

# WHEATLAND NEWS

June 2025



*Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the rebuilding of  
St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley*

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

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# Editorial

As this edition of Wheatland News goes to print the weather has changed to sun, wind and rain just in time for the half term week when children can recharge their energies prior to the rigours of the end of the summer term. Farmers are, of course, delighted as crops have suffered from the lack of water and can, now, recover!

In this edition we have programme dates from the local WI and Women's Groups. Reports are welcomed from these groups for inclusion in future editions of WN to promote the different groups. The magazine is not just for information, but for interesting facts being shared throughout the population. A plea from the Editor, please send your reports of meetings to your local contact, names and telephone numbers in the table below! Hopefully this will encourage other people to join your groups and show what a warm, lively and welcoming community exists in the Wheatland area.

We are fortunate to have reports from the Local History Group, Gardening Club and other groups which encourages people to join them and learn more about local traditions etc. An interesting visit reported this month is to the local Aircraft Museum with open days throughout the summer. This has a wealth of information about the people who were involved, the crashes on the hills and the activities around this area during the two World Wars.

And, it being almost summer, local people are opening their gardens so that we can share in the pleasure that these bring.

Our churches are precious features of our landscape, so much a part of the country's identity. Daddy's Hat is one of the few opportunities on offer for people - whether believers or not - to sit peacefully inside, leaving their worries on the doorstep, drinking in the beauty of the old, even ancient, buildings and their furnishings, and being entertained as well! The Cleobury North performance this month must have been marvellous - and there is a lively DH event in Glazeley in June as part of St Bartholomew's anniversary celebrations.

The editorial team wishes you all a very peaceful summer and look forward to receiving more articles during the coming months.

*Ed*

<b>Front Cover picture</b> Drawing, by the Revd Edward Williams, of memorials from within the old St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley, dated 7 April 1796. © British Library	<b>The inscription reads:</b> Here lyeth buried the bodye of Thomas Wylde Esqr, deceased, who maryed with Elizabeth the daughter and heire of Richard Cooke Esqr by whom he had issue 4 sonnes and 2 daughters and ended this mortal life the XX day of June A Dom 1599
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<b>Wheatland News Local Coordinators</b> Please continue to send reports to your contact for your parishes listed below. The deadline for getting your contributions for the <b>July 2025</b> edition of WN to the <b>EDITOR</b> will be <b>noon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b> . Please, please help us to help our printer and our distributors so that we get WN to you in good time each month.	
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# Diocese of Hereford

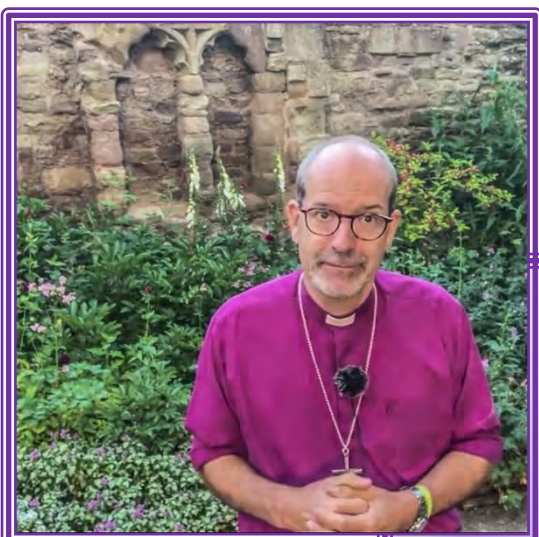
## June letter from the Bishop of Hereford

**B**y the time you read this the Conclave is likely to have concluded. There will be a new Pope. The selection process for the Archbishop of Canterbury will take significantly longer!

Both processes seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit, although one seems to be more efficient, if less consultative. The work of seeking the Spirit's guidance is not straightforward. I'm fascinated by oblique references in the Bible to this apostle or that going on a mission with the confident assertion they were, 'led by the Holy Spirit'. The Old Testament prophets seem even more confident, their words often appended by, "thus saith the Lord", or equivalent. I wonder what form that leading took? Was it a strong inward impression; an audible voice, or a response to what they had read in scripture? I remember someone coming to me for counsel many years ago who said he felt the Lord was leading him to leave his wife because he had gone off her and had fallen for a work colleague. I suggested obeying the command not to commit adultery probably applied in this case. It didn't need a strong sense of the presence of God. Those commands are there for a reason, especially when unruly human passions get the better of us.

How are we to distinguish the actual leading of the Holy Spirit from too much cheese before bedtime, or vain attempts to sanctify retrospectively what we would have done anyway? In the Bible discernment in big areas of life is almost invariably corporate. Multiple voices and perspectives come together, each with a piece of a puzzle, each reflecting something of the work of the Spirit within them. Individuals need an objective view. Our capacity for self-deception about our gifts is almost boundless. It is more likely that God will lead us in directions that cohere with the way he made us rather than contradicting them.

But sometimes corporate discernment in the Bible leads people in directions that are risky and don't make much sense. Paul is led by the Spirit to Rome to arrest and execution. The Holy Spirit might nudge us into a spiritual conversation that we would otherwise avoid out of English politeness. Ultimately, there is no fail-safe guide to getting it right. Desiring to follow the Lord's guidance is a necessary first step. Regular worship and Bible reading, forming our minds in Christian ways will certainly help also. Being part of a community where we can be open to the wisdom of others is also vital. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would lead his followers into all truth after Pentecost. Through mistakes and humility, I believe he leads us in his way in the end.



+ Richard

### **"See what the Spirit is doing – and join in!"**

**Do listen to Bishop Richard, to find out how Rev'd Lisa Harper, Vicar of Apedale, led her congregation in 24 hours of prayer.**

You can read the transcript, and watch the video, on the Diocese website at <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/news/bishop-of-herefords-message/-bishop-richards-weekly-video-message--transcript-24102024.php>



# Brown Clee Benefice

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## June Reflection

**One of the aspects of being a vicar here in Brown Clee is the hospitality we offer to our community.** Like most things that really work well, they grow naturally and fit well with who we are, they are simply part of our DNA.

**When we do this, it speaks into the heart of our Christian discipleship.**

It speaks of fellowship and conviviality.

It speaks of love and service for all, young and old alike.

It speaks of Christian love focused on the community.

It speaks of the need to operate as a group, to cooperate and support one another in service.

It speaks of listening and supporting others when they are in need.

It is a natural way of being. It makes our faith part of who we are, not something lived out on Sunday, but an outward expression of love for neighbour and fellowship and support for others. Coming together in this way breaks down barriers. It allows us to share our common humanity together.

**There is something that we need to guard against - and that is exclusivity.**

How do we make sure that our hospitality is a meal of the kingdom where all are welcome, where all can sit at the table and eat?

When we allow ourselves to think about who is not here then it starts to become more than a place of meeting and praying but a place of mission between the community and Christ. It is in many respects a great meeting point between the secular and the religious.

It would be easy to dismiss what is seemingly a low-key event as being less than important in our faith development, yet it achieves more than it sets out. It is a time where we can simply 'be' either in conversation with others or in the stillness and quiet of our surroundings, where reflection and wellbeing and maybe even prayer come naturally and unhurriedly.

**So do join us for a cup of tea and a cake, to talk, to sit, to pray or simply to just be.**

*Revd Joe Simons*

<b>Readings for June</b>	
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Sunday after Ascension</b>	Psalm 97 (Ezekiel 36. 24 – 28); Acts 16. 16 – 34: Revelation 22. 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – end; John 17. 20 end
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost</b>	Psalm 104. 26 36, 37b (or 104. 26 – end) Acts 2. 1 – 21 or Genesis 11. 1 – 9; Romans 8. 14 – 17 or Acts 2. 1 – 21; John 14. 8 – 17 (25 – 27)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday</b>	Psalm 8 Proverbs 8. 1 – 4, 22 – 31; Romans 5. 1 – 5; John 16. 12 -15
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity</b>	Psalm 42, 43 (or 42 or 43) 1 Kings 19. 1 – 4 (5 – 7) 8 – 15a; Isaiah 65. 1 – 9; Galatians 3. 23 – end; Luke 8. 26 – 39
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Festival of SS Peter and Paul</b>	Psalm 125 Zechariah 4. 1 – 6a, 10b – end or Acts 12. 1 – 11; Acts 12. 1 – 11 or 2 Timothy 4. 6 – 8, 17 – 18; Matthew 16. 13 – 19  Or for Peter alone Ezekiel 3. 22 – end or Acts 12. 1 – 11; Acts 12. 1 – 11 or 1 Peter 2. 19 – 25; Matthew 16. 13 – 19
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity</b>	Psalm 30 2 Kings 5. 1 – 14; Galatians 6. (1 – 6), 7 – 16; Luke 10. 1 – 11, 16 - 20

**Open Gardens at The Old Rectory, Cleobury North**  
**on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Please do come along and visit  
the beautiful gardens  
at The Old Rectory.**

**There will be refreshments.**

**All proceeds to  
SS Peter & Paul Church, Cleobury North.**  
**Please look out for the advertising posters for further details**



## Services in Brown Clee Churches during June

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ditton Priors
11:30 am	Holy Communion	Aston Botterell

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ditton Priors
11:30 am	Holy Communion	Chetton

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 am	Group Holy Communion	Neenton
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### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ditton Priors
11:30 am	Holy Communion	Loughton

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

9:45 am	Holy Communion	Chetton
11:30 am	Holy Communion	Cleobury North

please note the change from the usual schedule due to the Saint Peter & Paul Saints' Day falling on this Sunday

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ditton Priors
11:30 am	Holy Communion	Neenton

please note change of venue due to Bishop Richard's Visitation to Aston Botterell on 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Brown Clee Surgery Patient Participation Group

For details of the next Open Meeting - all patients welcome - please see page 24



### Brown Clee Benefice BBQ followed by Songs of Praise

Sunday 27th July at Wheathill Church at 5pm.

More details later.



## Brown Clee Benefice News

*Karen Simons writes:*

### Another busy month around the Benefice in May!



We had a **baptism** for Wilfred (Wilfie) Archer on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at St Giles, Chetton.

### We held a **Service of Commemoration on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** to mark the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**. The bells were rung



in line with the National Directive, Legion

Flags were laid at the altar, and after the service there was an exhibition and display of artefacts from the Second World War to enjoy as well as the lovely refreshments. Our grateful thanks to Shelia Millington and Judith along with Julian for providing the memorabilia.



Then on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May there was a **VE Celebration Meal** at The Boyne organised by Anne Preece (pictured here with Revd Joe) for Aston Botterell Church.



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May was the **Day of Prayer**. Revd Joe went to each of the seven churches to pray for the community and for future missions, stewardship and God's wisdom. Later in the day we were joined by Bishop Richard as part of his tour of the Diocese.





On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we hosted a very successful **Spring Church Fete at St John's, Ditton Priors**. The sun did shine for us and there was something for everyone - including coconuts for one youngster!



And last - we joined together with the **Brown Clee Young Farmers** for their **Spring Bingo** night on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Cleobury North Village Hall. A joyous night, with good humoured competition kept in control by George Barker; Chairman of BCYF and Revd Joe.



## Ditton Priors News

*Marjorie Jones writes:*

As we welcome in June, we give thanks for the long days of Summer, the growth in our gardens and the splendid displays of nature.

A well-known song starts with the words 'Summertime ... and the living is easy'. I think the farmers and gardeners and everyone who is trying to cram so much into the summer period would probably disagree. But we all definitely benefit from the warmth and the sunshine, which can brighten up even the saddest moments, and it emphasises that God's Law of Nature never fails.

**We give thanks for a successful Church Fete** on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Lots of hard work by a large group of people and a Community coming together to benefit our Church. Well done to all concerned and a Big Thank You.

**First Saturday Coffee Mornings** continue, 10am - 12noon in Church on Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, and 6<sup>th</sup> September. There is no charge for this popular event and everyone is very welcome.

**Pam's Plants come to Ditton** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 11am opposite Church. Coffee and Cakes will be served in Church, combining with First Saturday Coffee Morning. Do bring along any spare plants you may have, and all profits go to Church funds.

**Sponsored Walk - Saturday 14th June, starting from Church at 11am.** Time to get into training and to collect Sponsors! Forms available from the bookcase in Church. You may as walk far or as little as you feel able and there will be a light lunch served in Church afterwards. Names to Marjorie please (01746 723423).

**Pimms and Puds - Saturday 5th July**, 5 - 8pm at The Pavilion Ditton Priors. Drinks, Puds, Cheese & Crackers. Music by 'Black-Eyed Susans'. Tickets £12.50 each from Marjorie (01746 712423). Please book early for this popular event.

**Choir Concert - Friday 11th July** in the Village Hall, featuring 'Of One Accord', Brown Clee Community Choir, and Brown Clee Primary School. Tickets etc. later. Watch this space!

**Songs of Praise** - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm at Ditton Priors Church.

**Benefice BBQ followed by Songs of Praise** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Wheathill Church at 5pm. More details later.

## And yet more dates for your diary!

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Burwarton Show Refreshment Tent.
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Ride & Stride
- Flowers and Crafts Fair in Church.
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Supper.

## Cleaning rota for June

✝ 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Mrs Shirley Wall & Mrs Anita Casswell
✝ 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Jennifer Lowe & Mrs Debbie Jones
✝ 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr & Mrs Dennis Griffiths
✝ 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mr & Mrs John Ballard
✝ 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr & Mrs Tony Brown
✝ 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Jutta Langham & Mr Steve Allen

## Ditton Priors Halls committee – forthcoming Community Events

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July: BEERFEST at Ditton Priors recreation ground - we look forward to seeing you there!



# Ditton Priors Local History Group

*Robin Greenwell writes:*

## First event of the year gets off to a 'flying' start!

Ditton Priors Local History Group members' visit on 21<sup>st</sup> May got the year's calendar of events off to a flying start at the Chetton Heritage Museum.



Members enjoyed a guided tour of the museum and all its amazing artefacts, along with a fascinating and insightful Q&A session with museum founder Julian Millington.

The museum contains so many interesting war and post war artefacts, including items from the air crashes on the Clee Hills and local area. There is also a collection of guns, including one of the front guns from a Lancaster that took part in the famous Dam Busters air raid.



Stealing the show at the end though was the incredible Harrier Jump Jet! Not only could we view it up close, touch it and climb up to look in the cockpit, but we had the rare privilege of seeing (and hearing!) it start up.....

If you were unable to join the History Group on that visit, don't worry because the museum will be having a public open days approximately once a month through the summer.



The History Group would like to thank museum founder Julian Millington, and his father Roy, for their time, expert knowledge and providing us with a very memorable evening!



## DPLHG Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The current officers and committee were re-elected, and nominations were invited for two further committee posts. No nominations were received.

Five of the new display panels for the History Centre were revealed for the first time and these were very well received by the audience.

Following the formal part of the meeting there was a fascinating video presentation, 'Voices from the Past': video extracts of interviews recorded 25 years ago with Ditton residents recalling their memories of life in the village.

**The next History Group event will be on Tuesday 15th July at Ditton Priors VH.**

Entitled 'Early Maps of Shropshire: Take to the Road' this is part 2 of last year's highly popular talk by the irrepressible Patricia de Haan. Entry is FREE for members and £4 for non-members. Starts 7pm.





## Wheathill & Loughton News

### Church services

- ✝ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 11:30 am Holy Communion at Loughton
- ✝ Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 5:00pm BBQ at Wheathill Church, followed by Songs of Praise.
- ✝ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 6:00pm Evening Prayer at Loughton.

## Burwarton & District Wives

**For information on future meetings**, please contact Debbie Jones (07966 707118), Gill Severn (01746 712231) or Margaret Bill (01746 712030). New members or visitors are always welcome.

## Aston Botterell News

*Anne Preece writes:*

We held a PCC meeting to discuss the Diocese proposal to have Revd Joe full time ...**of course we want and need him full time** .....this means the Churches in our benefice have to find a certain amount of money to help fund this ...we wish him all the best moving forward.

- ✝ **Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Bishop Richard will be joining our Group Service** at Aston Botterell church. There will be light refreshments afterwards and time to chat. Donations of cakes would be appreciated please – we look forward to hearing of his reflections following his sabbatical to New Zealand

## Car Treasure Hunt – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

This event is always fun in preparation trying to find the clues starting from 1pm and returning to Middle House farm for light refreshments. **To book your place – £10 per person contact Anne on 07966-459806**



I am now on **Aston Botterell Parish Council** and will be keeping an eye on the repair of potholes and the roads in general which I know has caused concern and have been reported accordingly!

**Thank you to everyone who supports our lovely church and churchyard.**

## Aston Botterell Tote

**Thank you** to everyone who has very kindly donated to Aston Botterell church lottery - if anyone would like to join, the subscription is £12 a year. This helps the church funds, and your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Cleobury North & Burwarton News

<b>June Tote Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Bradbury</li><li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barry Kedward</li><li>● 3<sup>rd</sup> – Justine Brassington</li></ul> Thank you to everyone who supports our Annual Lottery.	We are fortunate to have the <b>Old Rectory Gardens open again on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b> in aid of Church Funds. Thanks to Penny and David for their support with our fundraising. We look forward to a fine day to enjoy the beautiful garden.
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## Daddy's Hat played Cleobury North!

Jim Hurford kindly escorted Sally to the fun of Ditton Priors Church Fete on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sally indulging in a takeaway meal, and Jim chatting with many old friends – before moving on to Cleobury North Church for a special Daddy's Hat performance from Richard Fox, Suzanne Millington and Patricia Head.

Richard on keyboard accompanied the Two Sopranos' medley of love songs, including the *Letter Duet* from Mozart's opera 'The Marriage of Figaro', as well as the famous *Flower Duet* from *Lakme* by Delibes, in which Suzanne (Susanna, the maid) and Patricia (the Countess) swapped roles with each other, to become Lakme, the daughter of a Brahmin priest (Suzanne) and HER maid (Patricia), thus demonstrating deep respect and affection

between two female friends, in both fictional and real Life! Other familiar melodies included *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, and a finale from *Carousel* of *You'll Never Walk Alone* and *If I Loved You*.

Richard is pictured here performing his own solo comic song, bemoaning experience with the French Horn, to the well-known tune of *Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4 in E♭ major*.

Then it was time for more tea, excellent cake, and the launch of Tiles from the Hat - of which more in the future - to support fund-raising for the repairs to the beautiful SS Peter and Paul Church, Cleobury North.



*Sally was trying to clap and take photos at the same time – hence the artistic blurring in the happy finale pic!*



**The Hat's next outing will be to Glazeley Church on Saturday 21st June – details in the Glazeley News section of this WN.**

## Cleobury North & District Village Hall

*CNVH Management Committee writes:*

**Regular coffee mornings are being held in the Hall**, in aid of CNVH funds – please contact Julia in Cleobury North shop for information on dates and times.



**Weekly Yoga** continues on Wednesdays - chair-based from 4.30 pm until 5.15pm followed by mat-based yoga from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. Contact Marie via email: [wildwolfmovement@gmail.com](mailto:wildwolfmovement@gmail.com) for details and to book a place.

**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!).



### Events for your diary:

- ◇ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Freddie Mercury tribute - to include 2 / 3 courses (32.50 / 37.50) or standing only for 15!

*For reservations – please WhatsApp Emma on 07495-313711.*

*A 5 per head deposit is payable on all bookings, to be deducted from your food bill on the evening.*

## Burwarton & District WI

*Helen Groves writes:*



We have an interesting programme for 2025 with speakers, social afternoons and outings and would welcome everyone to come and have an enjoyable time with us.

We have monthly meetings at **Cleobury North Village Hall** on **Tuesdays**, from October to March at 2.30pm and from April to September at 7.30pm. Visitors pay £3. For more information, please ring Helen Groves on 01746 712466 or e mail me on [groves.helen5@gmail.com](mailto:groves.helen5@gmail.com).

## Neenton News

*Bobbie Jarvis writes:*

### Church Services

✝ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 10:00 am – Group Holy Communion – Fathers' Day

See services throughout Brown Clee Benefice on [page 7](#).

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 2pm in All Saints Church Neenton.

The Annual accounts were presented and accepted by those present. The officers of the church were elected to stand for another year. The Electoral Roll was renewed with 8 members of the PCC. Revd Joe presented his report and thanked everyone for their support throughout the year. The proposal that he should be full time was discussed and all present agreed. Discussion took place regarding the finances involved with a full-time post and the implications over the following 5 years. It was accepted that this would involve considerable time and effort but there was a commitment from all present to support the proposal in conjunction with the other parishes to joint fundraise. The Fabric and Buildings report highlighted the need for work on the preservation of the stained glass window memorial and general maintenance of the church overall. It was agreed that advice would be taken with regard to obtaining grants for the upkeep of the fabric of the church.

### Neenton Annual Duck Race & Fete – Saturday 21st June – 2pm – 5pm

The date is fast approaching for our internationally-known, world-famous Duck Race & Fete! We hope the weather will be kind and people will come along and enjoy the fun or just relax in the orchard garden.

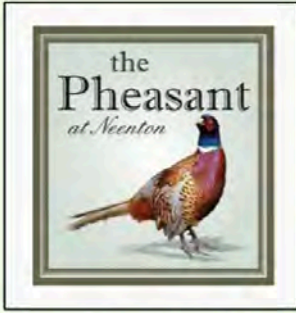
The ducks are building up their fitness and are looking for sponsors at £2 per duck to increase the competitive spirit. Those which went on a journey to the River Severn last year have returned and have rejoined their mates!!!

Sponsor forms are available from Bobbie Jarvis to ensure your duck will be entered in the race.

### All Saints' Tote – April 2025

1st Prize – Pam Pickup, 2nd prize – Alan Clee	Thank you for your continuing support – Tote subscriptions are £12 for the year – there is still time to join and, who knows? - you may be a winner!
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#### Opening times -

Wednesday / Thursday - 12 noon - 3pm, 6pm - 11pm

Friday / Saturday - 12 noon - 11pm

Sunday lunch - 12 noon - 4.30pm

Please phone 01746 787955 or email: [info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk](mailto:info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk) to discuss your requirements

#### Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th June - National Fish and Chip Day - Fish & Fizz evening at The Pheasant

Sunday 15th June - Father's Day - open for lunch - come along and treat Dad.

Saturday 21st June - Annual Duck Race and Fete 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 28th June - Closed from 5pm - Private Party

### Quiz Night at The Pheasant

During May, The Pheasant held a successful Quiz Night, well attended and successfully raising funds for two local charities. This was a fun community evening with a great competitive atmosphere. To be repeated soon!!

### Chetton News

*Pam Downing writes:*

#### Church services in June

✝ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - 11:30 am - Holy Communion

We had a very memorable service for the **anniversary of VE day**. It was warming to see so many in Church paying their respects. Thank you to Emma for putting together such an interesting display and to Tony for bringing the British Legion Flags. *[See photos in the Brown Clee Benefice section of this WN - Ed].*

#### From the registers

We recently celebrated the **Baptism** of Wilfred Archer at Chetton. I don't think our Church has seen so many children in the congregation for some time, and all so well behaved! A very happy service.

**Committal of Ashes** - Robin Preece. Robin was born in the area and attended the Down School along with his siblings. We send condolences to his family.

Our next **Breakfast at the Down** will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9am. Do come along and join us for a first-class breakfast and excellent company. Contact Sheila.

#### Flowers and Cleaning - Lisa & Sue B

#### Hundred club

- £15 - Sue Teague no 77.
- £10 - Ersilia Simpson no 10.

**Please note that the Chetton Church Cheese & Wine due to take place on Saturday 31st May will now take place in the Autumn. Further details will follow nearer the time. Thank you.**

## Ride + Stride

Charles Gill writes:

**On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, is an opportunity for YOU to raise money for your Church. Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day. If you are busy on the 13<sup>th</sup>, go another day - which is what a lot of people do.



The sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels. So 100% goes to our places of worship. This is definitely a 'Good Thing'. Ride+Stride is a National event by the National Churches Trust and Shropshire is pleased to join in. The basic idea is twofold:

1. Churches are open for visitors on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash; cake maybe).
2. Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as they wish.

Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, or by car, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

- R+S is NOT an event where church visits are centrally organised.
- We do not have a 'central team' that plans any walks or rides or drives.
- NO ... It's something that Churches can do for themselves.
- And you can do it for your Church. Not rocket science! Just get some sponsors to back you on a church-based trip to some of our Churches.

The Sponsorship Form is on our website [www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

Or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed. Visiting is important; otherwise, the event will cease. The county raised **£38,446** last year - a record! So our two Dioceses, Hereford and Lichfield, are encouraging it to grow - even in Parishes where the event is not well-known and the open churches get hardly any visitors. Yet.

This event has enormous potential - **Dorset raised £98,629 last September**. My cousin lives there, and I'd love to catch up! Please 'have a go' this year - Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.

### David Hardham

(Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride) [shrops.ridestride@gmail.com](mailto:shrops.ridestride@gmail.com) note new email, 01588 650362.

<b>Chetton Heritage Museum</b> Will be open again on Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 11:00 am until 4:30 pm		A circular logo for Chetton Heritage Museum. It features a green border and the text 'CHETTON Heritage Museum' in a serif font. Below the text is a small illustration of a castle or church tower on a hill.
<b>You will find us at</b> Lower Cockshutt Farm Nr Chetton, Bridgnorth WV16 6RF	<a href="https://www.millingtonengines.co.uk/chetton-heritage-museum-/">https://www.millingtonengines.co.uk/chetton-heritage-museum-/</a>	

## Chetton Village Hall


The Annual General Meeting of Chetton Village Hall takes place at 7pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Retirements have taken place recently and if you are interested in coming along, we would welcome you and new ideas taking the hall forward, having just passed the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Chetton Active Friends – exercise and recreational sessions

Village Hall Diary for 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pam's Pilates on Mondays and Tuesdays 9:30am, and also on Tuesdays 11:00am.</li> <li>■ Chetton Active Friends, Monday afternoons from 2pm.</li> <li>■ Chetton and Glazeley WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.</li> <li>■ Bridgnorth Dog Club - Thursday evening, 6:00pm.</li> <li>■ Zumba with Lisa Beards – Tuesdays - 2:30 pm</li> <li>■ Ballroom and Sequence Dancing, Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm.</li> </ul>
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Village Hall enquiries – for activities or hire, please contact Sue Bayliss on 01746-789239.

	CHETTON & GLAZELEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 2025-26 PROGRAMME	
	Meetings held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Chetton Village Hall (Doors open 7pm for refreshments). For enquiries re. trying a session or two and membership please contact: <b>Elisabeth Buggins, Secretary</b> - Phone 07855 018288 Email: <a href="mailto:elisabeth@buggins.com">elisabeth@buggins.com</a>	
11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Lino Printing Talk and Demonstration/Workshop</b>	Have a go at printing from a pre carved lino and make your own little print with Amanda.
9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Wollerton Old Hall Garden Visit</b>	Join a daytime visit to this formal modern garden with a tour from the Head Gardener.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Garden Party</b>	Join us by kind invitation, in Doreen's Garden for a BBQ with bring and share puddings
10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Laura's Delicious Dairy Talk and Tasters</b>	Learn about Laura's Ice cream and sorbets produced by a mother and daughter team from a Shropshire farm.
8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	As well as our Annual Meeting there will be a little quiz.
12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Talk on fused glass making</b>	Join us to find out about the art of fused glass making with Arty Space.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Festivities</b>	Enjoy the Christmas Lunch by Celebrating Yuletide with WI friends.
14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Games Night</b>	Welcome in the new calendar year with our traditional evening of games, as well as a Chinese Auction.
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Decoupage Talk and Demonstration/Workshop</b>	Learn about this craft and have a go at making a decoupage shape/item with Vicky.
11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Midlands Air Ambulance</b>	Learn about the work of the Air Ambulance team.





# The Severn Valley Group of Parishes

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## Glazeley News

*The Revd David Poyner and Marion Corfield write:*

June will be a very busy month at Glazeley. On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5, the Gabb family will be opening up their gardens at the Woodlands. This has previously been organised by Caspar Gabb, who sadly died just two weeks after last year's event. We are very grateful that the family wish to continue the tradition; as ever, the gardens will be open and refreshments will be available. There is ample parking at the Woodlands.

The following day, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcome the Bishop of Hereford to our monthly service at Glazeley. This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding of the church and it was opened by Bishop Richard's predecessor. The service will be a little later than usual, at 10.30; there will be refreshments afterwards.

The following Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, from 3-4pm the church will host that month's Daddy's Hat concert. We welcome back the Clee Liberty band, for a mixture of music and jokes to suit all tastes. There is no charge, but donations after the event are welcome. On that weekend, as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, we will also have an exhibition of old photos in the church; please pop by on the Saturday or Sunday to look at these.

**In memory of the late Caspar Gabb, the gardens at Woodlands Hall, Glazeley, will be open again on Saturday 14th June**, supporting his family's chosen charity, Kidney Research UK, as well as Glazeley and Chelmarsh Churches. Plants and refreshments on sale. Don't miss the chance to enjoy this splendid garden, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

## St Bartholomew's Church celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuild.

150 years ago, Glazeley Church was reopened by the Bishop of Hereford after being completely rebuilt. This Sunday the current Bishop, Richard Jackson, leads our communion service as we celebrate.

**As part of these celebrations**, there will be a display by Lyn Parnaby of photographs from her extensive collection, illustrating the history of Glazeley and Deuxhill.

And **Daddy's Hat** will be at St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June – hoping to see firm favourites the Clee Liberty Band, and new guest Jonny Owens, classical guitarist.

**Chetton & Glazeley WI Programme for the remainder of 2025-26** appears on page xxx, with the meetings now also being added to the Wheatland Diary.

**Breakfast at The Down** in aid of Chetton Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Revd David Poyner – please note new phone numbers:

**Tel 0980-100-9693 or 0121-204-3997**

Email [D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk)

**Glazeley & Deuxhill: St Bartholomew**

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Marion Corfield – Tel 01746-764585

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## Billingsley News

*The Revd David Poyner writes:*

Billingsley marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day by joining in with nationwide peal of church bells, at 6.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Our main event was the evening service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, where we particularly looked at the role of the Royal Military Chaplaincy department. Michael Blackburn gave us a poem from Geoffrey Stoddart Kennedy, "Woodbine Willie", the famous chaplain from the First World War. Michael

also told us about his father, a chaplain in the Second World War who landed on D-Day and whose first service was to bury the British casualties from the fighting that day. Ellen McConnell read an account of Cecil Pugh, a chaplain from RAF Stanmore in Bridgnorth and who gave his life helping his men trapped on a sinking troop ship in the Second World War. Finally we had a recording made by Captain Justin Parker, a chaplain currently service with the Royal Logistics Corp and who fits this around his work at Brimfield and the parishes on the western side of the Brown Clee.

**Our next evening service at Billingsley** will be on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm when our own Kina Robertshaw will be talking about her recent pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostelo. This is one of the great pilgrimage routes in Europe; it has been walked since the Middle Ages. We hope to organise our own pilgrimage from Billingsley later this year.

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[https://www.facebook.com/BillingsleyChurch/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/BillingsleyChurch/?locale=en_GB)

## Chelmarsh News

**Chelmarsh Fete** will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 2.00 - 5.00pm.

There will be all the usual attractions, Clown, Morris dancers, Accordion band as well as a Vintage Vehicle display, ice creams and pig roast. There will also be many stalls and activities for everyone to join in such as coconut shy, treasurer hunt, bottle tombola, white elephant and many more.

As with all events, we rely very much on the goodwill of our loyal helpers to man the stalls and enable everything to run smoothly. Unfortunately, this year our band is somewhat depleted and **we would be very grateful if any of your readers were able to spare a couple of hours to help in any way, especially by manning a stall during the afternoon.**

Heather Neale on 07904 543485 is organising the list of helpers and would be able to provide further information.

## Severn Valley Poetry Corner

*WN is very pleased to include "Forever" - another of Les Hall's atmospheric and emotive poems – thank you Les!*

Though friends are false and fate unkind  
The sunset keeps its fold  
And violets blue and sweet I find  
Of those I have found of old.

As sweetly in the holly bush  
There comes a twilight dim  
The clear-voiced thrush in elder bush  
Pours forth his vesper hymn.

No added thorns are on the rose  
That blooms by lawn and lea.  
The wind of heaven freshly blows  
As ere it blows on me.

Though fickle fortune fawn and fly  
And people forget my name  
The charms of heaven and earth and sky  
Always remain the same.

# Molecule of the Month: Suzetrigine and the opioid family

Revd David Poyner writes:



Opium was one of the very first agents ever to be used for medicinal purposes. Extracted from poppies, it is a powerful painkiller; an analgesic. It seems to have been used 7000 years ago, in the Neolithic; the stone age. Whilst opium itself is now rarely, if ever used, drugs known collectively as opioids remain the mainstay for treating serious pain.

The best known of the opioids is morphine, discovered over 200 years ago, perhaps followed by codeine, a staple of many cough mixtures (where it is used because it can stop coughing, not because of any effect on pain). Amongst the more recent opioids, perhaps the best known is fentanyl. Not only is this very powerful, it also acts very quickly, an important clinical advantage. Relief of pain is one of the most important actions any medical practitioner can take.

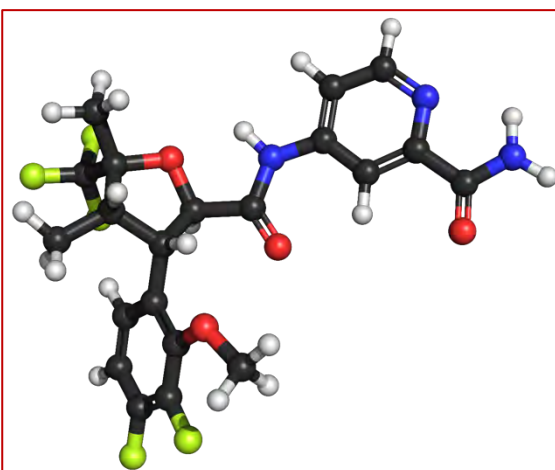
Opium of course does not only suppress pain. It acts on proteins in the body found on nerve cells that normally respond to the body's own natural pain-killers, endorphins and enkephalins. The body uses these in many ways, not just to stop pain, and as a result any drug that acts on them will have numerous side effects. Thus all opioids are addictive.

Furthermore, they produce tolerance; patients need to keep taking higher and higher doses, both to suppress the pain but also to satisfy their cravings if they have become addicted. This is particularly bad news, because at high concentrations opioids can stop people breathing properly. For an individual with a life-limiting illness and in severe pain, these problems may not be very significant; for a person with, say, a chronic back injury but otherwise healthy, the problems are real. They have been exacerbated by the introduction of the powerful, fast-acting drugs like fentanyl. The USA is in the middle of the "opioid crisis", a steep rise in deaths due to accidental overdosing on the drugs.

Despite their problems, opioids are widely prescribed because they remain the most powerful painkillers we have. There have been various attempts to find opioids that retain the analgesic activity without the problematic side-effects; I am not convinced this will be possible. However, there are other theoretical options to treat pain. Pain is transmitted from the site of injury to the brain by a particular type of nerve, called C-fibres. These are smaller in diameter than other nerves. They also have their own biochemistry. Nerves work by conducting electrical signals to and from the brain and these signals are initiated by special proteins called ion channels. These are pores that open and close to allow electrically charged atoms (ions) to enter and leave nerves so creating electric currents. The key pores are called sodium channels, as they allow sodium ions to enter nerves. The sodium channels found on C fibres are subtly different to sodium channels anywhere else in the body.

Now a company, Vertex, have developed a drug that can block one of the main types of sodium channel found on the pain-transmitting nerves, a protein called NaV1.8. This drug, now known as suzetrigine, has shown much promise in clinic and has been licenced in the USA for treating short-term (acute) pain. It should be free from all of the dangerous side-effects of opioids. To make a real difference, we need to see if the drug also works for long-term pain; those with the chronic back injuries. None-the-less, the drug is breaking new ground in the ways we can manage pain.

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Suzetrigine (Jovan.gec, Wikipedia),  $C_{21}H_{20}F_5N_3O_4$

Black = carbon  
White = hydrogen  
Red = oxygen  
Blue = nitrogen  
Green = fluorine



## Profusion in June

June is a great month for spending time close to nature in your local churchyard or cemetery.



The second week of June sees three initiatives; 'Love Your Burial Ground Week', with 'Churches Count on Nature' and 'National Cemeteries Week' all taking place in celebration of these special places and of the fantastic volunteers who care for them.

You may be able to attend an event as part of one of these: take a look on the Caring for Gods Acre **map of events** to see what is happening near you but if not, please go to a churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery on your own, with your family or friends and see what you can see.

Wildflowers may be present in profusion: if there is a meadow area, look out for oxeye daisy, lady's bedstraw, vetches, cat's ear, hawkbit amongst others. Is there a patch of medium length grass, where shorter-stemmed plants can flower without the mower cutting them off? If so, search for bird's eye speedwell, self-heal, red clover, buttercups and medics. Burial grounds can be rich in species as they contain a mosaic of habitats, with large trees, areas of shaded woodland, stonework as well as grassland of varying lengths. The butterflies to be found can be a mix of species usually found in woodland, grassland and scrub. In June you may find a rich array, look out for comma, red admiral, small copper and common blue which favour shorter vegetation such as grasses and nettles for laying their eggs, all plants found in meadows or in the dappled shade of a woodland or large tree canopy. You may catch a glimpse of a yellow brimstone, which lays its eggs on buckthorn, a woodland shrub.

June is also a good time to sit quietly and watch birds busily feeding young, darting in and out of nests. Again, burial grounds can be rich in birds which may also use neighbouring gardens. The church itself can host house martins under the eaves, swallows in the porch or lychgate and perhaps swifts, nesting invisibly in the eaves or in boxes behind tower louvres. A visit in the early evening may be rewarded with the sound of screaming swifts circling around the church building.



Please let us know what you see and hear, be it plant, insect or bird. You can record species using a smart phone and the iNaturalist or iRecord app, by email or by post. Visit our website to find out how to make a recording.

All the best,

Harriet Carty - Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members'discount on all CFGA materials. Use the discount code **dionem22**

## Burwarton and District Garden Club says ...

### What a success - and it is not over yet!

The AGM in May always feels a little like the 'end of term' for the gardening club. It is an opportunity to review the events of the past year, to make changes for the future and to thank those who work so hard to make our club a success. In addition, we welcomed to our committee Laura Jones who we know will be an asset to the club!

Despite a shaky start to the club year, when two of the planned speakers pulled out at the last minute, we managed to replace them and all was well. The talks were enjoyable, informative and at times good fun. In October we listened to Egle Zinkute as she explained about her work as head gardener at Millichope Park. We had two of our old favourites return to our club, Diane Clement in November and Mick Poultney in March. It is always a pleasure to have returning speakers with new topics. In February Nancy Lowe spoke to us about gardening with wildflowers. Nancy was super and we plan to ask her back again in the future.



This year's programme of events included our usual Christmas afternoon tea with members' talks, a quiz and a Christmas decoration competition, the post-Christmas luncheon at the Down Inn and the Spring Show with quiz and photograph competition. All in all it has been a very successful and enjoyable year so far.



The AGM was followed by the plant sale which feels like the end of term party! It is a great opportunity to see what other members bring along, as it gives an insight into what they grow in their gardens and which plant they are



passionate about. I like to find something new and this year it was not a plant but a collection of tiny terracotta pots. I now just need to decide what to put in them and it will probably require a visit to a local nursery for inspiration.



#### **The AGM is the final meeting at Stoke St Milborough village hall for this year's programme but there is still much more to come.**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, we are visiting Ruthall Manor in Ditton Priors. The garden has a mature collection of specimen trees and is divided into intimate sections which are linked by winding paths. There is a front lawn flanked by striking borders, extending to a gravel, art garden and ha-ha. Having not been before, I am looking forward to what will be a lovely afternoon, finished off with tea and cake of course. July is our final meeting and we end with a garden picnic. We are so excited to have been invited to Laura Jones's garden where we have also been promised a woodland walk and once again afternoon tea with lots of cake

If you would like to join our small, friendly and very active gardening club, please get in touch and I can give you more details. We are always pleased to welcome new members and indeed committee members who bring new ideas to our exciting programme of events. Bev Harris

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# The Stottesdon Group of Parishes

Rector: <i>post vacant</i> so for the coming months please contact the churchwardens or volunteers as below		
<b>St Mary, Stottesdon</b> <i>CHURCHWARDEN</i> <i>Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007</i>	<b>St Giles, Farlow</b> <i>CHURCHWARDENS - VACANT – please contact the key holder, Pam Phillips – 01746-718745</i>	<b>Holy Trinity, Sidbury</b> <i>CHURCHWARDEN</i> <i>Andrew Sierakowski - 07934-714149</i>
<b>St Mary, Cleeton St Mary</b> <i>CHURCHWARDEN</i> <i>Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583</i>	<b>St John, Middleton Scriven</b> <i>CHURCHWARDEN - vacant – so contact Parish Rep Ann Constable</i>	<b>St Michael, Silvington</b> <i>CHURCHWARDEN - vacant – so contact Parish Rep Katie Hickman</i>
In an emergency, please call Revd Jeannetta Stokes, on 01746-716698		

## June message

### Keeping the Show on the Road during the vacancy – part 19

As this edition goes to press, we have just completed work on the service plan and clergy cover for the summer period – whilst we await details of the coming re-advertisement of the vacancy here.

Meanwhile, as we continue to strive for a flourishing Christian presence in the parishes, our two schools and in the wider communities we serve, please:

- ✝ cherish and support the volunteers who work so hard to sustain the church here – the Churchwardens, the parish reps and members of the PCCs;
- ✝ remember to thank the volunteer, visiting clergy who are routinely and willingly facilitating our Sunday worship.

*Clare and Chris Tibbits*

### Services for June in the Stottesdon Churches

June	Celebrant	Stottesdon	Other parishes
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	John Daniels	10:30 - Morning Prayer - Book of Common Prayer	Farlow: 09:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	John Daniels	10:30 - Holy Communion	Cleeton St Mary: 09:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Val Smith	10:30 – Informal Worship	Sidbury: 11:45 with David Poyner
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	John Daniels	10:30 – Holy Communion	Silvington: 09:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	John Daniels	Group Holy Communion -10:30 – Middleton Scriven	
July			
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Bailey	10:30 - Morning Prayer - Book of Common Prayer	Farlow: 09:00 Holy Communion

During the continuing interregnum there will be some changes to the service pattern. These times are correct at the time of going to print, but it's always worth checking on our website (A Church Near You: Stottesdon benefice) or your churchwarden.



## Pastoral Visits and support

If you or someone you know need a visit or communion or other support at home or elsewhere during the interregnum, please contact your churchwarden or other volunteer (see above) who will endeavour to help you to arrange this.

**Benefice website (A Church near you: Stottesdon)** We are trying to keep this updated during the vacancy, so if you need something added – or spot an error - please get in touch by email with [chris@stottystores.co.uk](mailto:chris@stottystores.co.uk)

**Wheatland News –the deadline for the July 2025 edition (Stottesdon Benefice Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – Thanks!**

## Brown Clee Surgery – Patient Participation Group

*Tina Ranson writes:*

How this year is flying ... and we are already thinking about the final two PPG meetings of 2025.

**Tuesday 1st July at 7.00 pm in Ditton Priors Village Hall**, will be an opportunity to hear from Dr Bassett and from Lisa Davies, the Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Lisa will be telling us about all the conditions which she can treat and prescribe for, and her role within the expanding group of Medical Professionals working out of the Surgeries at Ditton Priors and Stottesdon.

Work has started on the garden adjacent to the Ditton Priors surgery - and we will have an update on that, plus news on other initiatives. **All patients welcome (up to the Hall capacity of 100).**

**Thinking ahead to the meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** ... this will start at 6pm (as an experiment) and the start of the meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, where a new committee will be elected.

There will be a vacancy, and **we would really welcome patients who are interested in joining the committee, to step forward.** If you'd like to find out more about what it entails, just contact one of the existing committee, or message [browncleeppg@gmail.com](mailto:browncleeppg@gmail.com)



## Stottesdon News

*Clare Tibbits writes:*

### Stottesdon St Mary 100 Club

May winners – John & Ann Williamson, Mick & Eunise Evans, Julie Whitehouse

### Community Fete – save the date!

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July on the school field from 5:30 pm through to 8:00 pm. The main annual fundraiser for St Mary's Church and Stottesdon Primary School. BBQ, Bar, sideshows and stalls. Raffle tickets on sale from early/mid-June. Car parking in Pound Lane field courtesy of the Evans' family.



## Stottesdon 'Gardens Open' update:

*Chris Tibbits writes:*

Further to Caroline's excellent piece in the May edition, once the dust had settled on the busy-ness of Open Gardens on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we got around to 'doing the sums' for a genuinely 'best ever' NGS event in the village:

A record **295** visitors came along – supported by **50** (another record!) village volunteers: 5 on ticket sales, 12 on refreshments in church, 7 on car park stewarding and welcome ... not forgetting the **26** gardeners and their helpers in the **9 'open' gardens**.

**Andy Chatting, the NGS County Organiser, summed it all up very nicely:**

*"Your gardens were all so welcoming and interesting – and the event was a huge boost to Shropshire's contribution to the NGS's health and gardening beneficiaries.*

*The organisation, the parking, the refreshments and the sheer number of people you had pitching-in was a real example of community spirit and teamwork."*

**Thanks Andy, it felt just like that, and visitor feedback was universally positive too!**

Fundraising overall was an amazing **£2,545** for the National Garden Scheme charities and almost **£850** for church funds. **Thank you everyone who helped in any way!!**

## Cleeton St Mary News

*Sue Dolphin writes:*

**Knit and Natter** continues every Wednesday at 10:00 am in church.

### March 100 Club results

- £20 Rachael Martin No 117
- £10 Wendy Dolphin No 109, £10 Sandra Harris No 91,
- £5 Megan Smith No 41, £5 David & Sarah No 15

## Middleton Scriven News

*Ann Constable writes:*

### Next church service:

- ✝ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 - and remember we are most welcome at services in the other five churches around the Benefice too!

**Coffee Morning and other events in June** - please check with Ann and Sally for details



**Severn Hospice Coffee Morning** – and Seasonal Card sale – lots of notice for this popular Autumnal fixture: save the date! It's on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Damson House (Ann and John Williamson's).

## Sidbury News

*Revd David Poyner writes:*

Easter at Sidbury was marked by a good turn-out; we started by singing “Jesus Christ is risen today” outside the church, just in case anyone in the village had forgotten. There will be no service at Sidbury in June as the congregation will be going to Glazeley to hear Bishop Richard.

Please check with Andrew or Mandy for other news about Sidbury.

## Silvington News

Please check with Katie or Bill for up-to-date Silvington news.

## Farlow News

*Caroline Billson writes:*

### The 100 Club Winners for April:

- £20 - Clare & James Harris No 12
- £10 - Bryan Phillips No 100, and Richard & Becky, Well Farm, No 23
- £5 - Corinne Griffiths No 19, and Chrissy & Terry Jordan No 73

**The Farlow churchyard** has been cut again and our sincere thanks to the kind volunteers who have done another excellent job to help maintain it and keep it tidy.

*Lucy Shier writes:*

### Join us for the party that only comes around once in 100 years!

Celebrate the centenary of our Village Hall which has served the community since 1925.

Commencing with the Big 100<sup>th</sup> Picnic Birthday Party & Fun Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June - starting at 1pm with the unveiling of our new Village Hall Sign.

Live Ukelele Band, Maypole dancing, fun, games, races and competitions, raffle. All welcome Bring your own picnic & favourite tipples. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. Laura's Delicious Ice Cream will also be there.

There will be historical display of photographs and memories of the Village Hall and local community throughout Saturday and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June.

This is a free to enter event, donations welcome to support hall upkeep. Watch this space and Facebook pages for further updates.

## Spring Farmers' Market

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, is “under and around the crooked spire” at St Mary’s Church, Cleobury Mortimer, on the THIRD SATURDAY each month from 09.30-12.30.

## Our local food banks

Both are **always** in need of donations of foodstuffs and other goods, and of money to sustain their services.

Find them on Facebook or call 07960 285520 for BRIDGNORTH or 07519 885943 for CLEOBURY MORTIMER



# Wheatland Diary




**Everything we know so far for 2025! Do make sure we put your dates in, maximise numbers at all the events, and help avoid clashes!**

**Where no page number is given, it means that there is no further information in this edition about the event.**

Sat	7	June	Coffee morning + Pam's Plants, St John's Church, Ditton Priors, 10:30 – 12:00 - see page 10
Wed	11	June	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Lino printing
Thur	12	June	Chetton VH AGM – see page 17
Sat	14	June	Open Garden at Woodlands Hall, Glazeley – See page 18 and back cover of this WN.
Sat	14	June	Sponsored Walk from St John's Church, Ditton Priors – see page 10
Sat	14	June	Farlow VH centenary anniversary celebrations – 1:00pm – see page 26 and back cover
Sun	15	June	Old Rectory, Cleobury North, gardens open in aid of church funds – 2pm – 5pm - pages 6 & back cover
Sat	21	June	Neenton Duck Race and Fete – see page 14
Sat	21	June	Daddy's Hat joins Glazeley Anniversary celebrations – see page 18
Sun	22	June	Chetton Heritage Museum at WV16 6RF – open day – see pages 11 & 16
Sat	28	June	Breakfast at The Down – for Chetton Church – see page 15
Sat	29	June	Car Treasure Hunt – Aston Botterell – please book your team with Anne - see page 12
Tue	1	July	Brown Clee Surgery Patient Participation Group Meeting – Ditton Priors VH – 7:00 pm – see page 24
Fri	4	July	Stottesdon Community Fete, school field – 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm - see page 24
Sat	5	July	Coffee morning, St John's Church, Ditton Priors, 10:30 – 12:00. All welcome - see page 10
Sat	5	July	Pimms and Puds – 5:00 – The Pavilion, Ditton Priors, 5:00pm – 8:00 pm – see page 10
Wed	9	July	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Wollerton Old Hall Garden visit
Fri	11	July	Choir Concert, Ditton Priors Village Hall – details later – see page 10
Sat	12	July	Beerfest! At Ditton Priors Recreation Ground – see page 10
Sat	12	July	Chelmarsh Fete – 2:00pm – 5:00pm – see page 19
Tue	15	July	Ditton Priors Local History Group – Patricia de Haan's Maps of Shropshire part 2 - 7:00 pm DPVH – p 11
Sun	27	July	Wheathill Church Benefice BBQ – 5:00pm – see pages 7 & 10
Sat	2	Aug	Coffee morning, St John's Church, Ditton Priors, 10:30 – 12:00. All welcome - see page 10
Thur	7	Aug	Burwarton Show! – DP Refreshment Tent – see page 10
Wed	13	Aug	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall - Garden Party
Thur	21	Aug	Teas in St John's Churchyard, Ditton Priors – 3:00pm – see page 10
Sat	6	Sept	Coffee morning, St John's Church, Ditton Priors, 10:30 – 12:00. All welcome - see page 10
Wed	10	Sept	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Laura's Dairy Talk & Tasters
Sat	13	Sept	Ride and Stride! – see page 16
Tue	7	Oct	Brown Clee Surgery PPG, Ditton Priors VH, 6:00pm – see page 24
Wed	8	Oct	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Annual Meeting
Wed	8	Oct	Coffee Morning for Severn Hospice – Damson House, Middleton Scriven – see page 25
Sat	11	Oct	Harvest Supper – Ditton Priors – see page 10
Wed	12	Nov	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Fused Glass Making
Thur	27	Nov	Christmas Lights and Carols – Ditton Priors
Sat	29	Nov	Christmas Fair – Ditton Priors Pavilion – 11:00am
Wed	10	Dec	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Christmas Festivities
Sat	13	Dec	Punch, Pies and Carols – Ditton Priors Village Hall –
Wed	14	Jan	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall -Games Night
Wed	11	Feb	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall - Decoupage
Wed	11	Mar	Chetton & Glazeley WI – 7:00 for 7.30 pm Chetton Village Hall – Midlands Air Ambulance

# Useful local contacts – updated May 2025

Please let us know if you have any corrections to this list, or you want to suggest additions – thank you

<b>Brown Clee Surgery PPG</b>	Brown Clee Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) - email <a href="mailto:BrownCleePPG@gmail.com">BrownCleePPG@gmail.com</a> , or call Chair Tina Ranson on 01584-878707.
<b>Brown Clee Walkers</b>	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Garden Club</b>	Meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from October to June at 2:15pm at Stoke St Milborough VH. Contact secretary Ms Bev Harris on 01584-841845, <a href="mailto:bev_harris15@yahoo.co.uk">bev_harris15@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Burwarton &amp; District WI</b>	Contact the Secretary, Helen Groves, on 01746-712466
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Wives Group</b>	Meeting 8pm first Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421 or Gill Severn 01746-712231
<b>Chelmarsh Bowling</b>	Outdoor bowling in summer (Tuesday evening & Wednesday afternoon), indoor during the winter (Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 9:00pm) at Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Further details from Stan Chapman, 01746-862424
<b>Chelmarsh Games Group</b>	Mainly Canasta and Scrabble! Thursdays at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Sue Jakeman on 07531-008876.
<b>Chelmarsh Jubilee Club</b>	Meet at Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club – contact Shell Russon on 07903-162408 for more information
<b>Chelmarsh Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b>	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
<b>Chelmarsh Parish Hall</b>	Available for hire - <a href="mailto:booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk">booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk</a>
<b>Chelmarsh Walking Group</b>	Contact Jen Everitt on 01746-862858 for more information.
<b>Chetton &amp; Glazeley WI</b>	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7.30pm. For enquiries re trying a session or two and membership please contact Elisabeth Buggins, Secretary - Phone: 07855 018288 Email: <a href="mailto:elisabeth@buggins.com">elisabeth@buggins.com</a>
<b>Chetton Folk Dance Club</b>	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
<b>Chetton Village Hall</b>	Enquiries - Sue on 01746-789239
<b>Chorley Village Hall</b>	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact 07726-763883 – NEW DEDICATED NUMBER DECEMBER 2022
<b>Cleobury North Village Hall</b>	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
	National Centre for Domestic Violence <a href="https://www.ncdv.org.uk/contact/">https://www.ncdv.org.uk/contact/</a> Call 08448-044999. Website gives advice and other means of getting help.
<b>Daddy's Hat Music &amp; Poetry</b>	Contact on 01746-787419 – leave a message and you <b>will</b> get a call-back!
<b>Ditton Priors Art Group</b>	Village Hall Wednesday morning (except Christmas) 9.30 – 12.30pm all welcome Various visual art forms eg Water Colour, Oils & Acrylics. Contact Gloria Blair on 07794-225532
<b>Ditton Priors History Group</b>	Please contact <a href="mailto:paul.wilson8992@gmail.com">paul.wilson8992@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ditton Priors Village Hall</b>	Bookings - 07766 392 105 - <a href="mailto:dittonpriors@shalls@gmail.com">dittonpriors@shalls@gmail.com</a>
<b>Knowle Sports Club</b>	Second hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
 <b>Little Explorers Pre-School Ditton Priors</b>	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact 01746-712506 <a href="mailto:littleexplorers.ditton@gmail.com">littleexplorers.ditton@gmail.com</a>
	Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride Transport Services <a href="https://www.shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk">https://www.shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk</a> – 01743-450270 Mon-Fri 09:30 – 15:00, Corvedale Buzzard – 01584-700907
<b>Short Mat Bowling – Ditton Priors</b>	Ditton Priors Village Hall Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 7.30-10.00pm. Everyone is welcome - try at no charge. Contact Clive Jackson on 01746-718046
<b>Stottesdon &amp; District W.I.</b>	Meets in various venues on the third Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746-718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
<b>Stottesdon Gateway Nursery</b>	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
<b>Tae kwon-do</b>	Eardington Village Hall Thursday, 5:15pm. Contact Neil Morris 07969-996055

## Open Gardens at Woodlands Hall, Glazeley, WV16 6AB

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

We are delighted that the Gabb family are opening their gardens again.  
Proceeds in aid of Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches, and Kidney Research UK.

Plants and refreshments on sale.



**Kidney disease ends  
here.**



## Open Gardens at The Old Rectory, Cleobury North

on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Please do come along and visit the beautiful gardens  
at The Old Rectory.

All proceeds to St. Peter & Paul Church, Cleobury North. Please  
look out for the advertising posters for further details

**Celebrate Farlow Village Hall 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 1:00 pm

Free to enter

Donations welcome to support upkeep of the Hall

See Farlow News inside for more information