

**ST WEONARDS, GARWAY, ORCOP,
PENCOYD,
TRETIRE, MICHAELCHURCH, HENTLAND
AND HOARWITHY
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Hello Everyone,

The church's year is drawing rapidly to a close. The season of Advent begins on Sunday 29th of November, and the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the Christian year, is celebrated on 22nd November.

Once again the year has presented us with new challenges as we've seen the familiar seasons come and go. Advent followed by Christmas - the season of the Nativity - then Epiphany when the church remembers those who visited the Christ child from afar. Ash Wednesday soon marked the beginning of Lent, the season of repentance, while winter was still upon us. Lent drew to a close with Holy Week, that most important week of all and our chance on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to remember and ponder on the sufferings and death of Jesus. By this time our churches had all been closed and we were prevented from holding services in the buildings. Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, is our chance to celebrate the focal point of the whole Christian year. This year our Easter Sunday service was held on Youtube and was watched by a great many people.

After Easter come the resurrection appearances of Jesus as he prepares his followers for the tasks of building the church and spreading the good news of the gospel. Then we follow the story onwards through the Ascension and the Day of Pentecost. There are, of course, many other days to recall and celebrate. Every year we retell the story and every year it comes to mean something new and different for each of us. Our circumstances change, our life changes, our priorities change and so the Christian story changes with our story. But the Christian story is also changeless and so it provides each of us with an anchor, a strong basis on which to build and rebuild our lives. We hope that we'll be able to gather together once again on Advent Sunday to

mark the beginning of the Church's year and to return once again to begin to hear our Christian faith story anew.

Blessings, **Elizabeth**



Benefice All Souls Service

This year's service will be on You Tube on Sunday, November 1st. It will be possible to view it at any time, but if we try to gather to watch it at 10am, then we will feel we are sharing the service together and keeping company with those who have lost dear ones, recently or in the past.

As part of the service, we will light a candle or night-light in memory of our own loved ones, so do have one at hand.

The link will be advertised on the benefice website, www.stw.org.uk , but if you search on You Tube under 'St Weonards', you will find it easily. **Frances Phillips**

From the registers: The funeral of **Peter Tame** was held on 15th October at Orcop Church. We give thanks for Peter's life and pray for peace and comfort for his family and friends.

Who counts?

I was thinking about our post-COVID world the other day, as you do! And the question struck me – who counts? It is very easy to simply say that the post-COVID world should be like the pre-COVID one, with all the certainties that we have got used to. But I would beg to differ. I think we should reshape our world around those who currently don't count!

Who do I mean by this? Well, those who are absent from the national conversation. So, when did we last hear from the homeless? Or children? Or those stuck at home? Our society seems to revolve around those who are considered "productive", the wage earners and the entrepreneur etc. But they only make up part of society. And what did Jesus say? "Unless you become like these little children, you will not inherit the Kingdom".

So we need to move away from valuing people by what they produce, what they are "worth" and see all people as part of society, to be included, to be valued, just as they are by God. **Mark Johnson**

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Village Pages

St Weonards

All Age Worship

It has been so good to meet again for services in church as well as sharing worship on Zoom. It was exciting to see our All Age congregation face to face, and to witness the excitement of the children and adults at meeting again to worship together. An added bonus was being able to enjoy the cakes so generously provided by Anna Williams in the glorious sunshine in the churchyard as we caught up with everyone's news!

Also to share the exciting news that Award as an Eco-Church!



St Weonards parish has achieved its Bronze

Harvest

We also enjoyed the harvest service in the church with the wonderful flowers provided by Gillie and her team. A small choir helped to make this a special festive occasion as well as the mulled cider after the service! All dried and tinned goods are being donated to the Ross Community Food Bank.

Fund raising

In October, our benefice service focused on *Generous Giving* as part of our vision as Christians to grow God's Kingdom growing in our lives and communities. To sustain the variety of work done across the diocese including in parishes, schools, with the homeless and by street pastors, we need to be generous in our giving. Our parish has details of how to give on the parish website.



Locally, as the usual fund-raising events have not happened, it has been decided to have a raffle. Christmas hampers have been donated generously by:

The Duchy, St Weonards PCC, St Weonards Shop and Pengethely Farm Shop.

£1 Tickets will be available in St Weonards Shop or from members of the PCC.

Fiona Mynors

Climate Change

HRH The Prince of Wales, speaking on 21 September at the start of [Climate Week NYC](#), said that the climate crisis "is now rapidly becoming a comprehensive catastrophe that will dwarf the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. At this late stage I can see no other way forward but to call for a Marshall-like plan for nature, people and planet." He warned that with time fast running out, such a plan was "urgently needed if we are to align our collective efforts to save our planet from continued destruction."

Whether or not we agree with the exact words Prince Charles chose to use, most of us understand that there is much more that countries, communities, churches and yes – we as individuals – should be doing to tackle global heating and to safeguard the integrity of the natural world. This was the motivation for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland to come together with support from leading charities including Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tearfund, A Rocha UK and Operation Noah to encourage local churches to hold a [Climate Sunday](#) service or event as part of the church's Season of Creation at this time of year.

In St Weonards, as members of the local church, we seek to look after the historic building and peaceful churchyard as best we can. But we also want to challenge ourselves to tread more lightly on the earth, to be

wise in the way we use scarce resources, and to campaign for 'climate justice' for the marginalised around the world. So, for our recent All Age service by Zoom, we chose a Climate Sunday theme, focusing on our personal lifestyles and encouraging everyone to consider practical changes we could make that would reduce our carbon footprint and enable us to live more in harmony with the natural world.

Ahead of our local Climate Sunday, we circulated a simple questionnaire to our online congregation and asked everyone to think through how they were approaching some of the key lifestyle areas highlighted in A Rocha's [Eco Church resources](#):

- reduce, reuse, recycle
- plastic waste
- energy use
- transport
- food.



It was encouraging to hear how many people were trying to 'do the right thing'. One respondent commented that they had not travelled by air for the last 18 years and that they had one small, low-emission car in their household. Yet responses also reflected the practical issues of trying to buy groceries without plastic packaging, or coping without a car in the countryside with no regular bus service. During the service itself, we had a thought-provoking discussion about what we could do differently, and we committed to encourage one another by sharing eco tips in our All Age service every month in the year ahead. Our children and teenagers have set us a challenge – now we must all take action!

A welcome by-product of this special Climate Sunday service focusing on lifestyles was that St Weonards PCC was able to complete its first Eco Church survey and apply for accreditation ... and shortly afterwards we were delighted to hear from A Rocha UK that the church had achieved a Bronze Award. Eco Church is a valuable tool to help every church express care for God's world – so why not [register](#) for the scheme if you have not done so already?



Stephen Herbert

St Weonards Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2020

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at St Weonards Village Hall on 9th November starting at 7.45pm, unless advised differently by the Parish Clerk.

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Garway

Beating the bounds of the diocese

The Bishop of Hereford paid a visit to Garway Church on the afternoon of Saturday 19th September 2020. This was the eighth visit of the day on the Bishop's Prayer Pilgrimage around the bounds of his diocese. Together with his wife Deborah, the Bishop was welcomed to St Michael's Church by the incumbent Elizabeth Cathie. Sadly, the numbers in the congregation were restricted by the rules of Covid-19, but there were representatives

from the PCC, the Friends of Garway Church and other parishioners from the Archenfield Group of parishes.

The Friends of Garway Church became a registered charity in March this year just as lock-down was imposed. So this was the first opportunity for the Chairman of the Trustees, Malcolm Howard to explain to Bishop Richard, our Patron, the role of the Friends as a fund-raising body, committed to helping St Michael's church, a very historic Knights Templar building of national importance, continue as an essential part of the community.

Joan Thomas, local historian, gave a condensed history of Garway and its church in a 'nutshell'; from the Knights Templar to the present day. The Bishop was presented with a copy of 'The River Running By' by the author, to commemorate his visit.



The Bishop then led the congregation in prayer seeking God's blessing on all the parishes in the deanery and stressing how important it is that we all give unfailing support to one another in these troubled times.

In his short address the Bishop acknowledged how difficult it is financially for such a remote church such as Garway, with a large sparsely populated parish. He also appreciated that the historic church building means different things to different people but it is a very important focal point in a parish.

Malcolm Howard

Garway Church Flowers

We are looking for new people to join our flower rota, so if you would be interested in helping out, please get in touch with Jane Bovell (01600 750700 or janebovell@yahoo.com)

Garway School and Pre-school

Although school seems different with bubbles and limited mixing, pupils at Garway continue to enjoy varied educational opportunities, including a wide range of after school activities. As it has not been possible for the PSA to hold the usual fund-raising events, a variety of imaginative ideas are being developed. See the school's newsletter for the first family event on November 6th online.

A reminder to parents of Year 6 children.

Please complete your applications for secondary 2021 for your child – if you haven't already done so—the deadline is 31st October. You can complete the application online:

<https://educationportal.herefordshire.gov.uk/synergy/parents/default.aspx> If you have trouble completing this online, please get in touch and we can arrange for you to have an application form.

Garway Story Stitchers

Please note that stitching is now on TUESDAY mornings, 10.30-12.30.

The dates for November are 3rd and 17th. We are limited to 6 people attending, at Tracy's lovely garden studio at Broad Oak, so please let me know by a quick email if you would like to come.

Frances Phillips, franjphillips@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

As there is no news yet of the reopening of Garway Community Hall please look out for details in our newsletter or by emails which you can receive by logging in to our website.

Orcop

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Peter Tame. He died peacefully on 30th September, aged 76. A well-known and loved Orcopian, he was the founding head teacher of the Steiner School (now Academy) where he earned great respect. He became seriously ill and had to step-down, thereafter fighting a long battle against deteriorating health. He remained amazingly positive and resilient throughout, retaining his wonderful sense of humour and appetite for corny jokes. Peter was tirelessly supported by his wife, Anne, who shouldered this burden admirably. His death was anticipated, but it has come as a shock, nevertheless, to his friends and family, to whom we extend sincere condolences at this difficult time. Peter's funeral takes place on 15th October at Orcop Church, followed by burial in a plot which he and Anne chose, appropriately, close to the old Orcop School.

The Orcop Harvest Service went ahead on 11th October, observing as far as possible the Covid 19 restrictions, in a church that was decorated beautifully, as was always the case in "the old normal". With singing prohibited, the order of service was innovative. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by Chris Northam, who gave another virtuoso performance on the organ, to the acclaim of all present. Bob Marley also had a slot (Everything's gonna be alright), to less general acclaim, but worth a try! Thanks go to all who enabled this service to go ahead, despite the restrictions, especially to Chris Northam and Christine Garlick and her team for the uplifting display of flowers and produce.

Peter Garratt

Orcop Country Market Saturday 31st October 2020
10.30am to 12.30pm
Orcop Parish Hall
Selection of local produce
Free entrance Disabled Access Everyone welcome
Covid 19 precautions will be in place, please bring a mask
For more details contact Peta Long 07917 692584

The Story of the Ice Breaker on the Golf Course

In the early 1980s I was based in London, where we had an office building with a very fine address: 1, Buckingham Place (we were sometimes delivered Christmas cards addressed to the Queen!)

One of our tenants was The Lands Improvement Group, essentially a Victorian “land bank” that owned a good part of Lincolnshire. The company was run by Peter Clery, still a good friend and long retired. One day, Peter came into my office and asked “Do you know anything about ports?” The honest answer to this was no, but we had recently taken on a ports expert who had been made redundant by Rendell Palmer and Tritton, leading ports consultants of the day. So I was able to reply “No, but I know someone who does!”

I had no idea what an interesting experience would be unlocked by this innocent response. Peter Clery had discovered that the Lands Improvement Group owned the Sutton Bridge Wharfage Company, which developed and briefly operated an ill-fated port on the River Nene. In 1836, the entrance to the river was opened-up by “The Nene Cut” and a bridge was constructed, which became a focus for development. A railway followed about 50 years later and the original bridge was replaced by an ingenious “Swing Bridge”, which is now preserved as a historic structure. This led to the development of a significant port. These were still the days of sail and the deep drafted sailing ships needed deep water berths, so a locked, off-channel mooring basin was constructed, enabling these ships to stay afloat at any state of the tide. The new Port Sutton Bridge was opened with brass band and due ceremony. The Lincolnshire soils are fine silts – challenging materials for the engineer. After a week or two, when the lock was closed at high tide, silt began to wash into the mooring basin beneath the stone dock wall (a “piping failure” in today’s terminology). Large quantities of limestone were brought in by rail to stem the inflow, but to no avail, and soon the mooring basin was totally silted-up, leading to closure of the port. Much later, the mooring basin, now virtually obscured, and its environs, became a rather fine 18-hole golf course. This was the status-quo until Peter Clery came into my office.

We set to work designing the new Port Sutton Bridge. To avoid the earlier problems, the new port was sited on the main river channel, but the entrance to the Victorian mooring basin was used as a turning-bay, to enable incoming ships to turn and berth facing towards the sea. A mooring dolphin was provided to which the bow of the ship would be secured, enabling it to swing on the current into the correct berthing position. Around the turning bay a steel walkway was provided to facilitate the handling of the mooring ropes.

The new port was successfully constructed and finally commissioned in 1988. A couple of weeks later I received an urgent telephone call to say that a ship had failed to engage with the mooring dolphin, ploughed on across the turning bay, ridden-up the rock armoured perimeter slope and demolished the steel walkway, almost reaching the golf course. This was something of a mystery, because the rock armour had been designed so that a ship would run aground at the bow before reaching the steelwork. The bow shapes of all the types of ship likely to use the port had been examined to make sure this would happen. I drove to Sutton Bridge the following day, by which time the ship had been moved, but I was able to question an eye witness. It turned out that the ship was a Russian ice-breaker. We had not anticipated that such a ship would ever come to Sutton Bridge. The captain was

alleged to have bodged the mooring procedure due to the effects of too much Vodka. The ship was in poor condition and was holed at the bow as it ran up the rock slope. The witness said it was an unusual sight in that a lot of water actually **came out** of the hole!

The walkway was repaired and the port has operated successfully ever since. It can handle ships up to about 5000 DWT (tonnes) and is now operated by C.RO Ports. I believe it is serving the off-shore wind farms that are being developed in The Wash and further afield.

So, always design for the unexpected and, next time you play golf, watch out for ice breakers . **Peter Garratt**

Tretire with Michaelchurch and Pencoyd

The Harvest Festival was a very different experience from the usual decorated church and harvest supper but it turned out very well. There was a small makeshift altar in the front part of the churchyard between two gravestones with sheaves of wheat laid against them. Twenty eight of us sat in a large semi-circle, the sun shone and the cruel north wind which had been blowing all day dropped to nothing. As we were outside we were able to sing the well-known harvest hymns accompanied by the Trio Giovedi on their clarinets. Quite a magic moment with the gravestone shadows lengthening over the grass. Our thanks to Revd. Elizabeth, the readers, and to the Trio for making it a memorable occasion

We also had a very successful sale of produce, many thanks to everyone who supported us by giving and buying and for the generous donations.

Helen Goodwin, our friend and great supporter of the Parish, has made an amazing quilt which she has very kindly given to the PCC to help with fund raising. After some deliberation we have decided to raffle the quilt which depicts the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas". We shall be getting in touch with you in November with a photograph and details of how the online raffle will work.

We send our sympathy to the family of Peter Weeks of Tretire who died recently. A true gentleman and a courageous soldier to the last. **Liz Everall**

If you go down to the woods today!

No, not teddy bears, hedgehogs!

Wood Hedgehog mushrooms or Pied de Mouton, *Hydnum repandum*. These are excellent edible mushrooms which are fairly easy to identify as they have spines under their caps rather than gills. They grow under broad-leaved and coniferous trees; sometimes in large groups.



You may also be lucky enough to find some of these.



Hoarwithy

At the Hentland with Hoarwithy APCM Jeff Goulding was elected as a Churchwarden for Hoarwithy. Robin Symonds and Peter Pember were re-elected as churchwardens.

WHO “WOOD” BE A PEG?

Some unwanted trousers
Many years ago
Became a strong peg-bag
When quick I did sew.
Its shoulder-length handle
Is comfy to wear,
Or hang on the rotary
Arm in the air.
I look like a cowboy
With peg-bag in use,
Because of the storm-pegs
Like bullets I choose

To clip on the handle
In very neat row,
So heavy wet blue jeans
From line will not blow.
The smaller pegs waiting
To go for a spin,
Are in my bag ready
For hand to go in.
My pegs mainly wooden
Don't live on the line,
Because they would rather stay
Where it is fine.

Peter Pember

Hentland

HENTLAND CHANCEL

Progress Report at 12th October

The French drain is now complete, filled with stone chippings which cover up plastic land drains taking water from the roof to the soakaway pits about ten yards downhill. But the churchyard is a terrible mess where all this work has been taking place: many quite large fragments of stone which were brought up in the digging of the drain will need picking up and disposal in the skip; one flat gravestone is completely obscured with soil, and bits of black polythene stir in the breeze, adding to the scene of dereliction. The stonemason has been chipping away at the blocks of sandstone in the carpark, but was chased off by rain after Monday last week and hasn't been seen since. He took the scaffolding tower from the chancel, so there hasn't been any work done inside, though looking today, the tower is now back inside, and another skim of plaster has been applied. Intriguingly, a parcel arrived at home addressed to

Lee, which probably contains paint, and I have taken that to the church. It is likely to be for the roundel to be painted on the extreme left, once the plaster surface is ready.

Meanwhile, David the organ builder has been getting on with the rebuilding. It is all under wraps at the moment, to keep it clear of bits of wet plaster falling from the work above, but it is good to see that most of the pieces of organ which were stacked on the pews have been used. Once the work on the decoration is complete, he will have a clear run and it will be exciting to see the organ gradually rise from the dead.

To make a forecast for next month, I am saying the restoration inside will be complete by the end of October, with the possibility of a service of parish communion on the fourth Sunday in November, the contractors having thoroughly cleaned up the whole of the interior. But I am not putting any money on it just yet...

Robin Symonds

Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2020

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at Llanwarne Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, unless advised differently by the Parish Clerk on Thursday 19th November.

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Veg garden advocate.

I love reading Julie Davies' Garden Notes each month, and often get good ideas from her for new plants to try—thank you, Julie! But this month I couldn't stop thinking about October's article. Give up growing veg? Impossible!

For many years I have been too busy to grow more than a few tomatoes and runner beans, waging war with the rabbits who are always hungry and the moles who are always tunnelling. But this year, for the first time in ages, there has been time to get the veg garden going properly, and the rewards have been rich. Doubtless it was the load of well-rotted horse manure which rejuvenated it: it has repaid all the effort I've put into it. And it is such a joy to carry a large trug into the house proudly full of plums, peas, eating apples, tomatoes (3 types this year, thanks to a generous neighbour back in the spring when I couldn't get any seed), sweet peppers (another kind friend), masses of courgettes, French beans, runner beans, wonderfully tasty carrots, rocket, radishes, Chinese gooseberries (that's a first!) and purple sprouting (what's it doing sprouting in September? Thought it was supposed to wait till February?)

I have to admit the preparation of it all for cooking is not quite such a joy—especially trying to clean those carrots that look as if they've got their legs crossed—but I have never had a carrot from a shop which tasted so....carroty!

And as for the caterpillars—live and let live, I say. In the summer the cabbage white butterflies gave us a lot of pleasure, flutter-bying as we sat in the garden, and the caterpillars turn white when cooked, so they are quite easily sorted out!

So—don't give up! Think of how good it is not to have herbicides and insecticides on your food, and how many miles of haulage you are saving. And the taste of those carrots! **Frances Phillips**

Wildlife in our Garden

There is no way we can follow in the footsteps of John Pullen, such a knowledgeable naturalist and ornithologist, but we are very fortunate that here at our home in Tretire we are flanked on 3 sides by fields, and over the 18 years that we have lived here, we have enjoyed diverse wildlife in our garden. However, we have often wished for a greater knowledge and understanding of what is going on. Many of you, Parish News readers, live in similar surroundings. So we hope that by sharing with you some of our questionings about the wildlife we see from month to month, you might come up with some answers, or even just more questions to which others might have answers.

For example: we have often been aware of how quiet the garden is in August and September. Not only do we see very few birds but we don't hear them either. Where have they all gone? Well OK, some have gone back to Africa, like Swifts, Cuckoos and some Warblers, but what about the Blue tits and Great Tits? They don't migrate do they? Where are our Thrushes, Finches and Woodpeckers? True, we are a bit mean with the feeders and do not put nuts or seeds out in the summer, but we would still expect to see the birds that eat insects, snails and worms. So when we put the feeders out again as the frosts start, it will be interesting to see how quickly, and in what order, the garden birds return.

There are a few exceptions, like the Robin. There is usually one hopping about somewhere, but they're not here in the numbers they were through spring and summer when they were rearing families. Nor do they sing much. So little in fact, that when a Robin suddenly burst into song briefly but emphatically, just above our heads, we were quite startled. What had prompted it? Was it an adult, reclaiming its territory after a bit of a holiday, or was it one of this year's juveniles, which we were still seeing around in early September, suddenly finding it had a voice?

John read somewhere once, that Robins do in fact migrate! But the reason we see them all through the year is because they don't go very far, so the ones we see in winter are those that have come south from Scotland perhaps, and those we see in summer have moved north from Cornwall, or France! Can anyone confirm this? Or tell us it's rubbish!

The other day we had a very clear sighting of a Weasel – pointy nose, short brown tail. We think it lives under the potting shed, as Margaret has seen it emerge from there. It reminded us that back in the spring a Robin nearly succeeded in raising five young in that potting shed, in a nest cleverly tucked into a flower basket on a shelf. In spite of our fairly frequent trips to collect tools, pots etc., a parent sat patiently on five eggs. Later when they'd hatched, we watched the adults flying in and out with food, and once we caught one on our night camera. We were expecting the young to fledge any day, when suddenly they all disappeared, only the parents hovering around with no young to feed. Could that have been the work of the Weasel? We looked up on line: "What do weasels eat?" and found "Weasels eat a variety of animals, including rabbits, mice, voles, birds, frogs and rats. They will also raid bird's nests and eat both the young and the eggs."

John & Margaret Oubridge.

(Many thanks to the Oubridges for providing use with their thoughts. Please do respond via the usual email on the back of the magazine. Fiona Mynors)

BOOK REVIEW

The Mysteries of Glass by Sue Gee

This a wonderful book; a beautiful book – every word to be savoured – no skim-reading here.

1861, and Richard Allen, mourning the death of his beloved father, arrives in Lyonshall, then a mere village, to take up his first church post as curate to vicar, Oliver Bowen. Richard, straight of mind and morals, but also compassionate and thoughtful and devoted to his mother and two sisters, is to face challenges here that he could not have envisaged.

He falls in love with the countryside, which is enchantingly described and is as much a character to be greeted and savoured as the people he meets and grows to care for. He falls in love too with a young woman, a woman who is not free; and his whole being is shaken by this experience, so far beyond his imagining and at odds with his calling and his upbringing.

In Richard we meet a young man of principle, struggling with his conscience, not only in relation to his love of Susannah, but also but also to the pockets of evil that he finds within the church community.

Shattered in spirit, Richard begins to question his faith, believing that the love he has for Susannah is such a extraordinary gift that it cannot be anything but God-given. Influenced by the newly published Darwin, and by his love of nature, he represents one of the struggles of Victorian times, between new scientific discoveries and the traditions of the church; between freedom of thought and rigid adherence to doctrines, often lacking compassion and humanity.

This is far more than a Victorian love story; it is a delicate study of Richard's internal conflict, which reflects the external conflicts of the age. And it is a delightful, gentle poetic read. Do not miss this. *Hilary Smallwood*

Remembering the Liberty Bodice – instead of garden notes!

Who remembers the liberty bodice? If ever there was a misnomer this is one.

They were invented in 1908 and manufactured by R H Symington & Co Ltd who at their peak produced 3 million a year. They continued to be made until the 1960s. They were intended to liberate children and women from the restrictions of corsets and were especially useful if you wore a flapper dress in the 1920s.

They were fleecy knitted vests made of unbleached cotton with rubber buttons and reinforcing tapes to give added support. They were very close-fitting and were worn in addition to a vest.

My mother was from the chilly north-east and had some old-fashioned ideas when it came to dressing kids. My poor brother and I had to wear these hideous garments until we must have been around 7 years old. Oh the humiliation! I have no memories of any of my school friends wearing one and I really hated the thick dingy beige fabric and the weird rubbery buttons which eventually went hard with washing. We struggled into them every morning and wore the same ones for several years until they were so tight that we could barely move, at which point my mother finally released us from them for good.

With no central heating and unheated bedrooms, I suppose they gave us extra warmth. I mentioned them to my husband who is several years older than me but he'd never heard of them and certainly never wore one.

Somebody somewhere must have liked them. Indeed earlier this year there was an exhibition entitled 'I love my Liberty Bodice' at the museum in Market Harborough and Chepstow Museum held a similar one in 2013.

My Liberty Bodice wasn't the only garment I detested though; just don't get me started on grey knee socks... **Julie Davies**



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Dorset Apple Cake

Ingredients

- 8" tin, lined with baking paper
- 225g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 115g unsalted butter, diced and chilled, plus extra for the tin
- 115g light brown sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 6-8 tbsp milk
- 225g Bramley apples,
- 2 tbsp demerara sugar

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4.
2. Mix the flour and spices together in a large bowl.
3. Add the butter and rub into the flour using your fingertips, until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
4. Stir in the light brown sugar.
5. Beat in the egg and then gradually add the milk until you get a smooth, thick batter.
6. Prepare the apples by peeling, coring and dicing them. Stir into the cake mix.
7. Add the cake mix into the prepared tin and gently level out.
8. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar.
9. Bake for 30-40 mins or until golden and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.
10. Allow to cool in the tin for 15 mins and then carefully turn out onto a wire rack.
11. Enjoy with clotted cream or warm with custard!

Chuckle Corner

Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. *'My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?'*
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Edward Lear

Every six seconds somebody in the UK contacts Samaritans for help. Whether it's by phone, email or letter, Samaritan volunteers are available to support anyone struggling to cope, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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If you might be able to lend a hand in Herefordshire by displaying posters or contact cards please get in touch with Herefordshire Samaritans Outreach

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For more information about Samaritans, including other ways to help, please go to www.Samaritans.org

Diary Dates

31st October Orcop Country Market

November

3 Garway Stitches

6 Family online event Garway School

9 Parish Council Meeting St Weonards

17 Garway Stitches

19 Llanwarne and District Parish Council Meeting

Service Rota November 2020

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

1 st November	4pm	All Souls service on Youtube. Join with us at 4pm or access the service at a time to suit you.
8 th November	9.15am	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance at Tretire Church
	10am	All-age service Zoom
	10.45am	Hentland and Hoarwithy joint Remembrance Service at Kings Cuple
	4pm	Act of Remembrance at Orcop War Memorial
15 th November	10am	Holy Communion Zoom
22 nd November	10am	All-age service Zoom
29 th November	11am	Advent Service Zoom

Once released, Youtube services will be available to view at any time.

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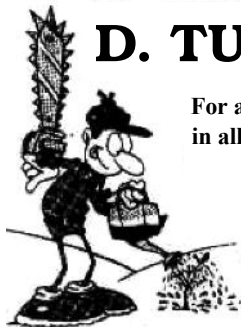
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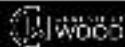
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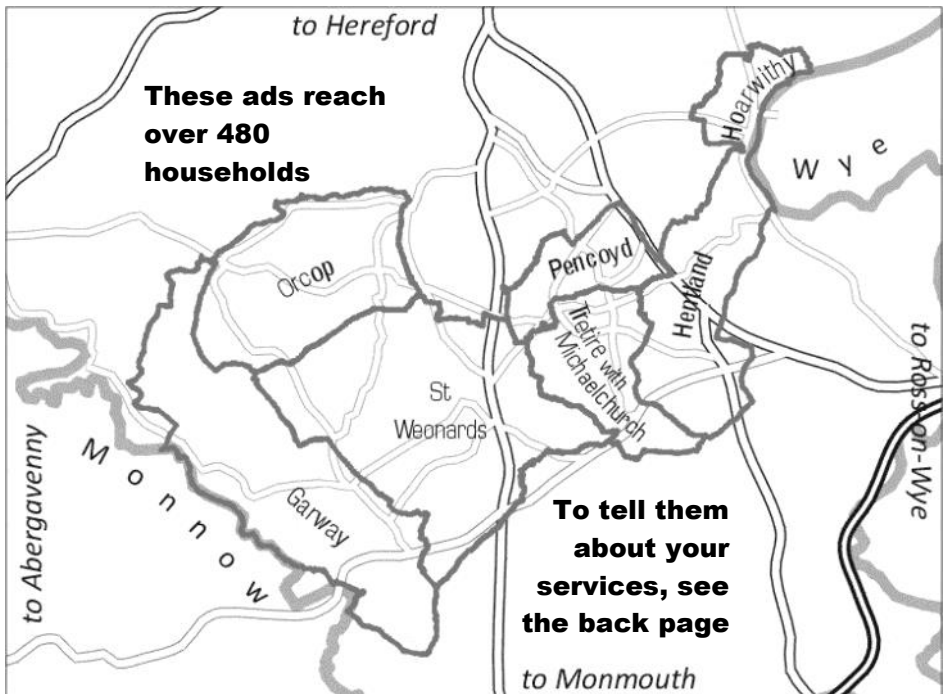
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