

WHEATLAND NEWS

June 2023



June 4th – Trinity Sunday

News from the Diocese of Hereford and the
17 Parishes around Stottesdon, Ditton Priors
and Highley

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Editorial



What a thrill to see our own Bishop Richard alongside HM Queen Camilla throughout the Coronation service. It really felt as though he had taken us all with him, and he will have such stories to share with his grandchildren!



There was so much to absorb on the day of the Coronation. The complete Order of Service – a soft version of the printed one enjoyed by each guest in Westminster Abbey – can be downloaded from the [official Royal website, https://www.royal.uk](https://www.royal.uk). The Coronation section also contains masses of detail about the service and all the vestments, jewels, furniture, music and musicians, and a myriad of other fascinating aspects of the day. There is information about the military contribution to the day on [Forces.Net](https://www.forces.net), and doubtless many other websites.

The [Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org) website has a page through which we can each submit a personal message to His Majesty, as well as other information about the Coronation itself and opportunities for volunteering. Is there a parent would not be deeply touched if their son stood in front of the whole world and spoke of his pride in his father?



Delighted to see Tina Ranson’s very professional appearance on Midlands Today, seeking to attract interest from both local people and potential GPs for the surgery. The next meeting of the Patient Group is on 4 July, 7:00 – 8:00 pm at Ditton Priors VH. Contact for more information tina.ranson@outlook.com.

We hope everyone will enjoy the CORONATION COMMUNITY COLOUR SUPPLEMENT in the centre pages!

This edition of WN is a few days late, due to enforced vacations for the WN production team – who have now returned safe and well from their exploits! Service information for the first week of each month is included in the previous month’s edition, so we hope that this has not inconvenienced any readers and that you will enjoy this historic edition very much.

Ed

Please continue to send reports to your contact for your parishes listed below. The **deadline** for contributions for the July 2023 edition of WN will be **Friday 23rd June**.

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Diocese of Hereford

June Newsletter from the Dean of Hereford



On stripping the chameleon

I like the idea of chameleons –clever lizardy things that allegedly blush camouflage green when they are tongue-lassoing bugs in a bush, or come over all dusty beige when they are skulking in a sandpit (look out toddlers!) or exude an appealing (sorry) oranginess when they are snoozing in a basket of satsumas. (I cannot help but wonder what a chameleon would make of my granny’s rose print patchwork quilt - but that is an experiment for another day when I can catch one.) My point is that they adapt to the environment in which they find themselves and survive because of it. Unless you are hoping to be rescued by mountain rescue being an orange lizard, (or even a pink skink) in the snow is a high-risk strategy. Blending in is much safer.

We do it too. Not literally but socially. Most of us adapt our behaviour, language and the image that we present to the world so that we fit in with those around us or with their perceptions of us. Sometimes it is about what we look like and what we own, sometimes it is about how we talk, sometimes it is about keeping our real opinions quiet to avoid the disapproval of others. The Church has been blending in to not upset the world for decades and is at risk of blurring into the social wallpaper as a result and look at all the “shy Conservatives” in elections over the last ten or 15 years or the lifelong Christians who don’t even tell their best friends that they love Jesus. Sometimes we join in with things we don’t enjoy in order to blend in. And mostly we know when we are doing it and remain essentially ourselves.

But what if the normally khaki chameleon is made to live its whole life in a purple box and forced against its nature to be forever aubergine? For some people the pressure to be a certain way is like that. It is true captivity, even oppression, when people live their whole lives to fulfil other people’s expectations and it can result in serious health and social problems.

If you are someone who lives as a captive chameleon in thrall to someone else or to society, history or a set of circumstances have a go at asking God for courage to be yourself. Read Psalm 139 and see how well God knows the real you and how he wants you to live your life in all the fullness he created you for. There is only one opinion that matters. His.

And for all you brilliantly well-adjusted geckos out there the real question is how we deal with the different, the difficult and the desperate. The answer, of course, is with love.

Rev'd Canon Sarah Brown

Bishop Richard talks about the nature of the Trinity, and prays that we all may find a deeper experience of God’s reality in our lives.

This message, and all his earlier messages can be seen on [YouTube](#) and on the [Diocese website](#).

The Bishop’s weekly video message



Wheatland Diary

Sat	3	Jun	Coffee morning, Ditton Priors church – see page 9
Sat	3	Jun	Daddy’s Hat at St Peter’s Church, Chelmarsh, 3:00pm. See page 16
Sat	10	Jun	Coffee morning at Middleton Scriven Church – see page 24
Sat	17	Jun	Wyre Forest Big Band playing at Church House, Chetton. See page 18
Sat	17	Jun	Brown Clee Community Choir - concert at Ditton Priors VH, 7.30pm. See page 7
Sat	17	Jun	Orchid Wander and Clee Liberty Band, 2:00 pm, Brickyard Farm, Wheathill, see page 11
Sat	17	Jun	Breakfast at the Down in aid of Glazeley Church. See page 20
Sun	18	Jun	Orchid Wander, Brickyard Farm, Wheathill, see page 11.
Sat	24	Jun	St John’s Ditton Priors Church Fete – see page 9
Sat	24	Jun	Walking Tour of Ditton Priors, leaving at 10:30 from the Willows Café. See page 10
Sat	24	Jun	The Woodlands, Glazeley – garden open 2:00pm – 5:00pm. See page 20
Sun	25	Jun	Penny & David Austin open their garden at the Old Rectory, Cleobury North, 2:30-5pm. See page 11
Sat	1	July	Coffee morning, Ditton Priors church - see page 9
Tue	4	July	Brown Clee Medical Practice Patient Group Meeting – DPVH, 7:00 – 8:00pm.
Sat	8	July	Ditton Priors Sponsored Walk – see page 10
Sat	8	July	Coffee morning at Middleton Scriven Church – see page 24
Fri	14	July	Stottesdon Annual Church and School Community Fete, from 4:00pm. See page 25
Sat	15	July	Neenton Fete and Duck Race at and around the Pheasant, Neenton, from 2pm – 5pm – see page 14
Sun	16	July	Stottesdon Open Gardens for NGS charities – see page 25
Sat	22	July	Ditton Priors Pimms & Puds Social Evening – see page 11
Sat	22	July	Neenton Annual Fete and Duck Race at the Pheasant, 2:00pm – 5:00pm. See page 17



Caring for God’s Acre - June

Old churchyards and other burial grounds have become a refuge for the Yellow Meadow Ant, *Lasius flavus*, a species found in permanent pasture and meadow, now both rare habitats. You can tell if you have this lovely species in your site as it creates soil mounds or anthills over its nest, often against gravestones and facing the sun. The Yellow Meadow Ant is harmless, and the anthills are quite something, growing larger and larger over the years. Actually, the bulk of the ant nest is below ground, sometimes reaching 1m in depth. Within the nest the ants are protected, with temperature and humidity kept relatively constant. Here the ants are farmers, tending aphids which feed on the roots of the meadow grasses and then produce ‘honeydew’ – food for the ants.

Each of these mounds is started by a queen ant who lands in a warm sunny spot and starts a new colony. She lays eggs which hatch into worker ants who then go out to forage for food and make the nest. This is done by excavating in the ground and carrying innumerable particles of soil above ground level to build a series of chambers. As the number of workers increase so does the size of the mound. The little passages they make and travel through, are above and below ground. In the winter the whole colony retreats further underground away from the cold.

Anthills can be up to 100 years old and form a mini-habitat of their own. The ants need the warmth of the sun and so they trim back the grass growing on the mound surface and this encourages plants like lady’s bedstraw and wild thyme. You may spot plants on ant mounds that are not found elsewhere within your churchyard. Whilst the anthills give the ants a level of safety, green woodpeckers feed on them, visiting the mounds and using their extraordinarily long, sticky tongues to feast on the ants.

When you next visit a burial ground, look out for anthills, large or small, and on a sunny day you will see the ants busy at work. If you see an anthill you can make a biological record for Yellow Meadow Ant even if you don’t see the actual yellow coloured ant. Try using the iNaturalist app and photographing it. This is a useful species to record, as it is an indicator of ancient grassland, suggesting that your churchyard may hold many other treasures waiting to be identified.

www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



Message from the Rural Dean

The main topic of discussion at the last Deanery Synod meeting in March was the diocesan proposal to merge Bridgnorth Deanery with Telford Severn Gorge Deanery. This would result in a Deanery stretching from Sutton Hill in Telford down through Bridgnorth to Cleeton St Mary and Alveley. There was some lively discussion.

At the end of this discussion, it was proposed that we needed a senior member of the diocesan staff to come and speak to a joint meeting of the two deaneries to explain fully the purpose of this proposal. As a result, when the feedback from both deaneries was presented to the Ludlow Archdeaconry pastoral committee, that was recommended, and the proposal has been paused until it could take place. We hope that our next meeting will be that joint meeting, with Archdeacon Fiona in the hot seat for the diocese!

All of which is to say that it is well worth while having a deanery synod representative for your parish. In the first place, if you have no representative, you won't know what is happening in the wider church, and will have no say in it; in the second place, these deanery meetings are an effective way of getting your voices heard by those who plan strategy for the diocese, and being able to contribute to that process. This is a very testing time for the diocese – as it is for the whole church – when the voice of the people who spend so much time, effort and love in maintaining our parishes and their churches needs to be listened to.

Mark Daborn

Saint of the Month – Saint Barnabas, 11th June

By Preb Mark Daborn

June 11th is the feast day of St Barnabas the apostle, companion of St Paul. Although he tends to get written down in history as Paul's companion, Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew who was actually a Christian well before Paul's dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, and was Paul's sponsor to the leaders of the early church in Jerusalem. Paul – as Saul of Tarsus – had been an avid persecutor of the Christian community, and when he was converted the leaders in Jerusalem were understandably nervous of him. It was Barnabas who smoothed the way to his acceptance.

After Paul returned to his home town of Tarsus, in Asia Minor, Barnabas was sent on a mission to Antioch. He sent for Paul to join him in this work, and together they ministered to the believers in Antioch – the place where they were first referred to as 'Christians'. The Church in Antioch then picked out Barnabas and Paul for more missionary work, and they left for Cyprus, together with Barnabas' cousin John Mark, who is known to us now as the writer of Mark's Gospel.

Working first in Cyprus, where Barnabas is still regarded as the founder of the Christian Church, Paul and Barnabas went on to Asia Minor on what we now refer to as Paul's first missionary journey. John Mark did not join them for this part of the mission, but turned back to Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas went on to preach in the synagogues of Asia Minor and here they first began to preach to the gentiles as well, when they were rejected by the Jews. In Lystra, they were acclaimed as pagan gods: Barnabas was identified as Zeus, and Paul as Hermes – because he did all the talking!

When Paul began his second missionary journey, he intended to take Barnabas with him. Barnabas, though, wanted to bring his cousin; Paul was unwilling because John Mark had left them on the first journey, and they went their separate ways. Paul took Silas and went to Asia Minor and on to Macedonia, while Barnabas took John Mark back to Cyprus. Thereafter he is mentioned only in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, but tradition says that he was martyred in Salamis.

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The United Benefice of Brown Clee

Rector: vacant <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please contact your Churchwarden, as below.</i> <i>In emergency, contact Preb. Mark Daborn, Rural Dean, on 01746-718127</i></p>		
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Brown Clee Group News

Services in during June

Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday 09:45 HC Ditton Priors 11:30 HC Aston Botterell		
Sunday 11th June – Trinity 1 09:45 EHC Ditton Priors 11:30 EHC Chetton		
Sunday 18th June – Trinity 2 09:45 HC Ditton Priors 11:30 HC Neenton 18:00 HC Loughton		
Sunday 25th June – Trinity 3 08:30 No service Ditton Priors 09:45 EHC Chetton 11:30 EHC Cleobury North		
Sunday 2nd July – Trinity 4 09:45 HC Ditton Priors 11:30 HC Aston Botterell		
HC – Holy Communion EHC – Extended Holy Communion		

Brown Clee Community Choir

Invite you to

A Summer Concert



Saturday 17th June 2023 at 7.30pm
 at Ditton Priors Village Hall

Raising funds for Brown Clee Patient Group

One of Shropshire's best mixed voice choirs, Of One Accord, will be performing a variety of songs, joined by Brown Clee Community Choir

Tickets £7 per adult (£3 for children) - includes tea/coffee, cake and a raffle

Tickets available from Ruth (01746 712029, evenings),
 Brownleechoir@gmail.com and Ditton Priors Post Office





Brown Clee High Places Holy Communion

Account by the Revd David Poyner



Around 15 people and four dogs accompanied Bishop Richard to the top of the Brown Clee on Sunday 14th April for the latest in his “High Places” communion services, held at the highest points in each deanery in the diocese.

The Brown Clee has seen acts of worship, probably since the Bronze Age and so, as Bishop Richard reminded us, it was very appropriate that we celebrated communion on the summit as an act of our faith.

The rain held off and we found a sheltered spot so that the Holy Mysteries were not scattered over the summit, although no doubt our canine congregation would have sprung into action to retrieve and reverently consume them had that happened.



High Places Holy Communion
Year of Prayer

Plan for the Eucharist at the top of Brown Clee
(Bridgnorth Deanery)

LET'S COME TOGETHER

Year of Prayer 2023



See also page 24 for arrangements for the Ludlow Deanery High Places Holy Communion which will be celebrated on 5th June.

Ditton Priors News

Marjorie Jones writes:

Coronation Service

Our service was led by Alex Daborn. We were happy to meet together to acknowledge this special coronation, to wish His Majesty well and to drink to a long happy reign ahead. And yes, we did put out the flags.

The AGM OF Ditton Priors with Wheathill & Loughton Parochial Church Council

The meeting took place on Tuesday, 23rd May, chaired by our rural dean, Mark Daborn.

Mrs Carole Smith and Mr Mark Smith were re-elected as church wardens, Mrs Marjorie Lautman as PCC secretary and Mrs Ruth Jones as PCC treasurer. See our notice board for list of other members. The wardens and PCC members were thanked for their hard work during 2022.

A Sad Loss

We report with sadness the death of John Smith on 5th May. John has been a devoted member of our church for years, playing guitar with the music group, supporting study groups and social events and being involved with all activities. John has also served the community on the parish council, the village hall committee, and the community land trust. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and with Carole and all the family. May the Lord bless you and keep you, John.

Easter Lilies

Many thanks to everyone who donated towards the Easter Lilies for our church this time. The quality was superb, and they looked splendid. Together with all other Easter displays the church looked lovely.

On Bridgnorth Walk Day we served coffee and cake in church, but the main event was outside, with BBQ, stalls and the excitement of seeing the walkers pass through our usual quiet village.

Cleaning rota for June

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sunday 4th June – Mrs Shirley Wall & Mrs Anita Casswell● Sunday 11th June – Mrs Jennifer Lowe & Mrs Debbie Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sunday 18th June – Mr & Mrs Dennis Griffiths● Sunday 25th June – Mr & Mrs John Ballard● Sunday 2nd July – Mr & Mrs Tony Brown
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First Saturday of the month Coffee Mornings

On Saturday 13th May it was coffee and cakes as usual, but the main draw was **Pam's Plants!** Well done Pam – she sold **£220.50** worth of plants and overall a profit of **£319.50** was made for church funds.

First Saturday of the Month Coffee Mornings - Saturday 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October.

Church Fete: To be held on our Patronal Festival, Saturday 24th June 12.30pm onwards- in and around the church. There will be the usual variety of stalls, a BBQ and some musical entertainment. We pray for fine weather and would like to ask you for some contributions to sell please - tombola, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, etc. We hope there will be an art exhibition in church by the local art group.

Dates for your Diary

- 17th June (Saturday) A SUMMER CONCERT
7:30pm at Ditton Priors village hall.
 - 24th June (Saturday) CHURCH FETE – 12:30pm
onwards, in and around the church.
 - 8th July (Saturday) SPONSORED WALK
 - 22nd July (Saturday) PIMMS & PUDS SOCIAL
EVENING
- 3rd August (Thursday) BURWARTON SHOW-
REFRESHMENTS TENT 17th August (Thursday)
TEA PARTY IN CHURCHYARD
 - 7th October (Saturday) – Harvest Supper in the
Village Hall
 - 28th October (Saturday) – Much Wenlock Male
Voice Choir in the Village Hall.

St John the Baptist 100 Club results for May

- £20 Rita Griffiths
- £10 Pam Gennard
- £5 each to: Helen Ceresa, Trish Shotton, and Mark Smith.

Ditton Priors Local History Group

Paul Wilson writes:

The Ditton Priors Local History Group will be continuing in its proud and distinguished tradition!

At meetings held previously, the decision was taken to keep the Name and Constitution of the Group and, in order to ensure continuity, there had to be an AGM to elect the new Committee members and set a subscription fee.

I am pleased to report that the AGM on May 18th fulfilled its purpose: the new committee was elected unopposed, some new members were enrolled, and ideas were explored for widening engagement with the local community.

DPLHG Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paul Wilson- ChairmanSharon Jones- TreasurerMark Gregory- Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeannette ColesJohn ColesHelen GrovesTony JonesStuart Wentworth
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It was agreed at the AGM that the LHG should have a programme of events that would have appeal not just for members but also for anyone with an interest in the area. To start the programme we are pleased to announce that Di Bryan, one of the founding members of the DPLHG and author of the book 'Ditton Priors - A Settlement of the Brown Clee,' has agreed to lead a **walking tour of Ditton Priors Village on Saturday 24th June**, leaving the Willows Café on Station Road at 10:30am. Di has a wealth of knowledge about the Village and will be able to reveal some of its hidden secrets.

The Committee is also planning to expand the LHG displays into the larger unit recently vacated by Bob Handley. The collection includes several photo albums and video recordings taken in the Village at the Millennium. Whilst it won't be possible to maintain the regular Saturday opening operated by Graham and Rona, the Centre will be opened for notified events, such as Di Bryan's Village Tour, and arrangements will be made to have it opened on demand.

Wheathill & Loughton News

Marjorie Jones writes

Church services during June and July

- ✝ Sunday 18th June 6:00pm at Loughton Church
- ✝ Sunday 16th July 6:00pm at Wheathill Church.

It was good to see several members from the Wheathill/Loughton community attend the APCM and Mrs Joyce Richards has agreed to join the PCC.

Looking after Wheathill

This lovely little church is in sound order but just needs some loving care on a regular basis. Ruby has to stand down now for health reasons and grateful thanks go to her for her many years of devotion. We would love to have someone to take over from her – urgently. Please ring Ruby on 01584-823234 or Marjorie Jones on 712423.

Another Orchid Wander at Brickyard Farm, Wheathill

Sue Crichton will be welcoming wanderers to Brickyard Farm again this year:

- On Saturday 17th June, a wander at 2:00pm. Afterwards the Clee Liberty Band (who played for Daddy's Hat at Claverley Church in April – see May WN) will be playing in the garden whilst the wanderers enjoy a cup of tea.
- On Sunday 18th June there will be a morning walk at 11:00am.

Sue says – “The guided walks last around hour and half. Do wear stout shoes as the ground is undulating... often wet!! £2 donation for adults please.”

Just to be on this wonderful hill and drink in the views of the best countryside in the world is an opportunity not to be missed! Brickyard Farm is to be found on the B4364 from Bridgnorth to Ludlow, near to the Three Horseshoes. And if I've searched on What3Words correctly, it's at ///reach.resonates.switched. Ed.



Cleobury North and Burwarton News

Open Gardens – Sunday 25th June

Penny and David of The Old Rectory have kindly decided to open their beautiful gardens in Cleobury North on Sunday 25th June. The gardens will be open from 2:30pm until 5pm. Entry is £10 (children free) to include refreshments and a cream tea. All money raised will go into Cleobury North Church funds.

Photo taken in 2017 - CCJ

Cleobury North & District Village Hall

CNVH remains open and available for hire. For enquiries about booking and using the hall, please call 01746-787093 and leave a message or send a TEXT MESSAGE to 07483-879763 (or both!).

Burwarton & District WI 2023 Programme

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Cleobury North Village Hall, WV16 6RW, at 2.30pm unless otherwise stated on the programme. See February WN (electronic version always online from A Church Near You) for the full WI programme.

Aston Botterell News

Anne Preece writes:

The **group service** held at the end of April at Aston Botterell led by Val Smith from Highley went extremely well. It was well-attended and a special thank you to all who came. Val is retiring so it was her last service: she will be missed especially at Aston Botterell. Tea, coffee and biscuits went down well with the chatter after the service.

A special **memorial service** has also been held for Margaret Jones. Margaret was mother to Dee and June also sister to Richard and Iris. Margaret was married to Frank Jones in Aston Botterell Church. It was a lovely tribute to her. The service was led by the Rural Dean Mark Daborn. Margaret supported the church until she was unable to get out. Always in our thoughts.

Lottery winners

- £20 - Pippa Whiteman – No 85
- £10 each to Jan Hadoke - No 37 and to Debbie Jones – No 9
- £5 each to James Brassington - No 218 and to Peter Bache – No 96.

Neenton News

Bobbie Jarvis writes:

June Service at All Saints' Church, Neenton

✝ Sunday 18th June at 11:30am with Archdeacon Fiona Gibson. All welcome.

Our thanks to the Local Ministry Development Group (LMDG) led by Dot Cartwright and to Ragni for the music for the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 21st May when the Banns for the forthcoming marriage of Graham and Liz were read for the first time. It will be exciting for Neenton to have a wedding in the church after so many years.

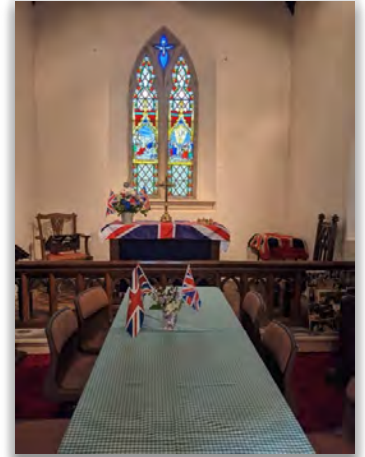
Thankyou

Bobbie Jarvis wishes to thank everyone for their messages, thoughts and support following her recent surgery. The kindness and help during this time has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the working volunteers, Liz, Graham, Roger and Malcolm who have been clearing, pruning and planting in the churchyard – a true community spirit.

Neenton News is continued on page 17, after the Coronation Colour Supplement!

Middleton Scriven - God Save the King !



Our community celebration for the Coronation involved a shared tea party on the coronation Sunday. What a glorious sunny afternoon, with our church full of people, loads of scrummy food and lots of bubbly.



Thank you to all who took part to make this a real community celebration, as you can see from Rachael's fab photographs. We toasted the new king and marked the historic event in style.



It was also our annual plant sale - thank you to all those buying plants and contributing plants.



Coronation celebrations in Aston Botterell



We had a lovely service in our village church on Sunday 7th May led with feeling and detail by Alex Daborn from Stottesdon. Thank you to those who came along to celebrate the crowning of Charles III and Queen Camilla with us.

The church was decorated beautifully and looked very patriotic.



We enjoyed delicious refreshments and a catch up with friends. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the service and refreshments.



Billingsley coronation celebration

After the celebration service, refreshments were consumed with vigour and the loyal toast to the King was drunk with gusto. To mark the coronation itself, a 5-minute peal of bells was rung at 1pm, to coincide with the end of the service in Westminster Abbey; thanks again to those who helped.

Farlow Coronation Service



On Sunday May 7th, the day after the Coronation of King Charles III, we held a celebration family service at St Giles, Farlow. This was a joint service between the church and the Melville Methodist Chapel, and we are most grateful to the Melville Worship Band for providing our celebratory music. The service was written especially for this occasion, and was used here, at Stottesdon later on in the morning, and also at Ditton Priors and Aston Botterell in the Brown Clee Benefice – another fine example of co-operation between and across the churches!



St Giles's church was decked out in splendour for the occasion, with each window decorated by a different community group, and plenty of contributions from our lovely primary school.



After the service, teas were served in church through the afternoon, with donations going to charity. This was in response to the King's request that Monday be used as a day for service to our communities – a little bit early, admittedly, but with great success: a total of **£400** was raised for the **Hope House Children's Hospice**, which cares for terminally ill children and their families. Years ago, I visited Hope House, and found it, indeed, a place of hope and of laughter; so I am delighted that our donations should have gone to such a worthwhile cause.



We hope the photographs will give an idea of the joyful celebration that we enjoyed for the Coronation and many thanks to the Coronation cake bakers, Farlow School, Abkats, Little Ferns, Melville Chapel, Karen Sutton, Louise & Caroline (nee Wall), Hazel Deignan, Craft & Chat, Farlow Farm Nursery, Farlow Church PCC....



....and special thanks to Charles & Camilla for their brief appearance!

Neenton Coronation Celebration



On Monday 8th May 2023 Neenton celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III in splendid style thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. The photographs show how the occasion was marked with members of the community dressing for the occasion.



The buffet supplied by Mark and his staff was delicious, imaginative, and, without exception, hailed as the 'best ever'. The children enjoyed the bouncy castle and the gladiator jousting canvas. The day was topped by entertainment from the band, Groove Dynamite, who kept people moving during the evening. This really was a fantastic celebration. God Save the King.



Another Bank Holiday followed on Monday 29th May when The Pheasant came alive again with music and an atmosphere of calm enjoyment.



Thank you to all who took part in bringing communities together making these occasions ones to enjoy - meeting people and catching up with old and new friends and to all those who support the National Lottery.

Chetton Village Hall



We had a most successful community lunch to celebrate the Coronation on Sunday 7th May and we made a small profit from bar sales and the raffle. Thank you again to all who helped and generously donated raffle prizes.

Neenton News - Continued

Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Friday 19th May 2023

The APCM was held in All Saints Church with Preb Mark Daborn in attendance. Bobbie Jarvis was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year and will be officially sworn in at the Bishop's Visitation on Wednesday 12th July 2023 in Church Stretton.

Neenton Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023

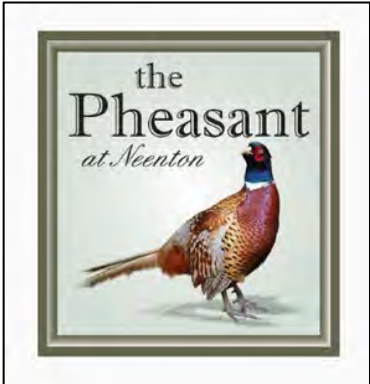
The main discussion at this meeting was about the increase in heavy vehicles passing through the village causing hold up of traffic at the 'pinch points' situated near The Pheasant and at the bridge. Some damage has been caused to properties and gardens in these areas. The speed of some of the traffic passing through the village is also of concern. Traffic calming measures were discussed and further possibilities for addressing this problem are being pursued.

The following were appointed: Chair: John Pickup, Vice Chair: Kevin Edwards, Clerk: Alan Venables. Thanks were expressed to BJ for her longstanding stint as clerk!

All Saints Tote - June - congratulations to our winners

- 1st prize - Dot 2nd prize – Dawn Moreton

Neenton Annual Fete and Duck Race will be held on Saturday 22nd July, 2:00pm to 5:00pm

	Opening times - 🌀 Wednesday / Thursday – 12 noon – 3pm, 6pm – 11pm 🌀 Friday / Saturday – 12 noon – 11pm 🌀 Sunday lunch 12 noon – 4.30pm
	PLEASE NOTE - the Pheasant will be closed on Saturday 1st July for a private function
	Please call 01746-787955 or email info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk to discuss times and your requirements or book direct on the website.
Best wishes from us all to Mark and Sarah (they will still be at the Pheasant) as they start their new venture at the Tally Ho!	

Chetton News

Pam Downing writes:

Services at St Giles' Church

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✝ Sunday 11th June, 11:30am, Holy Communion✝ Sunday 25th June, 09:45am, Holy Communion.	Flowers and Cleaning Pam and Ersilia.
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St Giles Pentecost Service

On Whit Sunday or Pentecost Chetton Church played host for a Group Service. The celebrant at Holy Communion was Bishop Richard Jackson the Diocesan Bishop of Hereford. A congregation of 40 joined by the Group choir celebrated the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and heard a powerful sermon from our Bishop.

Fresh from his role on the left of Queen Camilla at the Coronation the Bishop reminded us all to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring love and healing to a broken world. The Bishop arrived by motor bike in keeping with the tradition of earlier Biking Bishops of Hereford and stayed after the service to share coffee and cakes with the congregation and choir.

The day also saw the first appearance of the new on-line touch screen collection and donations system installed with financial support of the Diocese and wider Anglican Church. Chetton has truly joined the digital world whilst celebrating the eternal verity of the Holy Spirit.

Many thanks to all those from across the Brown Clee benefice who travelled to make it a special and joyous day.

100 Club Winners

- £15.00 to Linda Phillips, No 51
- £10.00 to Henry Archer, No 30

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning in April - it was good to see you all. Thanks also to all the helpers and to Helen and Sylvia for making coffee and tea for us all as usual.



We are gearing up for our main event of the year!

The Wyre Forest Big Band will be playing for us on Saturday 17th June in the garden of Church House, Chetton, courtesy of Charles and Lisa.

Do come along, bring your own picnic, drinks & chairs – tables too if your wish. £10.00 per person, children free.

The band will begin playing at 6pm so come earlier to choose your pitch! We hope to end the evening with dancing on the lawn. Please let us know numbers, telephone Sheila on 07791 857787 or let Lisa know.

We are an exciting Big Band based in Worcestershire formed in 2017. We play a range of big band classics, swing and jazz, and can even throw in some rock and roll to keep our audiences dancing.

<https://www.wyreforestbigband.co.uk>

Chetton Village Hall - Regular activities and events

- Pam's Pilates, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning 9.30 am.
- Chetton Active Friends, Mondays from 2pm for a donation of £1.00 per person per session. Seated exercise, or standing if preferred, followed by recovery with refreshments and time to chat.
- The Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month.
- The Folk Dance Club meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

Village Hall Enquiries – Sue on 01746-789239



Molecule of the Month - A Drug for Alzheimer's?

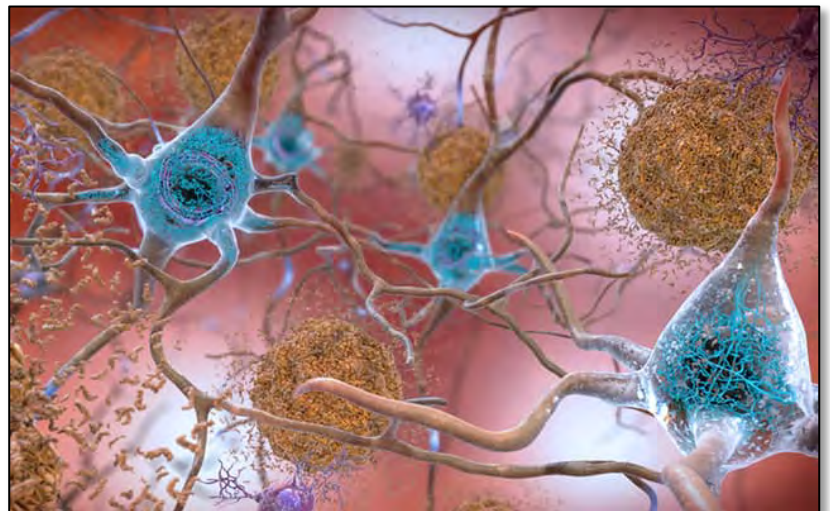
I suspect readers of the Wheatland News will need no introduction to dementia, the crippling brain disease that destroys memory and which may change the personality of the sufferer.

There are a number of types of dementia, but Alzheimer's is the most common. It was first described at the start of the 20th century by Alois Alzheimer; on post-mortem, the brains of sufferers were found to have shrunk. Under the microscope, further changes could be seen; inside dying cells were clumps of protein called tangles, outside were further clumps called amyloid plaques (Figure). I recall the excitement in the 1980s when the molecular basis for the plaques became apparent. A protein, found on the surface of all healthy nerve cells was cut into small fragments, for reasons that are still not fully understood. Some of these fragments clump together to give the plaques. Accumulation of protein clumps in the brain is seen in other diseases and it is not good news for nerve cells; in trying to remove them, all the body does is to produce chemicals that kill the nerves.

At that point, the way forward seemed clear. If we could stop the plaques forming, we could probably halt the disease. Drugs that had some ability to do this have been available since the 1990s; unfortunately, they had no effect on the dementia. Some scientists suggested that the amyloid was not the problem; it was something simply produced by nerve cells that had been damaged by other agents. However, over the last 12 months, the pendulum has swung firmly back towards the amyloid being the issue and this is as a result of trials with new drugs. These agents are antibodies designed to bind to the amyloid; crucially, not only do they stop the plaques from growing, they have some ability to shrink them. Even better, in clinical trials, they do show a measurable effect to slow the progression of the dementia. At last, a drug that seems to work?

The first of these antibodies was licensed in the USA at the very start of 2023; it is called lecanemab. Very recently, the BBC has featured a second drug called donanemab. There is considerable excitement in the Alzheimer's community at these two agents, but there are some who urge caution. Firstly, lecanemab produces a relatively modest clinical effect, leading some to question whether it will ever be cost-effective; antibody-based drugs are very expensive to produce. Donanemab may have a greater effect, but this has yet to be established. None-the-less, even an effect that only lasts a few months may make a real difference to an old person with dementia. A second issue is that both drugs have been associated with fatalities due to brain swelling; they need careful monitoring to be used safely in patients.

I am cautiously optimistic. These drugs seem to have shown that reducing the plaques is a viable therapy to treat dementia and this will spur on efforts to find more effective agents that will give bigger responses in the clinic. And the brain swelling may be treatable. A few months ago, MoM featured an article by my colleague Ros Bill, who works on aquaporins, the molecules in the brain that cause swelling. Ros has found drugs that can stop this. So watch this space, and pray for her work and those developing treatments for dementia!



*An artist's impression of amyloid plaques (brown) surrounding nerve cells (blue).
Image, National Institute of Ageing, USA.*

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St Mary, Billingsley CHURCHWARDEN Vacant	St Peter, Chelmarsh CHURCHWARDEN Vacant	St Bartholomew, Glazeley CHURCHWARDENS Laura Jones – 07714-432836, laura@laj.me.uk
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Glazeley News

Our Glazeley news this month largely comes from our new churchwarden, **Laura Jones**.

“I am delighted to now be the churchwarden for St Bartholomew’s Church, Glazeley. I was born and brought up in Bridgnorth and attended St Leonard’s Church as a member of the choir. I work in child and adolescent mental health in Wolverhampton and although my job is very busy, I appreciate the time for reflection afforded by my attendance at St Bartholomew’s. I can be contacted on 07714 432836 or laura@laj.me.uk and hope I can be of service to the Parish and clergy.”

Laura also writes of some recent work next to the church:

“Thanks to the sterling efforts of George Morley and Andrew Jones last summer, Glazeley’s War Memorial garden is starting to look a little tidier. There is still work to do mainly in clearing perennial weeds, and planting to attract wildlife. If there is anyone who would be interested in helping out with weed clearance or who could supply seedlings we would be delighted to hear from you on laura@laj.me.uk or 07714432836.”

Marion Corfield and David Poyner write:

The next **breakfast at The Down** in aid of Glazeley Church is at 9am on Saturday 17th June.

I would also like to thank all those who quietly work to keep both the church and the churchyard looking tidy. I really do appreciate your efforts! [*The azalea is looking especially wonderful this year!* – Ed]



Picture by N C Claridge

By the time this appears, our new rector, Rev Kina Robertshaw will have taken her first service at Glazeley and will be preparing for her next service, at 10am on Sunday 18th June. We are very much looking forward to working with Kina. We also welcome Andrew Jones as our new treasurer; many thanks to our retiring Andy Johnson for all his work for us. We wish Andy and Elizabeth all the best in their new house in Middleton Priors.

[Glazeley & Deuxhill: St Bartholomew - A Church Near You](#)

David Poyner – Tel 01562-68638
 Email D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk

Marion Corfield – Tel 01746-764585
Marion.corfield@talktalk.net

Another chance to visit the wonderful Woodlands Garden

The Gabb family are again opening the magnificent gardens of their house at the Woodlands (Glazeley, off the B4368 Bridgnorth-Cleobury road) on Saturday 24th June from 2-5pm. They generously share part of the proceeds from this with Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches. **Please come if you are free!**

Billingsley News

The Revd David Poyner writes:

We were pleased at a good attendance at the service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles, held the day after the event itself. Whilst we were supported by people from across the benefice, it was nice to see a lot of Billingsley people in church as well. Many thanks to Ellen and Sue for organising and Revd Kina for leading.



After the service, refreshments were consumed with vigour and the loyal toast to the King was drunk with gusto. To mark the coronation itself, a 5-minute peal of bells was rung at 1pm, to coincide with the end of the service in Westminster Abbey; thanks again to those who helped. The coronation service was not Kina's first in the church; the Sunday before she presided at the 8am Holy Communion, which was also well attended, at least for an 8am service!

The congregation refreshing themselves before the Loyal Toast to the King.

We are also pleased to welcome Diane Stepney, who is taking over from Sue Bates as treasurer of the 100 Club. The 100 Club was Sue's idea and pays for much of what we do in the community, such as the Jubilee party last year as well as work on the church building.

We have had our 5-yearly inspection of the church by the appointed architect; hopefully only minor issues will be identified. Provided there are no other issues, our next major project may be to restore the 15th century wooden porch, which is one of the outstanding features of the building. By the time this article appears, the graveyard should have been cut by the "Caring for God's Acre" team. We also need to repaint the door to the boiler house; if anyone wants to help, please contact me (d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk).



Our next evening service will be Sunday 11th June at 6pm; Sue Bates will be talking about the trip she and husband Phil made last year to Antarctica. All welcome!

[Billingsley: St Mary - A Church Near You](#) / [\(20+\) St Mary's Billingsley | Bridgnorth | Facebook](#).

David Poyner – Associate Minister

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Thanks to Ellen and Sue for tidying the flower beds before the Coronation thanksgiving.

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Days off – MONDAY and THURSDAY

St Mary, Stottesdon CHURCHWARDEN Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007	St Giles, Farlow CHURCHWARDENS Nigel Savage-Bailey - 07989-308599	Holy Trinity, Sidbury CHURCHWARDEN Andrew Sierakowski - 07934-714149
St Mary, Cleeton St Mary CHURCHWARDEN Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583	St John, Middleton Scriven CHURCHWARDEN vacant – so call Preb Mark Daborn - 01746-718127	St Michael, Silvington CHURCHWARDEN Annette Metcalfe: - 01584-890161

June Message

June this year includes two of our patronal festivals: Trinity Sunday and John the Baptist. I've done a bit of tweaking to the service schedule to recognise this. On Trinity Sunday we will hold a group service at Holy Trinity, Sidbury; on the Sunday before John the Baptist's day we will hold a group service at St John the Baptist, Middleton Scriven.

Patronal festivals used to be an important part of the yearly routine in parish churches. Almost every parish church is dedicated to a saint: some of them Bible Saints, some of them national saints, some of them local saints. In our benefice here we have two churches dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus; one to Michael the Archangel; one to John the Baptist; and one to St Giles of Provence. And, of course, one to the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sometimes there is a local connection with a saint – perhaps a relic brought back from the Holy Land by a Crusader or pilgrim. Sometimes the dedication is to a well-known saint. Sometimes both saint and dedication are obscure; the church in Solihull, for example, is dedicated to St Alphege, a little-known Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury who was martyred in Kent by Vikings, by being pelted with meat bones during a drunken feast.

Having a patron saint is an old custom, and gives us a focus for our thoughts when in and around the church. Saints are chosen for their example, and a specific saint held as an example in a community church can give us a kind of focus on some Christian virtues.

So when these two festivals come round this month – Sundays 4th and 25th June, do come along and share a patronal celebration with the churches in question. And your hosts will, in time, be your guests at your patronal festival!

Mark Daborn

Readings for June 2023

June 4th: Trinity Sunday (White)

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end; Psalm 8; II Corinthians 13:11-end; Matthew 28:16-end

June 11th: First Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-end; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18th: Second Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:9-17; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25th: Third Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

July 2nd: Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end.

Stottesdon Benefice Group News

Services in Stottesdon Benefice Churches – June 2023

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Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday			
10:30	Group Patronal Festival	Holy Trinity, Sidbury	
Sunday 11th June – First after Trinity			
09:00	HC	Sidbury	
10:30	HC	Stottesdon	
6:00pm	Joint BBQ Service with Melville Chapel with Archdeacon Fiona	Farlow and Oreton Village Hall	
Sunday 18th June – Second after Trinity			
10:30	IW	Stottesdon	
11:30	HC	Sidbury	
Sunday 25th June – Third after Trinity			
09:00	HC	Silvington	
10:30	Group Patronal Festival	Middleton Scriven	
Sunday 2nd July – Fourth after Trinity			
09:00	HC	Farlow	
10:30	MP	Stottesdon	
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Group Patronal Festival
see the June Message on page xxx.

HC
Holy Communion

MP
Morning Prayer

EP Evening Prayer

IW
Informal Worship

Times and services correct at the time of going to print – but it's always worth checking on our website (A church near you: Stottesdon benefice) or with your churchwarden.

If you are, or someone you know is, in need of prayer or a visit, or Communion at home or elsewhere, then please contact Mark direct, or ask your churchwarden to help you to arrange this.

The deadline for the June edition (Stottesdon Benefice Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing on Thursday 22nd June - Thanks!

Hereford Diocese Year of Prayer

As part of Hereford Diocese Year of Prayer, Bishop Richard is celebrating Holy Communion on high places right across the Diocese.

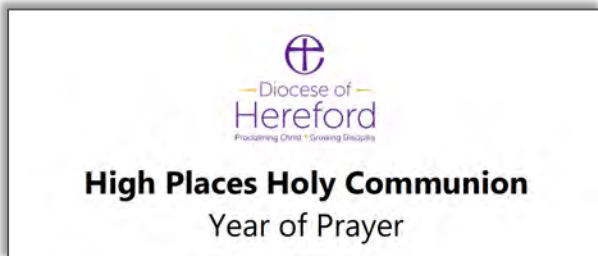
Sunday, 14th May saw the Bishop and a small group make their way to the top of the Brown Clee. It was the perfect day. The sun shone and there was a slight breeze. We walked gently up from Park Gate between bright golden gorse bushes, amid acres of bluebells, stopping every so often to turn and look as the view gradually spread out below us in all directions. At the top we had the world at our feet.

We celebrated communion, led by Bishop Richard, in a little dell next to the summit. And we prayed for all our



communities, laid out like the metaphorical patchwork quilt below us, right across Bridgnorth Deanery. It was a blessedly peaceful and lovely thing to do in that very special place.

Ludlow Deanery High Places communion is on 5th June, on the top of Titterstone Clee. Everyone is welcome. To find the details of this and other events, look on the Diocesan website and search for Year of Prayer. Do join in if you can!



Middleton Scriven News

Ann Constable writes:

Our next church service is on Sunday June 25th at 10.30. As Mark describes above, this will be a Group patronal festival to celebrate the feast of St John the Baptist. We do hope that members from other churches can join us too. See you there!

Coffee mornings

Our next coffee mornings in church will be on Saturday June 10th and Saturday July 8th, 10:00am till 12 noon.

Farlow News

May 100 Club winners

- £20 Simon Evans
- £10 Chrissy & Terry Jordan and to Nigel Savage-Bailey
- £5 Doris Price and to Clare & Chris McKnight

Cleeton St Mary News

Gill Jordan writes:

We are happy to report that the Structural Engineer has, at last, called to assess the building, and St Mary's is now once again fully open to visitors and for worship. All will be very welcome!

April 100 Club Results

- £20 to Doreen Dolphin No 72,
- £10 to Sue Dolphin No 62 and to Carien Gilbert No 119
- £5 to Roy Jordan No 17, and to Joyce Howells No ...

Silvington and Sidbury

Regrettably, we have no news this month from Silvington or from Sidbury.

Stottesdon News

Clare Tibbits writes:

Coronation of King Charles III

The photographs show our fabulous cleaning volunteers hard at it on the Friday before the big day – special thanks are due to Susannah for surely the best polish which has ever been given to the Wrickton Aisle's Communion Table!

The hard work paid off as we were able to easily accommodate the good congregation for our Coronation Celebration at 11.30am on Sunday 7th. Happily, the rousing God Save The King did not raise the newly restored rafters (too much)!



Diary Dates

Celebration of the finished works at St Mary's will be a 'red letter day' for sure – no precise date yet but say 'mid-June' as completion is due to pretty soon.

Community Fete. This annual Church and School event will be from 4pm on Friday 14th July and tickets for the Grand Draw Raffle go on sale mid-June – look out for really great prizes including family passes to visitor attractions, meals at local venues, and many more!

Village Open Gardens in aid of NGS Nursing Charities from noon on Sunday 16th with Teas, Refreshments and fabulous cake at the new kitchen in our Parish Church. Please contact Mary Overton 01746 718517 if you could offer to help with this one.

Confirmation Service with Bishop Richard at 7pm on Wednesday 19th – this is open to everyone in our Bridgnorth Deanery, and prospective candidates should discuss preparations and arrangements with their local clergy.

Stottesdon 100 club

Congratulations to May winners - Roger Cook, Julie Whitehouse and Pat Warren.

Stottesdon Parish Church: Past, Present and Future – Heritage Project

Chris Tibbits has the latest project news:

As predicted, April was another ‘wettest on record’ month but nothing daunted Dave, Clive and Mac as the drainage works neared completion, with the demolition and backfilling of the old boiler house.

Restoring the ground and re-seeding the grass all around the building took much of May, completely -as you’ll see in this month’s pictures - transforming the hitherto Flanders-field like site!



Inside works on the joinery and electrical fit-out continued with preparations for replacing old wiring in the Tower/servery and the installation of new overhead and selected under-pew heating. Then came news that asbestos insulation had been found in ducting needed for new cable runs – so that work’s ‘on hold’ until specialist contractors can be engaged carefully to remove and safely dispose of the asbestos material.

A welcome distraction from that latest hitch was an unusual and very moving service in the churchyard – betwixt the showers - on Thursday 4th May when Mark took to the trenches to read a ‘Nunc Dimittis’ liturgy taken from the Common Prayer and Latin rites as we reverently re-interred the assemblage of bones which had been unearthed and carefully put aside during the works. *(For the uninitiated, we should explain the Latin rite –this was, of course, to cater for the fairly remote possibility that some of those being interred might have been of pre-reformation Catholic origin – Ed).*



Here, at last, is an opportunity for everyone in the community to contribute to the project: it has always been our intention to provide a toilet facility as part of the massive restoration investment at St Mary’s. Sadly, as much more than planned had to be spent eliminating the dry rot and replacing the roof coverings with 33,000 new tiles, we are **short of between £20-25,000** to meet this most ‘basic of needs’. We should explain that, with no mains drainage on site, the loo is not a cheap facility.... it has to be ‘off grid’ composting toilet since a septic tank is not appropriate in a churchyard. **So this is an urgent call for financial help to complete the job** - we have a most generous grant from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and a donation from one local business to get us underway can you help towards the remaining £11-15,000?? Please get in touch if you might be able to assist - and thank you so much for thinking about this!

Clare and Chris 01746 718007 or email stotty.heritage22@gmail.com

Useful Community Contacts - updated May 2023

Brown Clee Walkers	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
Burwarton & District Garden Club	Meets on the 2 nd Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm. Contact 01584-823723 for details of topic and venue
Burwarton & District WI	Contact the Secretary, Helen Groves, on 01746-712466
Burwarton & District Wives Group	Meeting 8pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421 or Gill Severn 01746-712231
Buzzard community bus	Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride – 01743-450270 Mon-Fri 09:30 – 15:00
Chelmarsh Crown Green Bowling Club	Welcomes old and new members. Contact Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Friends	Meet every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Jenny Green 01746-862191
Chelmarsh Indoor Short Mat Bowling	Welcomes old and new members. The sessions are every Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.00pm. Further details Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Jubilee Club	Parish Hall 01746-86525 Jean Davis
Chelmarsh Parent & Toddler Group	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
Chelmarsh Parish Hall	Available for hire - booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk
Chelmarsh Walking for Health	Monday 10.00am except Bank Holidays. Parish Hall. Eleanor Haddon 01746-862884. 2 levels of walking available
Chetton & Gazeley WI	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sam O'Sullivan 01746-868225
Chetton Folk Dance Club	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
Chetton Village Hall	Enquiries - Sue on 01746-789239
Chorley Village Hall	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact 07726-763883 – NEW DEDICATED NUMBER DECEMBER 2022
Cleeton & Silvington V H	Zumba - Thursdays 6.30pm 7.30pm all year Ula 01584-890200
Cleobury North Village Hall	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
Ditton Priors Art Group	Village Hall Wednesday morning (except Christmas) 9.30 – 12.30pm all welcome Various visual art forms eg Water Colour, Oils & Acrylics. Mrs Denise Davies 01746-712521
Ditton Priors Book Club	Jenny -01746-712665
Ditton Priors History Group	Please contact paul.wilson8992@gmail.com
Ditton Priors Village Hall	Bookings - 07766 392 105 - dittonpriorsalls@gmail.com
Domestic Abuse Hotline	Telephone Number 08448-044999
Fun & Fitness for 50+	Cleobury North Village Hall - low impact fitness programme working the whole body every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.15am. Contact 01584-823640
Knowle Sports Club	Second hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
Little Explorers Pre-School, Ditton Priors	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact Wendy Lloyd 01746-712506 / 787549
Short Mat Bowling	Every Monday & Thursday 2.30 – 4.30pm at Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall, October to end of April. Pam 01584-89261
Short Mat Bowling	Ditton Priors Village Hall Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 7.30-10.00pm except the second Wednesday in the month when it will be Thursday at 8.00 – 10.00pm. Everyone is welcome - try at no charge. Contact 01746-712157
Stoke St Milborough Dance	Mike 01746-712774 - Betty 01746-77515
Stottesdon & District W.I.	Meets in various venues on the 3rd Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746 718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
Stottesdon Gateway Nursery	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
Tae kwon-do	Chelmarsh Parish Hall Tuesday evening. Suitable for children & Adults. Neil Morris Thursday 5.45pm. 07969-996055

National Mills Weekend 2023



Bob Preece and sister Ellen knew **Wrickton Mill** well in its working days, when was owned by their grandparents. Some years ago, Tim Booth took over the lease of the mill and carefully restored it. Sadly Tim recently died but daughters Rachael and Catherine currently follow in his footsteps in looking after it. Here they, Bob and Ellen enjoy the sunshine outside the mill.



Down Mill is owned by Julian Millington of Millington Racing Engines. He has recently started the restoration of this mill, which although lacking a water wheel is remarkably intact inside. This photo shows the grinding floor, with two pairs of stones.

The National Mills Weekend happens each year in May and is masterminded by the Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings – SPAB. Read more about it in the Mills section of the SPAB website.

<https://www.spab.org.uk/mills>

Five mills in Shropshire were listed by SPAB as being open for the Mills weekend this year, which happened on 13th and 14th May. All of them are either in, or are an easy drive from the Wheatland News area! They were:

- *The Mill on the Green, Ludlow – the building that used to form part of the old swimming baths at Dinham.*
- *Daniel's Mill, Bridgnorth.*
- *Down Mill, Eudon.*
- *Wrickton Mill, near Neenton.*
- *Charlocotte Furnace, near Neenton.*

We'll try and remember to add a note in the Wheatland Diary for next year's Mills Weekend – Ed.

