

PARISH NEWS

OF

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HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

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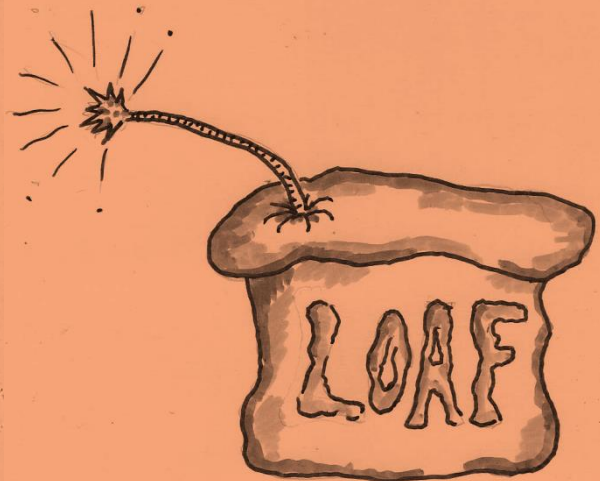


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THE 18TH
OF NOVEMBER....



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For village information, photos and news
visit the St Weonard's benefice web site at

www.stw.org.uk

PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHENFIELD GROUP

Please contact your churchwarden for information on services, baptisms or weddings.

Sunday 5th November 10.00am Benefice Communion

Hoarwithy Church

Benefice Choir

We are glad to welcome Rev Nicholas Lowton

This is the only service in our parishes on that day. Come and join us!



Each year, the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Festival focuses on a different aspect of honouring those who have served the Crown and country in the armed forces. This year the theme is *Service*, not just of those deployed on active service, but the unseen service of those who love them. We're encouraged to remember the impact that their absence, and their homecoming can have, not just on the service personnel, but on their loved ones.

These are the hidden costs of serving in the armed forces. Those at home, whether they be parents, partners, spouses or children, carry a load of anxiety for their loved one. There's the weight of managing without them, and then of re-shaping lives and routines around them when they return. If they return, of course. If not, there's the burden of grief which will be carried life-long.

If they do return, they're forever changed by what they've experienced in combat or on peacekeeping duties. They may carry physical and mental scars, and not know how to express them except among their comrades, who don't need words because they just get it, because they've seen and heard and smelled the same things. That can have an impact on loved ones too.

I often tell the story in Remembrance services of a man I knew in my home church who had been a prisoner of war in Burma during World War II. He'd seen and experienced unimaginable things but would never talk to his wife about them. He didn't want to. He didn't want those images to be spoken of in his home back in England. They weren't to invade that precious space, that haven. But that didn't mean he'd forgotten, or that those memories didn't trouble him. He and his wife learned to live with them, and with the fact that some things just remained unspoken.

Perhaps in this year's season of Remembrance, as well as remembering and giving thanks for the sacrifice of those who fought and died in the service of our nation and of peace, we can also remember to pray for those still serving now. For those who love them and support them, and for healing of the seen and unseen scars of war.

*God of healing and of peace, in whose service is perfect freedom,
we hold before you those who serve our nation in His Majesty's Armed Forces, and those who love them.
We pray that during times of separation you would protect their relationships.
We pray that during times of reunion you would ease the transitions and be present in homecomings.
We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits broken by experiences of combat, and for healing of grief for those who will never return.
Hold and guard all who serve on behalf of others, and their loved ones, we pray.
Amen.*

Archdeacon Fiona Gibson

SERVICE ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5 th November	10.00am	Hoarwithy, Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th November	10.00am 11.00am 16.00pm	St Weonards, All Age Agape Kings Cople Remembrance with H & H Orcop, Remembrance at War Memorial
Sunday 19 th November	18.30pm	Tretire Evening Service
Sunday 26 th	9.15am 10.00am	Hentland, Holy Communion St Weonards, All Age Service
Sunday 3rd December	10.00am	Garway, Benefice Advent Communion

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

Garway Hill Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday 12th November 3pm - Wilf Prosser

Sunday 26th November 3pm - Rev Paul Arnold (Holy Communion)

Praying for our communities and the wider world

Come along to pray for each other, our communities, and the wider world on the first Tuesday evening each month, at Treago, St. Weonards HR2 8QB 8-9pm. Just turn up - everyone is welcome. Any questions, get in touch with Alex on 07890160632.

Tuesday November 2nd

Tuesday December 5th

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION



7th November Chris Strange 07970 614933

Magazine News

Please send WORD documents as our software cannot copy PDFs.

Please keep fonts and presentation as simple as possible!

Flyers in wonderful colour really do not work!

Sometimes we receive large notices for events in large font well in advance of the date.

For explanation: our policy is to try to restrict notices for events to no more than half a page. This makes it fair for all and meets the needs of the printing and collation of the magazine. We also try to avoid too much repetition, so that your advance notice will be smaller than that in the relevant month. We also try to include the name of the contributor. It's brilliant that we have so much copy, but we have to be practical! It is also so helpful that advertisers are keen to use the magazine which helps to cover costs and provide small grants for local charities.

Fiona Mynors, editor.

ST WEONARDS

Our harvest service, generously led by Bishop David was well attended and we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the village hall. This has been re-decorated after the work to update the electrics, and we are grateful to Gwyneth Williams and her team of volunteers who worked hard to get it ready in time for the lunch. Our harvest gifts were non-perishable goods for the Hereford Food Bank. They are always most grateful to receive what we take.

Many thanks to the flower team who decorated the church and made it look so wonderful.

Ryan Morris and Lily Sprakman were baptised in October.

The benefice service on Sunday 5th November at Hoarwithy Church will be taken by Rev Nicholas Lowton. The benefice choir will be singing, so do join us.

On Sunday 12th we look forward to welcoming the Diocesan Mission Enabler, the Rev. Mark Melluish to lead us in a service which is described as The Agape feast (also called Love feast) which was a loosely structured early Christian service that typically included a fellowship meal. This Fellowship Meal goes back to the early days of the church (believed to date between 50 and 120 A.D. and recorded in the early church writing 'The Didache')

Richard Mynors, churchwarden.

The Order of St Ethelbert

We were delighted to hear that Richard has been invited to become a member of the *Order of St Ethelbert*. The order was established in 2015 to honour people across the diocese who have given generous Christian service for many years. This was celebrated on Sunday 22nd October during evensong at Hereford Cathedral when he received a certificate and badge. Congratulations!

Anna Williams, churchwarden

Fay's Bingo Friday November 24th

St Weonards Village Hall

Hampers, good prizes, raffle and refreshments.

Start 7.30, eyes down 8.00.

For more information contact Gwyneth Williams

Proceeds towards the upkeep of St Weonards Churchyard.

Public footpath OS Ref 489242 HR2 8QB Starting at Treago Farm going north-west to Priorswood

The field has been ploughed but the Paul and Ron Evans are happy for people to walk along the field as necessary and hopefully the path will harden as it is used. Good walking!

Fiona Mynors

GARWAY

Garway Stitchers



Join us for a friendly morning, once a fortnight, to stitch together. Garway Stitchers meets every other Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.30. Our dates this month are 1st, 15th and 29th November. You are also welcome to drop in for a chat and a cuppa, or maybe even a bit of stitching. As always you are welcome to bring a project of your own, it doesn't have to be embroidery, bring along your knitting/wool crafts or any needlework that can be done by hand!

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

Garway School and pre-school

The school year has got off to an excellent start and has welcomed new children to Pre-School and Reception. Reinforcing the partnership between home and school, parents have been in school for some learning of their own! – about computers in school and e-safety, about dyscalculia and maths learning challenges, and about phonics and early reading.

All pupils were involved in the well-attended Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September – either those in year 6 serving and hosting or those lower down the school who demonstrated their cake-eating expertise! – and a splendid £285.50 was raised. Taking advantage of the beautiful school surroundings, the Early Years children have been on an autumn walk, and all classes are to be seen learning outside in the fresh air, come rain or shine.

Look out for the PSA Bonfire and Fireworks at Treago Farm on Sunday 5th November. **Hilary Smallwood**



**Garway Spice Girls invite you to the
NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNING**

At 10.15 on Tuesday November 7th

In the community hall

**All the usual goodies: home-made cakes, tea and coffee,
free library, and Post Office.**

And

******An Autumn Extravaganza Flower Workshop******

- see separate announcement.

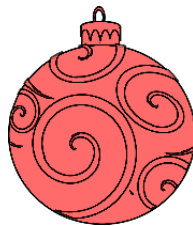
Garway Village Hall

The trustees held a very successful Family Party in September, and the hall was full of many happy children, enjoying the bouncy castle and the hot dogs.

On 19th November the hall will be filled with craft and food stalls and other delights for the upcoming season in our Christmas Market with good grub and festive music. It's a chance to begin the Christmas shopping and enjoy the company of friends and family.

Look out for the upcoming launch of the new Garway Hall website and the chance to sign up to our newsletter. *Hilary Smallwood*

Garway Village Hall Trustees invite you to a



Christmas Market

Sunday 19th November in Garway Village Hall

11am – 3pm

Fat Ricky will be back with lots of festive food

Seasonal drinks from the bar Live Christmas music

Get your Christmas presents and stocking fillers!

Book a table (£10) to sell your cakes, crafts, art, decorations

Contact: [hires@garwayhall.org](mailto: hires@garwayhall.org) [subject line Christmas Fair]

STORYTELLING

Garway Village Hall Saturday 11th November 2 – 4.00pm

Austin Keenan has restarted his monthly Storytelling Sessions. They will happen on the second Saturday of the month. These sessions will be for adults and attention will be given to those who express an interest in learning to tell stories themselves. We're all latent storytellers!

Naturally, children will be welcome on the understanding that they will be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their wellbeing--- if they get bored, please take them out!

Refreshments will be available. *Austin*

GARWAY HERITAGE GROUP
Tuesday 21st November 2023

Elizabeth Pimblett said in a recent interview -

'Modern cider is a fascinating, wonderful and tremendously exciting place. Conversations are being had; genius is being bottled. There's a tangible energy to the aspirational category, one that seems to cling to anyone lucky enough to encounter it.'

She'll be shedding more light this and on her position as Director of Hereford's Cider Museum Talks every third Tuesday of the month from September through April.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall at HR2 8RQ

[///famed.grows.tolerable](http://famed.grows.tolerable)

Light refreshments are served. Membership costs £12 per annum which entitles you to free entry to meetings and other member events. Alternatively, come as a visitor for £6 per meeting.



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH
7.30pm GARWAY HALL £5.00
LUZZU

LUZZU is world cinema at its authentic best. Set on the island of Malta and using real life fishermen in its cast, this feature tells the story of Jesmark, a man who, like his father and grand-father before him, earns a meagre living by fishing from his 12foot multi-coloured traditional boat, a Maltese luzzu. But this way of life is being threatened by industrial sized fishing operators and by black market operators and out and out criminal practices. Many men are accepting an EU offer to buy their traditional boats and are joining larger fishing fleets. Personal problems are pushing Jesmark towards a difficult decision – his child needs specialist medical treatment, his wife is threatening to leave.

What we gradually witness is the erosion of Jesmark's principles and his loyalty to a family heritage as he struggles to keep his head above water. The film speaks with tellingly observed detail and wonderfully subtle performances from its largely non-professional actors. You can almost smell the Mediterranean salt. Made by writer/director Alex Camilleri, a Maltese American, LUZZU is a million miles from Hollywood glitz and is all the better for it. Join us for a wonderful evening of community cinema fuelled by wine, teas, coffees and the most delicious cakes. More information on www.facebook.com/GarwayFlicks.

GARWAY LIVE
Friday 10th November

After a very successful evening with "Sax Appeal" on a Friday night, we're going to try another Friday and bring back a band. So on Friday, November 10th we have "The Soul Strutters" from Bristol coming. This band is one of the most sought-after bands for both private and public events all over the South West and we are really fortunate to be able to get them.

Formed over 10 years ago, they have developed into a very musically tight unit playing a mixture of Soul, Funk, R&B, Groove, and Disco. They are sure to give us a night to remember. As well as the band we have the usual Bar serving alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks plus some delicious home-cooked food with a veggie option. Admission will be £12 per adult and £6 for those under 18's, you can pay on the door or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/atgarway

You can join our group on Facebook by searching "garwaylive!" or e-mail garwaylive@gmail.com to join our mailing list. **Graham Bevan**

Autumn Extravaganza Flower Workshop at the Garway Coffee morning on November 7th

Pat Waters will be joining us once more for this fun workshop

Celebrate the autumnal colours of foliage and flowers as we move slowly towards the winter months.

Have a look in your garden and the surrounding countryside to source some foliage and coloured twigs, berries, seedheads and nuts. Buy some brightly coloured flowers in oranges, reds and yellows.

The flower arrangement can be made in a rustic jug, a pottery bowl, a basket or placed on a wooden board or platter. Copper items look very attractive at this time of year.

Items to bring to the workshop;-Scissors. One or two containers. A piece of floral foam (or chicken wire if you have it) Your chosen flowers. A selection of foliage, dried grasses, berries or fruits, or seedheads etc of your choice

If you wish to add some SPARKLE to your arrangement for the dark nights, bring a string of battery lights!

Pat will bring some extra foliage /flowers and prepared floral foam and plastic dishes will be £2.50.

Hilary Smallwood

Garway Village Common Trees – Garway Parish Council

Garway Parish Council has had a survey of the trees on the common done by a professional arboricultural consultant. This is due to safety concerns about the state of the trees lining the road into the village. As a result, the council has instructed a qualified tree surgeon to carry out a programme of work.

A number of trees require attention: mostly as a result of Chalara, Ash Dieback. This is a fungal disease that is affecting millions of Ash trees across the UK. The worst affected trees are becoming brittle and potentially dangerous, and it is hoped their removal will also reduce spread to other healthy trees. Some other trees will be trimmed where they are encroaching on properties, and a split oak by the croquet pitch requires attention now before it starts to fail. The children's play area will also benefit from having encroaching trees trimmed back.

The work will have the effect of increasing the light to a couple of the ponds on the common, which should reduce leaf fall into the water and increase plant and aquatic life.

The work should take place in early December. A number of local tree surgeons have quoted and the one selected represented both best value for money and protection for biodiversity.

'Garway Parish Council is without a Parish Clerk at the moment due to health reasons and is being supported by Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) who are attending to admin matters such as calling and attending Parish Council meetings and producing draft minutes. If any local resident would like a local matter discussed by the Parish Council, please email: lynda@halchereford.gov.uk to request an agenda item for the next meeting which is scheduled for 19.30 on Thursday 2nd November in Garway Community Centre. Items already put forward for the November agenda include: Quotes for fencing & bark in the play area, provision of dog waste bins, future provision for car parking once the areas outside the old village hall and the old school are no longer available, request to plant a memorial tree on the common, purchase of an oak bench for Broad Oak'

Chris Strange

Green Garway Book Group
The Lost Rainforests of Britain by Guy Shrubsole

This book raises awareness of the lost habitat of the temperate rainforest, thought to have covered around one fifth of our country in times past and now just limited to a strip on the western side of Scotland, Wales and England.

This unique habitat is home to mystical ferns, spectacular lichens, velveteen mosses and rare birds and with such rich fauna and flora needs to be cherished and brought back to life. Shrubsole's enthusiasm for lichen is infectious although the book is a bit repetitive in places (the ability of deer to jump over any fence is mentioned at least three times). His language is playful - when talking about what was restricting the development of Wistman's Wood he says "a suspect with a decidedly sheepish appearance".

So sheep are the baddies, jays are the winged heroes and rhododendrons are a menace. It is all very finely balanced, but he does finish positively with progress being made.

Rating 3.5/5

If you're interested in joining the book group you can either join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489872936450081> or send an email to greengarwaybg@gmail.com. We read books about the outdoor world, nature, social issues, travel, fiction and non-fiction. Everyone is welcome. **Julie Hudson**

We meet at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month in the Garway Moon.

Upcoming meetings are as follows:

Mon 13 Nov - My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell

Mon 11 Dec - Village Christmas by Laurie Lee - Christmas Special!

Mon 8 Jan - Winter by Ali Smith

ORCOP

Sadly, the harvest lunch had to be cancelled in the absence of bookings.

However, the harvest service held on 8th October was well attended. It was led by Bishop Anthony Priddis, whose thought-provoking sermon focussed on the lack of integrity in public life in general and in the media in particular, with "fake news" facilitated by AI. The bells were rung, the church was beautifully decorated and we even had hot chocolate afterwards.

The date coincided with the 40th anniversary of the burial in our churchyard of the celebrated poet Frances Horowitz. She was remembered in a short address and a red rose was laid on her grave. Thanks go to Anthony, Chris Northam for his virtuosity on the organ, Peter Halliwell for organising and leading the bell-ringers, all who contributed to the harvest decorations, and, last but not least, to Dexi for the gourmet hot chocolate. It was good to see the ancient annual celebration of the harvest observed in a modern context.

A 'Clothes Bank' has been established at the Fountain Inn. Please contact Scott and Debbie on 01981 540444 for details of this worthy initiative.

The annual British Legion act of remembrance will take place at 4 pm on Sunday 12th November, at the cross-roads war memorial. Given the conflicts now raging in The Ukraine, Israel and The Sudan, it is particularly important that we acknowledge the terrible price that is paid by those who engage in armed conflict.

Finally, on a more cheerful note, please come to LOAF. This will follow a similar format to the successful "Post Lockdown Concert" held in 2021. So, if you enjoyed that, you will enjoy this!

Margaret Fletcher, Churchwarden

Flowers and cleaning rota: S.Oliver

ORCOP PARISH COUNCIL

We are pleased to welcome David Temple and Sarah Read as co-opted Parish Councillors. Also, we look forward to working with Tracy Pizzanelli as the new Footpaths Officer. (The walking group at the Fountain Inn have also offered to assist). Information from any walker regarding footpaths condition etc. would be very helpful. The next Parish Council meeting is on 15 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

for any enquiries please contact: clerk@orcopparishcouncil.org
website....<https://orcopparishcouncil.org>

Orcop Village Hall

Coffee Mornings: Thursday 16th November and Thursday 14th December. This is a continuation of the warm space coffee mornings held throughout the winter. It's an informal social gathering to have a cuppa, a slice of cake, and a chat. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

On 25th November we are running a **Pewter casting workshop**, places are limited and cost £55, for more information or to book a place for this or any of the events please contact:

Gill Bannerman: gill.bannerman@outlook.com or Peta Long: petamary@hotmail.co.uk

Huge thanks you to everyone who came to the October Autumn Market and Apple Pressing. It was great to see so many people there having a good time. Tim, Gill and Tom spent the afternoon demonstrating the processes involved in pressing apples and everyone could have a taste of the delicious freshly pressed Herefordshire apple juice! We'd also like to thank the stall holders who brought their lovely products to sell and we hope to see them next time!

Help is always welcome so if you're interested, please get in touch with Peta Long at petamary@hotmail.co.uk.

Advance date for the diary: Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday 2nd December from 1:00pm.

Stalls are available, if you would like to book a table please contact:

Gill Bannerman: gill.bannerman@outlook.com or Peta Long: petamary@hotmail.co.uk

Peta Long

Editor's comment: The apple juice which we had pressed from our apples was delicious, and our granddaughters loved helping with the process. Many thanks to all who made it possible!

**"LOAF" (LITTLE ORCOP'S AUTUMN FROLICS)
SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER AT 3PM IN ORCOP PARISH HALL.**

£10 on the door, including interval refreshments

No charge for Under 16s

A feast of local talent, presenting music and song, poetry, drama, comedy and more.



Come along and help ensure it goes with a bang!

ORCOP PARISH COUNCIL

The following residents have been elected to serve on the Parish Council after the local elections.

Barry Shaw

Mick Murphy

Margaret Serle (Chair)

Peter Garratt (Vice Chair)

We have two nominations who hopefully will be co-opted at the Parish Council meeting on 20th September, to which all are welcome. We are also very pleased to engage our new Parish Clerk, Neil Barrington after Mark Hearne sadly resigned due to health reasons.

for any enquiries please contact: clerk@orcopparishcouncil.org

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCOYD

Sadly, our Harvest Supper had to be cancelled because of the numbers of people still on holiday. This was a disappointment for many, but for the cooks, it just was not a viable proposition. However, our harvest service was enjoyed by quite a nice number of people, including some of our families, and we are most grateful to Rev Brian Phillips for coming to lead us for that occasion at Tretire Church. Some of the families took part in bringing the produce that represented harvest- milk, eggs, honey fruit, and vegetables- up to the front of the church. There was really good lusty singing of our well-known harvest hymns! Perhaps next year, we should rethink the timing of our harvest festivities to accommodate those who like to take their holidays after the schools have gone back; we would have to admit to being among them, and September can be a very pleasant month, weather-wise.

The following week, we held another service at Tretire Church, which was the monthly benefice service which revolves around the seven churches of our benefice. We were most fortunate to secure the help of the new Diocesan Mission Enabler, the Rev. Mark Melliush, who kindly led our worship that morning, having only moved with his wife, into a house in Llandinabo two weeks previously. Once again, the church was well attended by people from across the benefice, who were in good voice!

Our PCC is trying to come up with a good idea for a community event at Christmas time, as we have missed our Harvest Supper. It is good to gather together as a community several times in the year, our last event being the Tennis Tournament organised by Christine Snell, although the teas, sadly, were rained off. We were fortunate to win one of the raffle prizes that afternoon, and this week we went to take up the prize of *Tea for Two* at the Castle House Hotel in Hereford. It was a very pleasant afternoon, and we enjoyed a wander in their garden by the river, before presenting ourselves in the Garden Room for our tea, a three-tiered platter of sandwiches, scones jam and cream, and cake and two little raspberry crumbles, all delicious! So thank you, whoever negotiated that prize with the hotel!

If anyone comes up with a brainwave for a Christmas event to bring us all together, do give our Churchwarden, Elizabeth Malcolm a call on 01989 730201.

I wonder how many of us will have had callers for "Tricks or Treats" on Halloween?

Many years ago, long before we moved to this area, we had a little family who used to come, with their father, all dressed as ghosts in white sheets. On this occasion, they stood outside our front door singing "Happy Birthday" to me, and presented me with a thermos flask of a hot toddy as they knew I had a stinking cold! That was definitely a "Treat"! The oldest of the three still comes over to visit us from Cheltenham, and was with us for The Tennis Tournament..

Margaret Oubridge on behalf of our PCC.

HOARWITHY AND HENTLAND



Sent by Antonia Cuthbert

Wildlife in our Garden

I keep being astonished by the Red Admirals! All the more so now that summer is briefly back. Yesterday, as we were picking apples for the apple pressing event at Orcop, red admirals were thronging round and sucking the juice of the apples that had holes, presumably made by birds. Not only are the red admirals this year more plentiful, they also appear to me to be bigger and to have brighter colours than usual.

Other animals enjoy fruit too. A comma butterfly was on the apples. Voles go for the windfallers, and in one of the conference pears remaining on the tree, I found two hornets feasting. I decided to leave them to enjoy themselves. Of course many insects are making the most of this revival of warmth. Since they have no internal body heating system, they depend upon warm weather to give them the energy to move about and feed. I am glad that we have plenty of fruit in this garden and mostly we're happy to share it with wildlife. The only things we begrudged it this year were the strawberries. With the voles, birds and slugs getting at them before they were ripe, there were almost none left for us.



On 1st October we duly hung up a seed feeder and started putting out seeds on the low wall which we see easily from where we eat breakfast. Very soon all the usual suspects were back, a robin and a blackbird first, then a dunnock, great and blue tits, sparrows and chaffinches. These birds tend to separate themselves into ground and perch feeders. Robins, blackbirds and dunnocks prefer the ground or the wall;

tits all prefer to perch on the feeder; but a few are more adaptable and can manage either, notably chaffinches and sparrows.

When lifting seeds out of the large polythene bag where they had been stored through the summer, Margaret was surprised, and not at all pleased, to experience clouds of fruit flies swarming round her face. On investigation, it turned out that much of the seed in the bottom of the bag had somehow got damp and started to ferment, so that has had to be disposed of in the garden. We don't know whether birds will want to eat the fermenting seed, but we should soon find out. Anyway, we conclude that it's probably best not to try to keep large amounts of seed from one season to the next, so we won't be buying in such bulk in future.

I have just seen a very strange sight (at least, I don't think I'm dreaming?). It is evening and the sun still quite warm. Before coming in, I turned and looked towards an Abelia bush. There, hovering (more accurately, dancing up and down) above it, was a Mayfly! There did not seem to be any others. Either the climate has gone bonkers or I have!



John Oubridge, 8th October 2023.

Book Review

The Cut-Out Girl by Bart Van Es

Van Es, professor of English Literature at Oxford University, has written a remarkable and moving book that recounts the story of Hesseline (Lien) de Jong, a Jewish girl living in The Hague at the time of the Second World War. Van Es, of Dutch parentage, was brought up in Britain from the age of three, and was always aware that his grandmother, like many other non-Jews, had taken in Jewish children, of which Lien was one, during the war to save them from deportation to the death camps. He also knew that the relationship between Lien and his family had broken down many years before, but the details were not spoken of in the family. Following his grandfather's death, he sets out to pursue this hidden corner of his family's history.

From his many meetings, and his developing warm relationship, with the now elderly Lien, Van Es pieces together a shocking story that not only illuminates Lien's suffering, but also reveals that The Netherlands, which had a history of welcoming immigrant Jews going back to the 16th century, was, of all the Nazi-occupied territories in Europe, the one with the highest number of Jewish victims. Despite the mass strike in 1941 protesting the first deportation of young Jews, studies indicate the presence of Dutch collaborators who played their part in this high toll.

But the resistance was also active in The Netherlands. and many Dutch families risked their lives to take in Jewish children who were absorbed into their families and registered at schools as non-Jewish. Lien was taken on one side by her mother *"I must tell you a secret," she said. "You are going to stay somewhere else for a while."* The next day a woman came to take her away, and Lien never saw her family again.

Things did not go well for all these fostered children – torn from their families, with very little understanding of what was happening. They found themselves plunged into a new culture and living on

the periphery of families that were not their own, whilst having no idea what had happened to their real families. Lien's sense of rootlessness and absence of truly belonging left lifelong scars. In addition, German police raids meant that often these children were moved from place to place at short notice. Van Es describes terrifying journeys, often by night, as Lien was shipped around in search of a safe haven. Friendships with her foster sisters and brothers were randomly torn apart, and sadly she suffered abuse from one of these "uncles." Returning eventually to the Van Es household where she had felt more a part of the family, once again the attempted attentions of the father of the family (Van Es's grandfather) caused further trauma. But she regarded them as the nearest thing she had to family, and the later rift, when it came, was deeply felt on all sides.

The book has two narratives: Lien's recollections of her wartime experiences, as told by Van Es; and Van Es's own 21st century research, both academic and personal, as his relationship with the octogenarian Lien develops and flourishes.

Van Es skillfully fleshes out the bald facts of the story by creating engaging and absorbing scenes and conversations that have the feel of a work of fiction and are charged with emotion. Central to the story are the many photographs that Lien shared; and also the contents of her school days autograph book in which her friends were invited to contribute poems which touchingly lend real human form to the characters in this sad story.

There is much to learn here about recent history, and some beautiful sensitive prose.

Hilary Smallwood

Garden Notes

My husband has a new toy, which I am not thrilled with. He is pottering around the garden singeing the weeds in the gravel paths and between the cobbles with a weed wand. I can't relax while he is doing this and I follow him round in a state of agitation, shrieking 'Mind my plants!'. I suspect that he won't use it again until I go out – it will be his guilty secret. My agitation is all my brother's fault who told me a cautionary tale about a man in the village his friend lives in. Earlier this year, he accidentally set light to his wooden decking with a weed wand. The fire rapidly spread to the semi next door before moving back to his own house. The elderly couple next door returned from a day out to find that they had no house and no shed.

I have mentioned before about my love of making garden compost. I had so much this year that I gave a few barrowloads to a friend down the road. She showed me her polytunnel last week and was delighted with the 'weeds' that had sprung up where she had added compost. She has foxgloves, *Verbena bonariensis* and *Nicotiana langsdorffii* – that's the one with dainty lime-green flowers. I have just the same flowers popping up in my own borders. It is probably five years since I last grew the *Verbena* and *Nicotiana*, so it was quite a surprise to see them growing in the borders this year. A line of molehills has also appeared on the borders, which was not such a nice surprise. I didn't mind when he was pottering up and down the track outside but now that he (or she?) has moved into the garden I'm not too happy.



Recently I have been looking into perennial tulips, which really means those that come back for more than one year rather than being truly perennial. I rarely plant tulips, glorious as they are, because treating them

like annual bedding seems such an extravagance and so wasteful. Tulips come from the Eurasian steppe which has cold winters and hot dry summers, so it is not surprising that they do not last long in our gardens. Some varieties are more reliably perennial than others - species tulips, Darwin hybrids, Forsteriana (which have large bulbs) and Viridiflora (the chlorophyll in the flowers helps build up the bulbs) - but it also depends on the individual garden, the location they are planted, the depth of the bulb, the amount of sun etc. In this garden a mixed selection planted a few years ago has mostly disappeared but one variety is still going strong. Tulipa 'Seadov', a beautiful medium-height Triumph tulip with long-lasting red flowers has flowered every year, and I am tempted to splash out and buy a few dozen more. I have also had success with Tulipa 'Spring Green' and the very beautiful scented T. 'Ballerina'. One tulip that is often recommended is *Tulipa sprengeri*. It will naturalise in grass and flourish in shade. It is indeed very lovely but at £9.50 per bulb it is not one that I will be planting here. It spreads by seed which is why it is a good one to naturalise. Chiltern Seeds sells packets of 470 seeds for only £2.26 which seems like a bargain except that they take 4 to 7 years to flower!

Julie Davies

A Peek in the Bookshop



The winner of the Booker Prize will be announced later this month and we've seen sales rise for the books that are on the shortlist. Have you read any of them? I'm currently reading ***The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray** and though it's a big old book I'm completely engrossed in it. Set in Ireland this is a story of a family facing financial and emotional disaster and the author has been described as Dublin's answer to Jonathan Franzen .. the book certainly has a touch of *The Corrections* about it.

And here's a quick selection of some other books that are coming out soon.

If you were a fan of ***Entangled Life* by Melvin Sheldrake** there is a most wonderfully **illustrated** edition being published in November – a beautiful addition to your coffee table.

We've been waiting over ten years for a follow up to *I Am Pilgrim* by **Terry Hayes** and finally the wait is over. ***The Year of the Locust*** is published on 9 November and will be a book you'll need to have an assistant to hold for you at 672 pages. It promises to be a terrifying and gripping thriller.

And finally I thought I should include something for Halloween ... aimed at children 9+, ***Shiver Point: It Came from the Woods* by Gabriel Dylan** is packed with chills and thrills and is part of a new horror series, perfect for fans of Goosebumps and Dread Wood.

Hope to see you in the shop soon! **Julie, Bookseller at Rossiter Books**

Chuckle Corner

As someone who uses basic IT with reasonable efficiency, I am however often baffled by information or guidance that appears on websites. This recently made me chuckle:

Please tell us your communication preference if you would prefer we did not contact you. Mmmm....

I also wonder if I am the only person who is irritated, no actually infuriated, when trying to buy something online and I cannot checkout as a guest and have to create a password! I may never again buy something from this firm, and I have no wish to clutter up my life with even more passwords!

Following Peter Garratt's comments on road signs, I was intrigued to see this recently in Poole.

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Sent by Julia Garlick

November Dates for the diary

- 1 Garway Stitchers**
- 2 Parish Council Meeting, Garway**
- 5 Benefice Service**
- 5 Bonfire at Treago**
- 7 Coffee Morning, Garway Hall**
- 10 Garway Live!**
- 10 Llanwarne Agricultural Society Quiz Night at Much Birch**
- 11 Storytelling, Garway Hall**
- 13 Green Book Club**
- 14 Flicks in the Sticks, Garway**
- 15 Garway Stitchers**
- 15 Orcop Parish Council**
- 18 LOAF – Autumn Frolics Orcop**
- 19 Garway Christmas Market**
- 21 Garway Heritage Group**
- 24 Fay's Bingo, St Weonards.**
- 25 Pewter casting workshop , Orcop**
- 25 Pop up café and crafts, Hoarwithy church**
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- 29 Garway Stitchers**

Future events for your diary

DECEMBER

- 2 Orcop Christmas Bazaar**
- 2/3 Festival of the Nativities, Llangarron**
- 2/3 Pop up café and crafts, Hoarwithy Church**
- 11 Green Book Club**
- 12 Garway Flicks in the Sticks**

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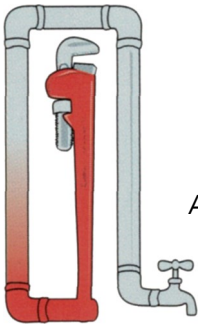
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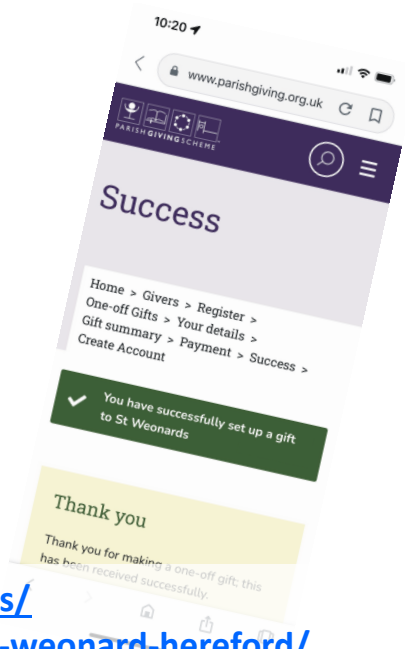
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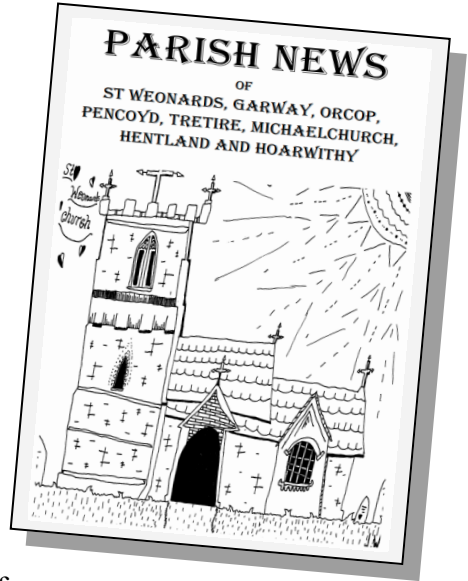
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