I believe we will not be the only people who will miss that monthly ministry. I think I speak for many when I say a heart felt "Thank you Frances"

Meg Oubridge

Tretire with Michaelchurch & Pencoyd

Harvest Service

Sunday 2nd October 2022

St Denys' Church Pencoyd

At 5.30pm

Contribution please of
Produce and preserves

Followed by

Supper and Produce Auction

At Much Birch Community Hall

At 6.30pm

Home made casserole and delicious pudding

Soft drinks available

Bring your own wine and beer

All welcome at either church service, supper, or both

Tickets £17.50 Adults – Children, under 12 – Free

To help with catering please reserve your place for supper by contacting
Kathy Handby 01989 730842 email kathy.handby@btinternet.com

Tretire with Michaelchurch & Pencoyd PCC

FUN QUIZ AND RAFFLE

Wednesday 19th October 2022 at

Red Lion Pub, Peterstow HR9 6LH

Drinks at 6pm – Cash Bar

Delicious Supper £17.50 (must be pre-ordered)

Served at 7pm.

Fun Quiz at 7.30pm (Teams of 4)

All very welcome, come as a team or join a team

On the night

Ticket £10

To book your place and choose your supper please contact:

Kathy Handby – Tel 01989 730842

Email: kathy.handby@btinternet.com

HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

Hentland Harvest Celebration

The Hentland Harvest Service will be at 11.00am on Sunday 30th October, followed by lunch at The Court, Hentland, thanks to James and Jil Jay. The price for lunch is £15.00 a head for a tasty two-courses; bring your own drink. To come, please telephone Jil on 01989 730310 or Hilary 01432 840642. Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay! **Robin Symonds**

Wildlife in our Garden

August does seem to be a rather quiet time in the garden. It's as though much of the wildlife has gone on a summer holiday! As August merges into September and we begin to feel, rather than see, the beginnings of autumn, there is a sort of lull about the place. We have noticed a few squirrels returning to the garden, however, and they are ferreting about amongst the early fallen leaves under the trees. I have also noticed some greenish hazel nuts lying about, so I suspect the squirrels may be starting to bury them. I have not actually seen them do that; I must watch more carefully.

We still put out seeds on the low wall outside our French windows every morning, just to see what birds are still about. But we do not put any out in feeders as we consider that there is plenty of food available for birds in the surrounding countryside. Robins, chaffinches, great tits, blue tits and dunnocks come to the wall, few in numbers in early August but now increasing. The tits have adapted remarkably well to ground feeding while they don't have a feeder to perch on. It is very striking how the blue tits quickly take a seed and fly off again, while the great tits and other species stay pecking on the wall for up to a minute. A vole also appeared for some seeds for a few days in mid-August but has now disappeared again.



On 4th September we had a brief visit from a tiny warbler shaped bird. It had no obvious distinguishing colours, and we could not identify it. It was flitting around some flowerpots and on a Rosemary bush for a few minutes and also pecking at the glass in the French windows, presumably to feed on the spiders that live there. I was interested to see that we had one of the same species, maybe even the same bird, on 9th August last year.

Outside the garden, on 5th September there were still swallows and house martins hunting over the field opposite Tretire Farm. When on a walk past Kilbreece a few days ago, we were delighted to see a red kite soaring above us. Then, the next day we saw one, perhaps the same, above the B road from the A466 to Broad Oak. Red kites seem to be very slowly expanding their range eastwards from the Garway area.



John Oubridge 10th September 2022

Book Review

Field Work by Bella Bathurst, *What Land does to People and what People do to Land*

Bella Bathurst has written a splendid book, which, although categorized as social history, has none of the dry list of facts and dates that often characterize the genre. All the meticulous research and facts are there, but it is also a fluently written and absorbing read from someone who gets inside the heads and hearts of her subjects:

“This place, this land, it wasn’t a job or a business; it was everything – past and future, identity and rhythm, daily bread and Sunday rest.”

Her opening chapter covers the fraught issue of succession in farming families; a problem that is amply demonstrated on a tour of duty with a knackerman: *“A lot of their customers are the old boys, the breadline farmers whose sons have looked up from their lives and realized there are jobs in this world that have days off.”*

Her chapter on central government involvement in farming (pithily entitled “Remote Control”) is a gem, and any farmer or smallholder reading this will sit either nodding their head or placing said organ in their hands in despair. She talks directly with civil servants involved with the oft-renamed DEFRA, who are very candid about the mess that is their brief. We see here a department with such a wide remit that the right hand knows not what the left is doing. Each civil servant has their own niche which they pursue relentlessly, regardless of what is going on at the next desk or the contradictions this might create when their missives arrive in a farmer’s inbox. The fact that their lead minister’s post is a bit of a naughty step for those who have not toed the party line does not help. And that they each have their own agendas – it is pretty demoralizing for a civil servant who has spent a lifetime on climate change to be confronted with a Secretary of State (Paterson in 2014) who *“does not believe”* in climate change.

Nor does it help that the city dwellers at the helm have so little understanding of rural life: *“A few years ago DEFRA announced that all its forms were henceforth to be filed online, a directive that makes perfect sense in central London ..., but which works less well in the lands that time and BT forgot, including the distant hill farms which the payment schemes are most intended to support.”*

Bathurst manages to find lyricism in the most artificial of environments: of a cider apple field, pruned and trained and regimented in rows for ease of harvesting by tractor – *“Each one has been planted so exactly that as the liquid afternoon light falls through them it is like standing in a fractal, a multiplying field of lines running in perfect geometrics over the land.”*

And everywhere is the uncertainty of farming: the massive financial losses incurred from the vagaries of weather and the demands of large supermarkets and fast-food outlets. So much has changed the face of a

farmer's life: the annual influx of East European pickers/packer/graders (jobs at which locals turn up their noses), the need to diversify, which in its turn changes the face of the land – from fields to massive polytunnels in serried ranks, from vegetable plots to piles of kiln-dried logs, from grazing land to holiday yurts, from fields of wildflowers to festival debris. And the isolation of farming life makes finding a mate for your stock easier than finding one for oneself. It seems the Young Farmers Clubs have been superseded by niche online dating sites.

Throughout, Bathurst passes no judgement, but simply chronicles the changes in farming through the eyes of the farmers she meets, translating the new features we see in the land around us into human terms with compassion and sensitivity. If you have ever wondered where the rural idyll fantasy went, and why we have fields of polytunnels or chickens farmed indoors on a mass scale your answers are here. These farmers, who care about their land and their stock, are held to ransom by the men in city suits who buy for the big supermarkets and food outlets, who can set the contractual conditions to their advantage, and who demand only the most visually perfect of produce, regardless of disease or weather.

As we here in this beloved corner of Herefordshire look out on the distant Welsh hills and the rolling pastures around us, those of us not directly involved in agriculture are given the opportunity to contemplate those who struggle to keep this unique heritage alive, make a living from this land and provide us with our food. Bathurst's book opens the lid for us and allows us to see what is beneath the façade. A book to treasure, both for what it has to say and the beautiful prose in which it is written.

Hilary Smallwood

*Note: You might be interested to know that Bella Bathurst, winner of the Somerset Maugham prize for her book *The Lighthouse Stephensons*, wrote *FIELD WORK* while living on Garway Hill. She still lives locally.*

Garden Notes

Every September I assess the annual plants I have grown in the summer and decide whether to grow them again next year.

This summer, despite the lack of water, my *Amaranthus caudatus* have been so lovely as I explained last



month.

I was pleasantly surprised by an annual grass which I had been hesitant to try but the seeds were a free gift so I tried them anyway. These were *Setaria viridis* 'Caramel' or foxtail millet, which grows two to three feet tall and has graceful foxtail panicles with a reddish hue. I planted some in an old basket with two small fuchsias and they were much admired. They are still looking lovely now but I have a feeling that they may well self-seed prolifically and I might just regret planting them.



Back in July I wrote about the plants that have self-seeded around the garden and I was wondering what would pop up in the gravel in the new seating area behind the house. Well, I am thrilled to report that the only plants that emerged were Black-eyed Susan (*Thunbergia alata*) and they very obligingly appeared where I was able to place small obelisks for them to climb. The seedheads on the previous summer's plants had exploded dramatically and fired seeds everywhere. Having struggled to germinate the seeds myself in seed trays, I was surprised by how easily they germinated in the gravel. I am hoping the same thing will happen next year; it's far simpler!

Julie Davies

(Editor's comment: many thanks to Julie who sent this while on her holiday!)

A peek in the bookshop



The winner of the Booker Prize 2022 will be announced in October. Which one of the shortlist do you think will take the crown? The list features the oldest author ever to be shortlisted, **Alan Garner**, who will be celebrating his 88th birthday on the night of the ceremony, and **Claire Keegan's *Small Things Like These*** which is the shortest book to make the shortlist. Five different nationalities are represented.

You may also like to hear about a few events coming up at The Blake Theatre, Monmouth in November to coincide with new releases: **Natalie Haynes** will be talking about her new book on Medusa called ***Stone Blind*** on Thursday 17th and the wonderful **Adam Kay**, author of *This Is Going to Hurt*, is on Friday 18th, talking about his new book ***Undoctored***. What a busy week!

And what's new for children? Well dear old **Winne the Witch** celebrates her 35th anniversary in October and to commemorate the occasion and tie in nicely with Halloween, a new special edition of ***Winnie and Wilbur*** will be

published with beautiful illustrations and a copper foil cover. For older children, another celebrity Richard, this time **Ayoade**, has written a book called ***The Book that No One Wanted to Read*** (not to be confused with the picture book *The Book that Did Not Want to be Read*, my favourite picture book ever). *The Book that No One Wanted to Read* looks very funny with some brilliant illustrations. The prequel to the very successful *The Both Die at the End* by **Adam Silvera** is published at the beginning of October, called ***The First to Die at the End***. Suitable for 14+ readers.

A reminder too about Rossiter book club held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the shop. The Ross shop will be reading ***The Lincoln Highway*** by **Amor Towles** and the Monmouth shop ***Grey Bees*** by Ukrainian writer **Andrey Kurkov** in October. Contact the shops for more information.

Hope to see you in store soon! **Julie Hudson**

TRAINSPOTTING

Many of our younger readers will associate the title of this article with a film made in 1996. It was a highly successful black comedy directed by Danny Boyle. The title was based on the 1980's slang interpretation of the term: "being obsessed with any one trivial topic".

This is a great pity, because it reflects negatively on a healthy and fascinating hobby which has brought pleasure to many generations.

I was born and brought up close to Derby, a major railway centre, where many were employed in the "Carriage and Wagon Works".

This was very much the age of steam, when a locomotive was not just a device for hauling carriages or trucks, but a living thing. Anyone who has witnessed the passage of a steam hauled express at around 100 miles per hour (no metric here!) will understand what I mean.

I started trainspotting at about the age of 8, I think. I vividly recollect seeing my first London Midland and Scottish (LMS) "Namer" at Derby station, pulling "The Devonian", en route, if I recollect correctly to Penzance. It was a Jubilee class locomotive called "Punjab", splendid in its green livery and pawing the ground to be off to Penzance. After a while, I became a dedicated trainspotter, travelling to Crewe, where they had a heavily fortified enclosure for spotters alongside a straight piece of track where the trains passed at top speed.

I also had a Hornby OO-gauge model railway, the splendid locomotive being "Duchess of Athol". I was pleased to pass my interest in railways on to our two sons, notwithstanding the lamented passing of the age of steam, both of whom have now passed it down to our grandsons.



Ted, aged 10, does his trainspotting far from home and is pictured here on the footplate of an abandoned Beyer-Garratt heavy freight locomotive at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. (Sadly, there is no family connection except for the name).

Our 8-year-old grandson, Walter, has also embraced trainspotting and model railways with enthusiasm. He lives close to the South Devon Railway, which has, at Buckfastleigh, a splendid collection of engines, rolling stock and memorabilia. They even have a few diesels, but in the words of that wonderful song from *Starlight Express*, **"There ain't nothin' like a steam train"**.

We were down in Devon last week, when, in a rather moving ceremony, I handed over to Walter my 1953 “Observers Book of British Railway Locomotives”, which listed by class the number of every locomotive then in service. In this, I had neatly underlined in red all those that I had spotted. Walter is now underlining in blue the survivors that he spots in Devon. We also handed over to Walter his father’s model railway layout (complete with buildings, mountains, trees livestock etc.) and the locomotive “Illustrious” (see below).



It is pleasing to see one’s interest passed down through the generations and, for me, to see Ted and Walter as third-generation trainspotters, pursuing an interest in a topic that is far from “trivial”!

Peter Garratt

Measurement Puzzles

No doubt you spotted the deliberate mistake last month. The temperature in the USA should have read F95 and C35 and not the other way round! Apologies! It also proves that I should not ‘translate’ measurements but use the proper modern version.

Fiona Mynors



RIVER WYE ALERT

You may have been travelling through the Golden Valley one day and spotted someone struggling with a bucket on a long length of string trying to retrieve a sample of water from the river Dore or a stream running into it. If you wondered what they were trying to achieve it was a volunteer from The River Dore Citizen Science Project testing the water for pollutants which they have been doing for over a year. The group works with the Wye Salmon Association and tests weekly at some 18 locations through the Dore catchment. This includes the Worm Brook which joins the Dore in Ewyas Harold. The information is collated centrally and shared with the Environment Agency and Welsh Water to augment their own information on sources of pollution in water courses.

We test for phosphates and record the water temperature, levels of suspended solids, ph, the prevailing weather and if rainfall has fallen in the last 24 hours and the visual nature of the water at the time.

You may well wonder why volunteers do this. Everyone is aware that the River Wye is dying but the reason for this starts in the tiniest stream running off every hill way above the Wye. The whole of the catchment contributes to the death of the Wye. It has become the main sewer.

For years the institutions from parish councils through to Herefordshire County Council and on up to Downing Street have been aware of the problem, have continued to contribute to it by passing legislation and weakening controls, or granting endless planning permissions without considering cumulative impact. They have talked about the problem for years but have taken no real action to resolve it.

So finally, caring and committed citizens have said enough is enough and formed small groups to do something about it. These groups are now trying to speak with a combined voice and are finally being heard. The media have taken up the issue thanks to committed journalists like George Monbiot and even a few of our elected politicians are showing an interest.

So, what are we trying to achieve? Simply to gain information that is reliable and consistent over a period of time that can help to pinpoint the true causes of the pollution and then try to initiate action to resolve them. From our and other results so far, it appears that intensification and industrialisation of agriculture, inefficient and overloaded sewerage plants, and in local pockets, household septic tanks which are not maintained properly all contribute.

Why have we written this article? To communicate to as many people as possible, to raise awareness, and to ask for your help in genuinely looking for solutions to what is a major issue. The whole community of the Golden Valley needs to be involved in its future wellbeing, so it is in all our interests to move forward positively. We cannot change things overnight, but even if a few positive actions come out of our resolve, then we are moving in the right direction.

What can you do? Perhaps you feel you could volunteer to go out every week, come rain, snow or sunshine and get frozen fingers water testing.

Or, if you have not had your septic tank emptied or checked since your mother was a girl, you could have it done!

If you can work your magic with web pages perhaps you could volunteer to run a web page for our group or help with collating data.

You may sit on a parish council – raise the issue with its members and ask what you can do.

Or you may think it is worthwhile enough to donate funds to help us buy the equipment we currently buy ourselves or pay for further research.

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GARWAY HERITAGE GROUP

Tuesday 18th October

Tanya Heath will explain and illustrate some hidden meanings behind Medieval wall paintings that were often obscured by later attempts to modernise or obscure them.

7.30 pm Garway Community Hall. Everyone is welcome including visitors at £5 including refreshments

Find out more at www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk or email us at

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Chuckle Corner

Chuckle-worthy notices seen on holiday by various people!

Outside a restaurant: Skinny people are easy to kidnap. Stay safe and eat lots here!

On a path in the Alps: Danger of rock slide! Please pass through quickly....

Please drop your pants here...24 hour laundrette service.

On the door of a post office in Scotland: Please help your postman, keep your knockers clean.

Can you crack these anagrams? Answers next edition. (Want a clue? Food or drink)

1. Scrub Host Son
2. Sugared ambulances
3. No handy car
4. Pinch his fads
5. Fleeces so bare
6. A legal title
7. Seems not
8. Mean trowel
9. Let a four backstage
10. Coca Cup Nip

Hereford Cathedral Events

Waste Not, Want Not: Monday 12 September to Saturday 31 December | Mondays to Saturdays, 10am – 5pm

The exhibition this autumn in the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library will showcase items from the collections that have reused or repurposed older materials and given them a new lease of life. From old books and archives to the careful use of parchment, to reframing stained glass fragments and the reuse of silver and gems – there are many ways that the cathedral of the past ‘wasted not’. **Normal admission charges apply**

Phil Whiting: ‘Places of Mourning in the Western World’ Thursday 20 October – Wed 16 November

Hereford Cathedral hosts the powerful work of Phil Whiting, a landscape painter. The artworks are informed by issues around conflict, memory and human rights. In April 1995 at the height of the Bosnian war, in an attempt to understand why genocidal behaviour was once again happening in the heart of Europe, Phil embarked upon a project which became known as 'Places of Mourning in the Western World'. The project had two overriding objectives: to answer the question why in Bosnia at the heart of Europe genocide is taking place when we were promised “Never Again”, and to make artwork inspired by the belief that painting can best awaken and speak truth directly to a wider audience than can the spoken word.

The exhibition explores the concept that history itself is but the narrative of human behaviour. It is about what we do to one another and to our world, about what we want to believe and about what we avoid believing even if the truth that can save us in the end is the casualty.

The exhibition will be in the North Transept from Thursday 20 October – Wednesday 16 November. No admission charges, available during cathedral opening hours.

You are welcome to attend a Private Viewing of the exhibition on Wednesday 19 October, in the North Transept at 6.30pm, following Evening Prayer. Please join us for refreshments and talks from Dean Sarah Brown and Phil Whiting.

Toddler Group: Mondays in term time, 9.30am Calling all toddlers and their grownups! Join us each Monday morning in term time to play and pray in Hereford Cathedral. Listen to a Bible story, take part in a craft activity and have fun in our weekly drop-in. Come along to meet other families, make new friends and discover the cathedral. Suitable for toddlers between the ages of 1-3 years.

Toddler Group is free to attend but donations are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Please visit www.herefordcathedral.org/news/toddler-group for more information.

Hereford Applefest Saturday 1 October – Saturday 15 October

Hereford Cathedral will be taking part in the city's first festival celebrating all things apples! Local businesses, councils, cider producers and community groups are banding together to provide an array of entertainment. Activities across the city include: live music, children's activities, giveaways, themed trails, guest speakers, visits with local artisan cider and apple juice producers, virtual reality experiences, plus feasts and tastings. At Hereford Cathedral we will be offering a new self-led family apple trail around our building, as well as selling tasty treats and cider from the café. **For more information on Hereford Applefest, visit: www.herefordcitycouncil.gov.uk/hereford-applefest/**

**Annual St Thomas Cantilupe Lecture - Blood and Bones: Thomas Becket and the British Museum
Tuesday 4 October, Tea in the retrochoir 3.30pm, Lecture in South Transept 4pm – 5pm**

On 29 December 1170 Thomas Becket was brutally murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four knights from King Henry II's entourage. It was a shocking act few could have predicted, that left medieval Europe reeling. Just over 850 years later the British Museum staged a blockbuster exhibition of his life, death, and legacy. This lecture will explore Becket's remarkable story from his birth in London around 1120, through the twists and turns of his life story, to his legacy as one of Europe's most popular saints and reflect on its resonance and relevance for modern audiences.

This talk will be given by Lloyd de Beer, a curator at the British Museum. Join Lloyd in the South Transept on Tuesday 4 October, 4pm, for this talk.

This a Life & Learning talk, tickets are free and can be booked via the website, or by contacting library@herefordcathedral.org or call 01432 374 225/6 www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/annual-st-thomas-cantilupe-lecture

The Poems and Songs of Henry Hall of Hereford: a Jacobite Poet of the 1690s

Wednesday 12 October, 7pm in College Hall: Henry Hall (c. 1656-1707), Organist of Hereford Cathedral and composer of church music, was also a compulsive writer of lively and irreverent verse, a notably convivial local personality, and a fiercely Jacobite opponent of William III and Mary II. This presentation will profile Hall through his prolific poetic output, which was wide-ranging in form and subject: from political songs and satires to lampoons, love poems, drinking songs, and riddles!

Dr Oliver Pickering, formerly Deputy Head of Special Collections in Leeds University Library, is Honorary Fellow in the School of English at Leeds and a Fellow of the English Association. Join Oliver in College Hall on Wednesday 12 October, 7pm, for this talk. **This a Life & Learning talk, tickets cost £10 and can be booked via the website, or by contacting library@herefordcathedral.org or call 01432 374 225/6 www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/the-poems-and-songs-of-henry-hall**

SSAFA & Samaritans Concert: *Can you hear me?* Friday 14 October | 7.30pm

On Friday 14 October Hereford Cathedral welcomes back the popular fundraising concert hosted by SSAFA Herefordshire and Herefordshire Samaritans. This year's concert will explore mental health & wellbeing and is called Can You Hear Me?

Can You Hear Me, is one of local choir Cantabile's signature songs, which refers to the silent call for help by those struggling with mental health issues.

The performances will include two choirs from Hereford Cathedral School - Cantabile (award winning girls choir) & Colla Voce (Yr 7/8 choir). Performers also include the Marches Military Wives Choir, The Fire Choir, Tarrington Brass and the Orchestra of the Swan – The Swan Trio, who provide musical support for those living with dementia. The concert will feature an opening speech from Kate Bliss.

The evening will culminate in a grand finale of similar style to the 'last night of the proms' - hand held union flags will be provided and the usual Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory will be enjoyed by all! Bring along your singing voices and join us for a musical evening for all the family!

Tickets start at £5 and can be purchased on the cathedral website or in the cathedral shop. The cathedral shop is open from 10am - 5pm Monday - Saturday and available via phone 01432 374 210.

www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/ssafa-samaritans-concert-2022

Escape Room

Saturday 15 October 28th, 29th bookable sessions between 12pm - 4pm.

It is 1890... You have been accused of embezzling money from the Vicars Choral funds and have been shut in the Old Chapel until the police arrive. You have one hour, can you prove that you are innocent?

Come along and crack the code of our Escape Room!

Sessions cost £45 and are suitable for groups of up to six people. More details can be found here:

www.herefordcathedral.org/news/hereford-cathedrals-escape-room

Baby Loss Awareness Week: Candlelit Vigil Saturday 15 October, Lady Arbour Garden, 7pm

Taking place between 9-15 October every year, Baby Loss Awareness Week raises awareness about pregnancy and baby loss. Led by multiple charities, including Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity) and Hereford Sands, this week unites bereaved families and parents to commemorate the lives of babies who died during pregnancy, during birth and in infancy. Hereford Cathedral in partnership with Sands and Wye Valley Trust, will be lighting the cathedral in pink and blue light. We welcome all bereaved parents, families and friends to visit and tie a ribbon onto the west door to commemorate a life lost too soon. On Saturday 15 October we welcome all families and friends to gather in the Lady Arbour Garden at 6.45pm where a candlelit act of remembrance will take place. We will light candles at 7pm to join in with the global wave of light. www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/babyloss-awareness-week-2022

Lego Club Wednesday 19 October, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Test your skills at creating crazy constructions and super structures with Lego in the inspiring surroundings of Hereford Cathedral. Enjoy this freestyle Lego session in the South Transept with thousands of bricks and hundreds of mini figures, learn building techniques and make new friends.

This after-school session lasts 1 hour and is free to attend, spaces are limited so book your free ticket via our website to ensure your space.

Cathedral Lego Club is appropriate for anyone aged between 8 and 14. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay, but accompaniment is not required during the session. Please make your own arrangements for collecting your child. www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/lego-club-oct2022

The Dean of Hereford's Piano Recital, performed by Janusz Piotrowicz de Jagiellon

Fundraiser for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal, Thursday 20 October 2022, 7.30 pm

The Very Revd Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford, invites you to attend a special piano recital in College Hall, performed by renowned pianist, Janusz Piotrowicz de Jagiellon.

Janusz will perform a moving programme featuring the music of Scarlatti, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninov. This intimate recital will be an exclusive opportunity to experience a celebrated musician in the beautiful surroundings of College Hall, fundraising for a powerful cause. Net proceeds from this event and donations given on the night will go to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, please give generously. If you would like to donate in advance to our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hereford-cathedralukrainecrisisappeal

Tickets cost £25 and can be purchased via the cathedral website or contact events@herefordcathedral.org, or call 01432 374 251. www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/deans-piano-recital

Autumn Messy Church Tuesday 25 October, 11.30am - 3pm

Join the Hereford Cathedral team this October half-term for a day of crafting activities suitable for the whole family. Make a selection of seasonal crafts to take home!

Messy Church is church for families and all. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. We will have craft activities, food and fun - all centred around the teaching of the Bible. All welcome!

Autumn Messy Church will take place on Tuesday 25 October in the South Transept located inside the cathedral building, drop-in any time between 11.30am and 3pm. This event is free with no pre-booking required. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/autumn-messy-church2022

Dates for the diary: October

Sat 01	Garway Live
Wed 05	Stitching Garway
Sun 09	Harvest Service Orcop
Tue 11	Flicks in the Sticks
Fri 14	St Weonards Harvest Service and supper
Sat 15	Harvest supper Orcop
Sun 16	Harvest Service Hoarwithy
Wed 19	Stitching Garway
Wed 19	Quiz Night Red Lion
Sun 30	Hentland Harvest service and supper

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Sat 05	Magazine copy closing date
Sat 12	Come and sing Handel's Messiah Part 1 at St Weonards
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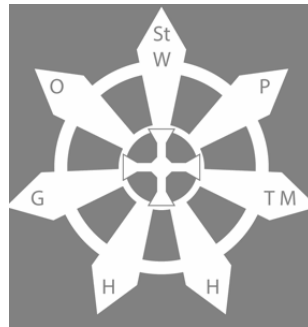


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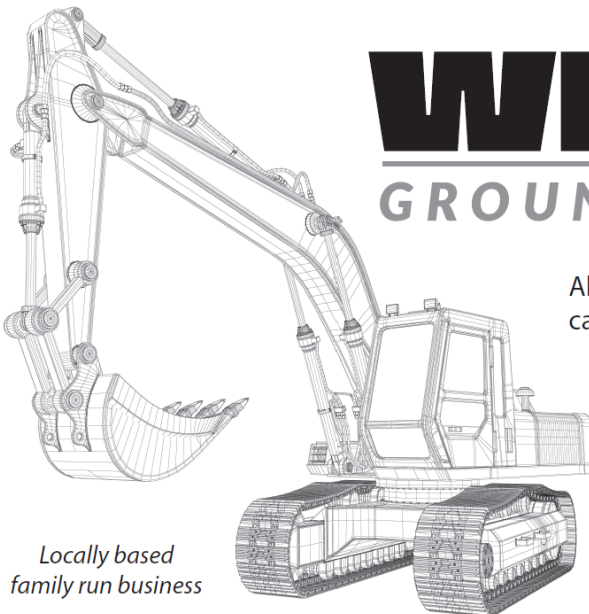
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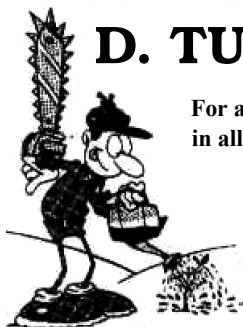
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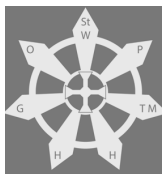
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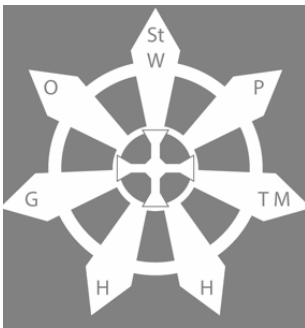


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