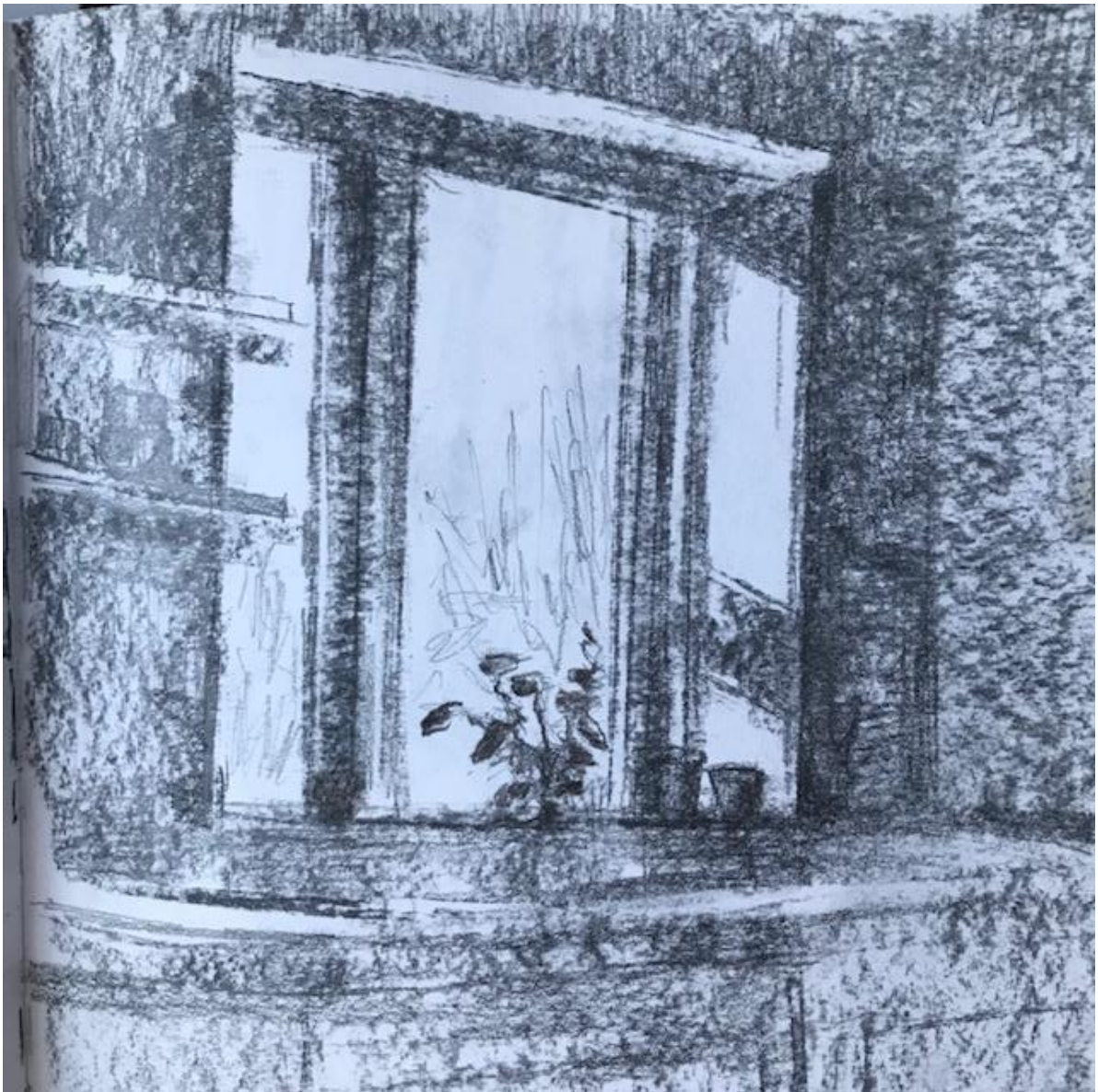


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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

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THE ARCHENFIELD GROUP

For enquiries on baptisms, funerals and wedding please contact the Rural Dean:
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Letter from our future vicar Rev Angie Kateley

Well, hello! It's high time I introduce myself. My name is Angie Kateley and I am looking forward to joining you as your new vicar very soon. During June I will be moving to the vicarage in St Weonards, and then on Monday 1st July I will be licensed by Bishop Richard and installed by Archdeacon Derek as Priest-in-Charge of the St Weonards Benefice. After that, our adventures together begin! I will be joined by my dog Benji, and my adult daughter, Phoebe, will be around on and off.

I'm coming to you following a happy curacy with the team in the Abbeydore Deanery. It was there that I learnt to love the beautiful countryside and communities of these borderlands, with their hills, valleys and rivers, narrow winding lanes, every type of tractor and of course especially the wonderful people. My joy at being able to move just a little south and east to join you in your remarkably handsome benefice is resounding and abundant.

This will be my first time as a priest-in-charge, and I will be doing some learning as I go. It is my nature to take a more informal and pondering approach to things, and I think there are few situations and conversations that can't be vastly improved by throwing in a nice cup of tea. I will take my commitment to pray for you very seriously, in fact I've already begun. And being a vicar I'm likely to bang on about Jesus a bit too.

There's going to be plenty of time: I won't so much hit the ground running as hit the ground at a gentle but enthusiastic potter. My big first priority will be getting to know you and your communities. In that spirit, to give you a head start in getting to know me, here is a randomly selected, fairly useless bunch of facts:

1. If looking for me in a crowd, you often just need to follow the sound of my outrageously loud laugh.
2. I am a scouser by birth.
3. I once ever so slightly headbutted a former Archbishop of Canterbury.
4. I was a secretary and portfolio PA before training for ordination.
5. Despite best efforts to avoid it, I find myself at 48 looking very like my paternal grandmother (short and round with a crop of recalcitrant curls).

So, good people of Garway, Hentland, Hoarwithy, Michaelchurch, Orcop, Pencoyd, St Weonards and Tretire, get that kettle on and I'll be round soon.

God bless you,

Rev Angie x

SERVICE ROTA

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

Sunday 2 nd June	10.00am	Tretire, Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th June	10.00am	St Weonards, All Age Communion
Sunday 16 th June	10.00am	Hoarwithy, Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd June	9.15am 10.00am	Hentland Holy Communion St Weonards, All Age Service
Sunday 30 th June	6.00pm	Michaelchurch, Evening Prayer
Monday 1 st July	7.00pm (seated by 6.45pm)	St Weonards. Licensing Service for Rev. Angie Kateley
Sunday 7th July	10.00am	Hoarwithy Benefice Communion <i>Come and meet Angie</i>

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funeral services, please contact the Rural Dean: Rev. Sheila Anthony, randaruraldean@gmail.com 07775 588716 and the relevant church warden.

Garway Hill Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday 9th June Rev Paul Arnold - Holy Communion
 Sunday 23rd June Rev Roy Crew - Holy Communion

Sunday June 2nd Benefice Communion 10.00am

Tretire Church



This is the only service in our parishes. Do join us to share worship. All welcome!

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION



18th June Liz Lloyd 01981580 002

!!! 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!
Articles of general interest are always welcome.*

*Let the inner writer in you flourish!
Do you have an unusual activity or hobby?
Tell us about it, please!*

VILLAGE PAGES

ST WEONARDS

What a change for us all during May as the weather suddenly and welcomingly changed into summer, almost overnight!

We hope that this continues for the **Open Garden and Vintage Car event at Treago on 2nd June at 2.00pm**. The Duchy, Pengethley Farm Shop and St Weonards PO and stores have generously donated hampers, and we have others as well for our Grand Draw. Tickets are available from the St Weonards Stores and members of the PCC. Do buy some and win a lovely hamper!

We were grateful to Rev Sheila Anthony for chairing the Annual Parochial Church meeting at which churchwardens and other officers were elected. We were also glad to welcome new members to the PCC.

The churchwardens of our parishes are also preparing for the arrival of our new vicar, Angie Kateley, who introduces herself in the letter at the beginning of the magazine. The service when the bishop licenses her to our parishes is on **Monday 1st July at 7.00pm in St Weonards Church**. This will be a celebratory occasion with bells, a choir and many visitors from AbbeyDore where Angie has been serving as a curate. We hope

that plenty of parishioners will come to share in this special service. As there will be a procession, we request that people take their seats by 6.45pm at the latest, and to ease parking please car share as much as possible.

Richard Mynors, churchwarden.

Treago Castle Gardens Open

Castle Tours

Vintage Cars

Sunday 2nd June, 2.00pm



Rose garden, house tours, wilderness wood trail, skittles, excellent teas, grand draw.

Entrance: £3 adults, children free. Treago-signposted from St Weonards off the A466. HR2 8QB

Proceeds to St Weonards Church

Coffee Morning 13th June 10-12am



Come and join us at St Weonards village hall on Thursday 13th June, 10am to 12noon for coffee and cake.

All ages welcome to meet friends old and new.

Gwyneth Williams



Saturday 29th June 2024 10am to 12pm

All invited to a coffee morning at Rhydicar Farm, St Weonards

I am taking part in The Gower Peninsula Mighty Hike half marathon on Saturday 6th July and would be grateful of your support for this excellent charity.

Angela Sayce

GARWAY

Garway Church

We are very fortunate to be welcoming the Revd Angie Kateley to Garway and our neighbouring parishes, as our new vicar.

As you read this, we are preparing for the Licensing of Angie on July 1st. Angie is a warm and friendly young woman, who is looking forward to working with us, in our communities.

Her first service in Garway will be the Benefice service on the 4th August at 10am.

Please do come and support her, she is looking forward to meeting everyone and there will be time to chat over tea and cakes afterwards.

Tracy Somerville, churchwarden

Garway Stitchers



Our dates for June are 3rd, 12th, and 26th from, 10.30 – 12.30. Our next two panels are progressing well. As always you are welcome to join us, why not add your own stitched leaf to the panel? There is plenty of help on hand to guide you. Don't forget to look at the panel which is displayed just by the bar of the Community Hall. For more details, contact ***Tracy*** 01981 580263.

BROAD OAK OPEN GARDENS, PATIO CAFE & VILLAGE TRAIL
JUNE 9th 1 to 5pm

Entry: £5 per person suggested donation and free for curious and carefully supervised children.
Start point: Broad Oak crossroads.

Trail map takes in 14 acres in 5 gardens, including wild wood, ponds, orchards and seating.
'Patio Café' with homemade cakes, cream teas, soft drinks and beautiful views!

Sorry but NO DOGS (except assistance dogs) as there are family pets at most properties. Profits will support the upkeep of Broad Oak Common.

Parking (at owners' risk) at the crossroads or leave your car at home! Visitors are responsible for their own safety on the trail that includes all the usual garden, meadow and woodland hazards.

More information from - broadoakneighbours@gmail.com



To keep up to date with the many activities at Garway Village Hall, why not join the mailing list?

www.garwayhall.org – look under “Contact Us”

Coffee, teas and cake feature every Tuesday morning at 10am in the hall. On the first Tuesday of the month, the Spice Girls welcome everyone with homemade cakes and good company. Often there are demonstrations or activities to enjoy. We have had flower arranging, a talk from a local author of children's books, intricately hand carved walking sticks (Reginald Marshall, charl-marshall@live.co.uk) and glass art, to name a few. Everyone welcome – young and old.

And on the remaining three Tuesdays there is the Garway Talk Hub which, in partnership with Talk Community Herefordshire, welcomes everyone to weekly relaxed coffee morning Tuesdays 10:00 to 12:00. Refreshments, use of community printer with support, sign posting to Herefordshire services via Talk Community Portal. Table activities if you want to be occupied, chat with our regulars, or just come sit, read and relax in the snug or outside on the benches in good weather....as Poo would say “*sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits*”.

The Hub also hosts Garway Parent & Baby Group (09:30 to 11:00) playmats and sing along each month, plus monthly Taurus Talk Wellbeing for community heart health checks and more. Keep an eye out for our posts about their next dates on Facebook and posters. Any questions contact us via email garwaytalkhub@gmail.com and one of our volunteers will reply.

June Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4th June from 10.15am

Garway Village Hall

Come and join us for coffee/tea and cake with Post Office and free library.

PLANT SWAP THIS MONTH



See you there!



Last month saw a wonderful Murder Mystery in the hall so there was no live band, which gave us a chance to recover from "Stringfellows". We were treated to a virtuoso performance from Ray "Taff" Williams on lead guitar and Dawn Sandells on vocals.

Some comments afterwards were along the lines of, my enthusiastic introduction of Ray had undersold him, and one question that I could not answer was "Why is that singer not an International Superstar" They are going to be a hard act to follow but I think we've done it.

On **Saturday 1st June** we have "Scotch Corner", a rocking power trio led by George Jones, son of legendary guitarist Mickey Jones. George follows in his fathers footsteps and always gives 100%. The band have been together for quite a few years and so give a remarkably tight performance. They really are a tremendous follow up to "Stringfellows".

If you want to dance the night away then this is the band for you. Don't forget that Christine will have something delectable to eat and there will be the usual bar with both soft and alcoholic drinks available.

Admission is £12 for adults and £6 for under 18's.

Next month, on Friday July 12th we have "Kaysha Louvain", she is a BBC radio "A" lister having appeared on many broadcasts. It will be an evening of one woman and her guitar performing songs that we all know and love and also some that we haven't heard yet. Don't miss her!

Graham Bevan



Green Garway Book Group



This month we've been reading ***A Room Made of Leaves*** by Australian author Kate Grenville. At time of writing we haven't yet met so this is my review instead! I thoroughly enjoyed this novel based on the life of Elizabeth MacArthur, wife to John MacArthur who is credited with founding the wool industry in Australia.

You get a very realistic view of how it would have felt to have been an early settler in Australia, amidst the convicts and unwelcoming landscapes. Hunger was a real issue, as were threats from the indigenous population.

She is very scathing of her husband and seems to be far superior to him in terms of intelligence and ability, she seems to handle him very well. She was the driving force, dealing with the day to day work on the farm and managing accounts along with dealing

with the emotion of losing children.

She's sympathetic to the local people and recognises that even though the convicts are sent there as thieves, they are indeed thieves themselves, stealing great tranches of land.

If times were different, you get the feeling that we would and should know the name Elizabeth MacArthur rather than her husband John.

Rating: 4/5

If you're interested in coming along to the next book group please 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**

Next meeting is as follows:

10 June - The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel

A date for your diary: Saturday 24th August GARWAY FUN DAY. Time to start planting seeds for the Tallest Sunflower Competition!

ORCOP

The 12th May 11am Orcop communion service was the last such service to be taken by Bishop Anthony Priddis. He and the Revd. Crispen Pemberton, have generously enabled us to maintain a more or less normal service schedule over the past three years, over which we have been without an incumbent priest. There will be no service in June and our new vicar, the Rev. Angela Kately, takes up the reins from 1st July.

Meanwhile, the hope expressed on the cover of the May magazine that the sun would appear in May has been fulfilled and I hope you are all enjoying it!

Margaret Fletcher, Churchwarden

Flowers and cleaning rota: Mrs. C Morris

Many thanks to all those who supported this year's Churchyard Bingo by attending, giving prizes or donating. We have raised £1100 towards the upkeep of the churchyard. **Julia Garlick**

Owl Community Lunch Wednesday 5th June

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Orcop Parish Hall at 12.30. We eat at 1pm and have a hot two course meal with cups of tea and a cold drink. The cost is £10 and a raffle to aid funds. If you have any special diet requirements, please let Jane know 01981 241310.

There will be no lunch in July or August. But in August on the 11th an afternoon tea will be held to raise funds for Owl Good Neighbours at Bracken House in Orcop. All are welcome, look out for more details in the magazine.

Jane Lockhart

Orcop Parish Hall AGM

Orcop Parish hall will be holding the AGM on Wednesday 26th June at 7:30pm.

Everybody is welcome to come along and if anyone would be interested in joining the hall trustees, or become a friend we'd love to hear from you.

The hall committee holds fundraising events throughout the year, and it would be great to have some new members to join us.

Peta Long

Date for the diary: 13th July Orcop Village Hall will be hosting an Anniversary Concert at the Hall. **KJ and The SoulShakers.** A midlands-based band. Tickets: £10 Food will be available

Christmas Stall Holders. Book a table for Christmas Bazaar. Email petmary@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCLOYD

We were joined by the St Mary's Ross-on-Wye Choir on Sunday 21 April at St Denys, Pencoyd for sung Evensong. And it was lovely. Our little church was filled with people and music. I am very grateful to Mark

Sanderson, Choirmaster, for booking us into the schedule and to the whole team for cheerfully presenting such a service in greatly reduced circumstances. Alex Herbert not only led the service but sung the chants. Sue and Paul Snell polished the church and Paula Snow filled the windows with spring flowers – thank you to everyone who contributed.

So if you missed the Spring event, the make sure you have this date in you diaries – Sunday 15 September 2024, sung Evensong with St Mary's Ross-on-Wye Choir at St Mary's TRETIRE.

Our next 'Special' in the Parish is the Annual Evening Service at St Michaels, Michaelchurch at 6.00pm (note not 6.30) on Sunday 30 June. I am excited to tell you that Rev Simon Tarlton, who led our fabulous Christmas day service at Pencoyd six months ago, has agreed to come and take this service. Some of the Hoarwithy Singing team have also agreed to join in with a short song. We will, as ever have refreshments on offer after the service and look forward to seeing you there.

The following day we are assembling in St Weonards church to greet Angie Kately at her licensing. Whoopie – after so long. Make her welcome and do join in the service if you can. Strictly against the rules I have already invited Angie to join us for the barbeque at the end of the Tennis Tournament on Sunday 7 July - and I know she would love to meet as many people from the parish as possible. So please put that date in your diary. Tell all your tennis friends and invite them to sign up to the tournament, and book yourself into the evening's event.

Love **Elizabeth**

HOARWITHY AND HENTLAND

Saturday 15th June Hentland Church 7.30pm

Our friends the Musical and Amicable Society return with their period instruments to perform *Fiddlers Three*, a programme of baroque music from the time of Charles II. There is a wide variety of works from the Restoration court when three violinists were employed in *The King's Private Musick*, each with a virtuoso piece to play. There are some lovely ensemble pieces as well, with the viol concert sound and solo guitar pieces, through Italianate sonatas to folksy English dance music.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £20 each, free to under 18s and full-time students, to include a glass of wine and some nibbles. A *Plush Flush* will be available near the church.

To book, go to the website www.amicables.co.uk or pay on the door. Enquiries: 01989 730439

Robin Symonds

Daphne Wyatt Memorial Service

Many in our village and beyond may remember Daphne Wyatt, who died 28th December. just short of her 94th birthday. The funeral was in Oxford in January, but there was a Memorial Service held at St. Catherine's on Friday 12th April (her birthday).

Daphne was a long-time member of St. Catherine's Church, gave guided tours, served on the PCC and was a member of the William Morris Society, the latter helping her point out the importance of the smallest stained-glass window in the apex, which is the "Angel of Doom", by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris.

Our thanks to Revd. Mark Johnson who took the service and Jane and Toby, her family who brought her back to the church she loved. It was good to hear of her varied life both in the service and after at the New Harp.

Peter Pember

Book Review

***Maybe I Don't Belong Here; a Memoire of Race, Identity, Breakdown and Recovery* by David Harewood**



David Harewood, RADA graduate and esteemed actor, focusses his autobiography on the dislocation felt by black British people growing up and living in what he refers to as “the white space.” I listened to this as an audio book, read by the author, and it was greatly enhanced by his acting skills and fluent reading.

The book charts his childhood in Birmingham, where his Barbadian parents had settled, and his love of school, where his performing interests were fostered and encouraged, with one teacher in particular changing the course of his life by suggesting to him that he might go to drama school and become an actor, something that simply had not occurred to him. But he proceeds to apply and receives an offer immediately from a very minor drama school, which, amazed and thrilled, he speedily accepts and cancels all his other auditions, including one at RADA – he had no idea that this was the place to go! Fate deals him a lucky hand though, as it seems that RADA did not receive his cancellation, the audition goes ahead, and the rest is history.

But at age 23, after graduating, Harewood suffered a psychotic breakdown which he describes in harrowing detail, and he is sectioned to a psychiatric hospital. He believes that he can hear the voice of Martin Luther King urging him to pick up his mantle and serve the cause of racial equality. King’s famous “*I have a dream*” speech was one that Harewood had performed at school, to great acclaim.

As one might sadly expect, Harewood endured racial abuse as a black child growing up in a street with predominantly white residents. There is the brick through the window and the elderly resident who told him to get “the **** out of my country”, but his best friends are white, including those fellow RADA graduates who picked him up and sought help for him during his psychosis. On reaching young adulthood Harewood comes to realise the deep impact this early abuse had, and continues to have on him, particularly when he is out in the job market seeking acting roles. There were some stinging reviews – “*Looked more like Mike Tyson than Romeo*” – which sapped his self-confidence and increased his sense of not belonging.

Hospitalisation brought more stereotyping where his notes regularly refer to him as “a large black man” and where his drug regime reflected that view in doses of anti-psychotics and tranquilisers that were four times that recommended. “*Were they afraid of me?*” he asks upon reading back over his medical notes during his BBC TV programme *Psychosis and Me* many years later. “*I’m absolutely convinced that had I been in America at the time of my breakdown, I’d most likely be dead,*” writes Harewood. “*It took not one or two but six police officers to hold me down. One false move by me or any of them could have ended my life.*”

Harewood is convinced that his two episodes of psychosis were caused by the irreconcilable dislocation in his brain between being a British man and being black. Indeed, whilst in the grip of psychoses he believed himself to be two people. He is however aware of, but maybe places too little emphasis on, the role played by his cannabis usage, which had become habitual and is known to induce psychoses in susceptible individuals and to be especially toxic to young pliable brains.

This is in many ways a difficult book to read, full of the cruelties we inflict on those we see to be “other”, but there are heartening aspects, notably his loyal friends from both sides of the racial divide who have stood by him. He is aware that there is much to be done and that the dark shadow of racism is very much still with us. The disproportionately high levels of mental health problems in Britain’s black population remain, along with a much higher rate of the use of sections under the Mental Health Act. And he notes a frightening new aspect to that racism:

“The country’s seemingly rising tide of populist nationalism reminds me of a time I’ve lived through before, only this time instead of people chasing me through gardens, they are writing newspaper columns and spewing division from social media, from radio shows and from parliamentary pews.”

Hilary Smallwood

Garden Notes

There can be too much choice nowadays. Just like trying to decide which coffee I want in the coffee shop – when all I really want is a good strong Nescafe in my favourite mug – I can find it almost impossible to choose which seeds to grow from the many varieties on offer. Unable to decide on a variety of sweet pea and unwilling to leave the garden centre empty-handed, I opted for the bumper pack of six different varieties. The selection includes blue and white, two different mixed selections and the lovely old original variety *Lathyrus odoratus* 'Cupani' first introduced to the UK from Sicily in 1699. The dainty two-tone purple and magenta flowers might be small, but they make up for that with the most stunning scent. The sixth variety included in the pack is a dwarf selection called Bijou. Bijou only grows to 12", has no tendrils and needs no support so is fun to grow in clumps in the garden, in a container or even a hanging basket.



I haven't grown wallflowers for a few years because the mixed selection I grew last time turned out to be mostly yellow and a most unpleasant yellow at that. This year though I am sowing a single colour and I have chosen *Erysimum* 'Sugar Rush Purple' which I have grown before. Very different to the yellows, oranges and reds of traditional wallflowers, this has purple and magenta flowers which are larger than standard wallflowers, with a good old-fashioned scent. They look very good grown in a large drift.

Last autumn I collected seeds from the plants in the garden, dried them and packed them in small brown envelopes. Foolishly I forgot to label one of the envelopes and now I can't identify the seeds at all. They are so tiny I can barely see them, and it seems that when I sowed them in a tiny seed tray, I was rather too enthusiastic. It looks like I have 100% germination as the seed tray is completely crammed with seedlings – and I still have absolutely no idea what they are. Am I going to be thrilled to bits or bitterly disappointed when I finally identify them?

I have a special tool that I use to wage war on dandelions which I can plunge deep into the soil to remove the tap root. However, I have spared one enormous specimen because I am intrigued to see how it develops. The leaves are most definitely those of a dandelion, but the many stems are ridged and very sturdy with an abnormal number of flower buds (up to 20 on each stem). I am not sure that this is what is called fasciation (where a stem is malformed, usually flattened and as if several stems have fused together) as it looks perfectly well formed, just completely different to a normal dandelion. I have looked up all the other plants that it could be, but none match. I am intrigued to see what the flowers are like when they open and even more intrigued to see if I get 20 dandelion clocks on each stem. At that point of course I will swoop down on it with my special tool!

Julie Davies

A Peek in the Bookshop

Staff at Rossiter Books have been very busy getting the new Hereford shop ready. The sign has been painted and stock is arriving so perhaps by the time you read this you may already have visited the shop. This is our third shop to have a Church Street address!

The start of May sees the publication in paperback of many of our most popular hardbacks from last year: ***Ultra-Processed People*** by **Chris van Tulleken** investigates the hidden constituents in our food (I deliberately didn't use the word 'ingredients') and their effect on our diets; ***Michael Palin's Great Uncle Harry*** is the fascinating biography of the extraordinary life and tragic death of a First World War soldier; ***Yellowface*** by **Rebecca F Kuang** is a modern tale set in the world of publishing tackling racism, diversity and the damage social media can bring; and finally the wonderful Booker prize winner 2023 ***Prophet***

Song by Paul Lynch which tells the devastating story of mother of four, Eilish, trying to hold her unravelling family together amongst the backdrop of civil unrest in Ireland.

And a few recommended reads for the younger audience: **Ed Vere's *The Elephant and the Sea*** is a super picture book about an elephant who dreamt as a youngster of joining the lifeboat crew ... but elephants don't fit in lifeboats as we know. ***The Wrong Shoes* by Tom Percival** is a great and moving story exploring the experience of child poverty, aimed at the 7+ audience. And for the teens, ***A Thousand Steps into Night*** from author **Traci Chee** is a fantasy, perfect for fans of Studio Ghibli. When a girl is hit with a curse that starts to transform her into a demon, she embarks on a quest to return to normal life but is forced to confront her true power within.

Don't forget to check out the website or sign up to receive our weekly newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything. Hope to see you in the shop soon.

Julie, Bookseller at Rossiter Books www.rossiterbooks.co.uk

Chuckle Corner

The key to a long and happy marriage?



At the Bethel Baptist Chapel in a small Welsh village last week, they had their usual weekly husbands' marriage seminar. The vicar asked Dafydd Jones, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, if he would take a few minutes to share some insights on how he had managed to stay married for so many years.

Dafydd addressed the assembled husbands as follows:

"Well, I've treated her very well. I have spent money on her, bought her clothes, jewellery and everything a woman could wish for. Best of all, I took her to Patagonia for our 25th anniversary.

The vicar responded, "Dai, you are an inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary".

Dafydd replied, "I'm going back to Patagonia to pick her up".

Contributed by **Peter Garratt**

Hereford Cathedral Events June

Garden Tours: 1, 8, 22 June, 2pm Discover the beauty of the gardens of Hereford Cathedral with a guided tour led by our experienced gardeners and guides. Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and the gardens are easily accessible, with variations available for visitors with specific mobility requirements. **Tickets £6 and can be booked in advance via the cathedral website or by calling the Cathedral Shop (01432 374210)**

Tower Tours: 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 19, 22, 27 at 11.30 am & 1.30 pm (*11.30am tour only) Adventurous visitors can climb the 218 steps for some of the finest views of the city and county of Herefordshire, and beyond. Tours may not take place if the weather is poor, and may not be suitable for all visitors so please contact the cathedral office if you are making a special journey to take part. **Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children under 16 and £5 for full-time students from the Cathedral Shop (01432 374210)**

Master of the Library: 6 May –14 September, 10 am to 5 pm. The latest exhibition in the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library explores the prestigious role of 'Master of the Library' and the individuals who have held the role at Hereford Cathedral throughout the centuries. Normal admission charges apply.

Toddler Group. Mondays in term time, 9.30am Calling all toddlers and their grown ups - join us to play and pray in Hereford Cathedral. Listen to a Bible story, take part in a craft activity have fun in our weekly drop-in. Suitable for toddlers between the ages of 1-3 years. **Toddler Group is free to attend but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.**

Lunchtime Organ Concerts Tuesdays 1.15pm See website

Evening Hour: Sunday 9 June, 5.30pm All are welcome to join us for this service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Creative Cloisters 10 & 11 June, 10am - 3pm The beautiful Cloisters of Hereford Cathedral have been a source of creative inspiration to musicians, artists and poets for centuries. This summer the cathedral will be opening the Cloisters to artists to experience the space and create work in response to this very special location. Attendees will have full access to the Cloisters, College Hall and Canon's Garden which leads down to the River Wye. **Tickets for Monday only cost £20. If you would like to book both Monday & Tuesday, the two-day ticket costs £30 (incl. lunch and refreshments on both days). Spaces can be booked via the cathedral website.**

Ex Cathedra Summer Music by Candlelight 2024 Wednesday 12 June, 8pm Sumer is icumen in – and Ex Cathedra can't wait to celebrate the return of warm, light evenings, birdsong and holidays. As daylight fades and candles glow in the twilight, they invite you to unwind and enjoy an evening of enchanting music and readings. Expect choral classics, a sprinkle of surprises and some fun on a choral journey from the promise of a new dawn to the serenity of sunset. **Tickets £5 – £35 and are available to purchase from The Courtyard.**

Lego Club: Tuesday 18 June, 3.45 pm- 5 pm Enjoy this freestyle Lego session with thousands of bricks and hundreds of mini figures, learn building techniques and make new friends. Suitable for young people aged between 8 and 14. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay, but accompaniment is not required during the session. This event is free – no booking required.

Peter Dyke - Gala Organ Concert Tuesday 18 June, 7pm Peter Dyke will be giving a Gala Organ Concert on Tuesday 18 June at 7pm as part of this year's summer organ recital programme entitled Repertoire Requests. This will be an opportunity to hear many of the larger-scale pieces that have been requested for the popular lunchtime 'audience requests' concerts but which couldn't be included at the time. **Tickets for this concert cost £12 (students £5) and can be purchased via the cathedral's website.**

Bereavement Café 19, 2.30pm – 4pm Everyone is welcome to join us for an informal and friendly gathering for those who have been bereaved, recently or long ago. Join us in College Hall on the third Wednesday of the month from 2.30 - 4pm for coffee, cake and conversation. Run by volunteers, this is a welcoming environment to share experiences and support.

Dementia Care Program

Editor: We have recently received information from Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire about their support services and more details will be included in future months.

Our Dementia Day Care program, held every Monday from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at Drybridge House in Hereford, provides a warm and supportive environment for individuals living with mild to moderate dementia. Through engaging activities and social interaction, we aim to enhance their well-being and maintain cognitive abilities. Our approach is grounded in the Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy framework, which has proven effectiveness in supporting individuals with dementia.

For further details about our program, please visit our website or feel free to contact us at referralhub@ageukhw.org.uk or call 0800 008 6077

Inclusive Group

I am a Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Activities Co-ordinator for Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire. We are setting up a new social group which will be based in Ledbury at the Ledbury Rugby Football Club. However, the idea is that the group can arrange visits and find shared interests to organise activities etc. We are hoping to reach people living in Malvern, Ledbury, Worcester and even Hereford. We are also looking for more volunteers to help run the group.

The group is free to attend, however tea and coffee are kindly provided, with a small donation to go to the Ledbury Rugby Football Club.

The new group is meeting the first Wednesday of the month, 12-2pm, starting on 5th June.

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Dates for the diary

June

- 1 GarwayLIVE! 'Scotch Corner'
- 2 Open Garden and Vintage Car event at Treago
- 2 Benefice Communion
- 3 Garway Stitchers
- 4 Garway Village Hall coffee Morning and Plant Swap
- 5 Inclusive Group
- 5 Owl Community Lunch
- 9 Broad Oak Open Gardens, Patio Café and Village Trail
- 10 Green Garway Book Group
- 12 Garway Stitchers
- 13 Coffee Morning at St Weonards Village Hall
- 15 Hentland Church concert
- 18 Prescription Collection
- 22 Medieval Banquet
- 26 Orcop Parish Hall AGM
- 26 Garway Stitchers
- 29 Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning
- 30 Annual Evening Service at St Michaels, Michaelchurch

Future events for your diary:

July

- 1 Angie Kateley licensing service in St Weonards Church
- 7 Tennis Tournament and BBQ
- 12 GarwayLIVE! 'Kaysha Louvin'
- 13 Orcop Village HALL Anniversary Concert

August

- 4 Benefice Service (Angie's first service in Garway)
- 24 Garway Fun Day

September

- 15 Sung Evensong with St Mary's Ross on Wye Choir at St Mary's Tretire

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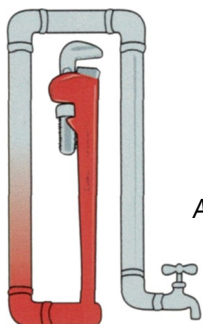
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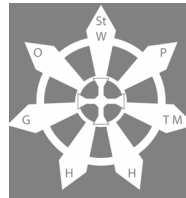


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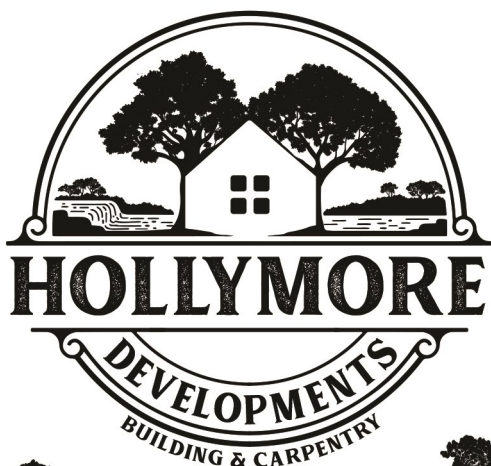
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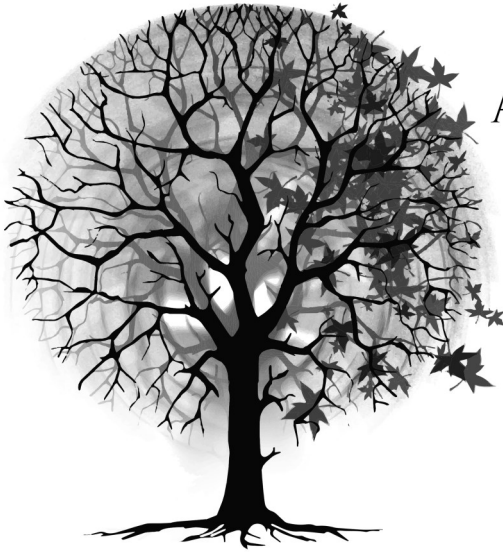
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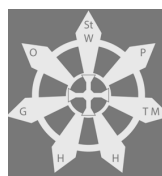
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