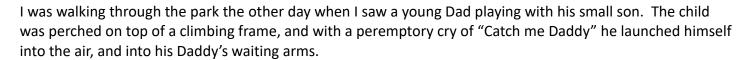
PARISH NEWS

The Beane Valley Benefice

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St Mary the Virgin Aston, St Andrew's Bramfield, St Mary the Virgin Stapleford, St Michael and All Angels Waterford, St Andrew and St Mary Watton at Stone

July and August 2025



I don't know how the Dad felt, but the son had implicit faith that his Daddy would catch him. For him his Daddy's arms were his safe place, his sanctuary, and as long as he could rely on Daddy's arms to be there he knew he had nothing to fear.



There are times in all our lives when we feel we are standing, not on top of a climbing frame, but on a precipice. We are daunted by the decisions we are facing – do we go back; do we stay here, or do we jump?

Can we go back? Sometimes we are faced with a decision because things have changed, and there is no going back – we just have to move on, move forward. Can we stay where we are? Again, staying put is often not an option. Changes are sometimes beyond our control, and we have to be brave enough to embrace them.

Can we jump? Well maybe we don't have that choice – we have to launch ourselves into whatever lies ahead. But we know we can do that with implicit faith that Our Father will catch us. We are reminded of God's promise to Jeremiah "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you" (ch29 v11).

Our dear Rector, Rev Jen, has had such a precipice moment as she has faced retirement. She has been standing on the brink for a while, knowing it would come, and has eventually had to make the jump. This came with a certain amount of fear and foreboding, but I know for certain that she never lost faith that God would catch her and set her down safely in her new place.

The five villages of our benefice have been impacted by this change, and the next few months, until we get a new Rector, will be anxious. We will all have to pull together to keep our churches alive and thriving, and then, when a new incumbent joins us, we will need to open our hearts and minds to welcome him/her.

In all this we know that God is there with us, ready to catch us when we fall, and leading us into the unknown future.

In the words of Minnie Louise Haskins "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown'. He said, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be better to you than a light, and safer than a known way'. So, reaching out, I put my hand into the hand of God and stepped safely into the night"



With Blessings

Ann Edwards





Beane Valley Benefice Services July 2025

ALL are welcome

Until the vacancy of Rector to The Beane Valley Benefice is filled following Rev Jenny's retirement, the Churchwardens of each church will be responsible for organizing services. Therefore, services may vary each month.

6th July

11am Aston Prayer and Praise
11am Watton Contemporary Service
11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise
11.15am Waterford Holy Communion
No service in Bramfield today

13th July

9.30am Watton Holy Communion
11am Watton Contemporary Service
11am Aston Family Service
11.15am Bramfield Holy Communion
11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise
No service in Waterford today

20th July

11am Watton Contemporary Service
11am Aston Holy Communion
11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise
11.15 Waterford Morning Prayer
No service in Bramfield today

27th July

9.30am Watton Prayer and Praise
11am Watton Contemporary Service
11.15am Bramfield Prayer and Praise
11.15am Stapleford Holy Communion
No service in Aston or Waterford today

August 2025

3 August

11am Watton Contemporary Service11am Aston Prayer and Praise11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

11.15am Waterford Holy Communion No service in Bramfield today

10th August

9.30am Watton Holy Communion **11am Watton** Contemporary Service

11am Aston Family Service

11.15am Bramfield Holy Communion

11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise No service in Waterford today

17th August

11am Watton Contemporary Service
11am Aston Holy Communion
11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise
11.15am Waterford Morning Prayer
No service in Bramfield today

24th August

9.30am Watton Prayer and Praise11am Watton No Service11.15am Bramfield Prayer and Praise11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

No service in Aston or Waterford today

31st August – BENEFICE SERVICE

11.15am Stapleford Holy Communion No service in Aston, Bramfield, Waterford or Watton today

For all enquiries about weddings, baptism, funerals, blessings, confirmation or offers to help, please contact the relevant Churchwardens (details on back page)

Midweek Services



Bramfield Open Church WEDNESDAYS

10am Morning Prayer - short said service followed by coffee and chat. All are welcome.

Wednesday 16th JULY and 20th
AUGUST 2.30pm STAPLEFORD
VILLAGE TEA AFTERNOON in CHURCH
All are welcome for tea, coffee, cake
and chat.



Fortnightly MONDAYS 2pm ASTON Bible Study

Fellowship 3 Long Ridge Aston with tea and biscuits All are welcome Contact Pauline at pauline.manley1966@gmail.com

There will be no Holy Communion at Linda Tyler's until further notice

CARING for our CHURCHYARDS

TUESDAYS 10am Waterford Church and Churchyard Working Parties contact Churchwarden Malcolm m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

To help in **Stapleford, Watton or Bramfield** Churchyards contact the Churchwardens.

ASTON Church and Churchyard Working Parties first Tuesday of month 10am to 12 noon. Contact Churchwarden Sara wardenstmarys@gmail.com All our churchyards are cared for by Volunteers...could YOU offer occasional help?

<u>CHURCHES OPEN as listed for quiet prayer</u> and visits:

WATERFORD St Michael and all Angels open DAILY 10am – 4pm for more information Contact Church Warden Malcolm 01992 552531 m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

WATTON at STONE St Andrew & St Mary open DAILY 10am – 3pm for more information Contact Church Wardens Ian and Helen

ASTON St Mary's open **Sundays 12 noon - 4pm** and **Wednesdays 10am - 5pm**. Contact Churchwarden Sara 01438 880750

BRAMFIELD St Andrew's Church. For visits contact Church Wardens Dorothy 01992 582132 or Peggy 01992 550467

STAPLEFORD St Mary Open weekends. For visits contact Peter 07870 681542, John 07773 392991 or Lesley Atterwill 07773 392992

Opening churches is important. If you would be willing to join a rota to help open and shut any of the churches please contact the Churchwarden.

On-line bereavement support

griefshare.org; thebereavementjourney.org; cruse.org.uk; teardropgrief.co.uk; ataloss.org;

'Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before; they are wherever we are.' (St John Chrysostom)

WATTON BOOK WORMS

We usually meet on the third Friday of the month at 7pm to share supper and thoughts on our book of the month. All are welcome.

Contact peterevernden@hotmail.co.uk



TAC Tea Room

Memorial Hall, Watton at Stone

Tuesdays (TERM TIME only) 9am – 1pm Fridays (TERM TIME only) 2pm - 5pm

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A selection of homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, shortbread and scones to enjoy in our Tea Room or to TAKE AWAY!

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Pop in or text Sharon @ 07931 325288 to order

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TAC Tea Room is enabling us to support the community. Please support us too!!



Play Space

Toddlers and Babies!
A village place for Mums,
Dads and carers to meet
Watton at Stone

Tuesday mornings (Term time only)

Memorial Hall, High Street Parking available.

Time: 9.30am - 12noon

Cost: £3.00 per child, and £1.00 per sibling

A lunch snack will be provided for the children. Singing time at 11.30am

Run by Take Away Church (TAC), in conjunction with the
Parish church. Contact details:
Sharon @ 07931 325288

Come along and play, draw, paint, read, create, build, listen, sing, ride, eat and have fun!!!



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

BRAMFIELD

WHAT'S ON IN BRAMFIELD

Bramfield Carpet Bowls

Meets Village Hall Monday eve 7pm to 9pm Enquiries Mike Jones 01992 550182

Parish Council Meets

Every other 3rd Tuesday of the Month Clerk Chris Underhill 07714 711253

Village Hall Committee Meets

1ST Tuesday of the Month 8pm Contact Cheryl Jackson 01992 583958

Bramfield Book Club

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm At the Village Hall. Contact Louise 01992 583173 <u>Gibbslouise83@gmail.com</u>

STAPLEFORD

NEXT CONCERT AT STAPLEFORD CHURCH Saturday 12th July at 7:30pm THE PORTRAIT PLAYERS

We are very excited to announce our next concert on Saturday 12th July at 7:30pm when The Portrait Players will play an uplifting programme of Early Music and Song perfect for a Summer's evening!

Described in its debut concert as 'beguiling', The Portrait Players is an all-female trio whose engaging programmes are inspired by historical characters. Featuring Claire Ward (soprano), Kristiina Watt (theorbo/lute) and Miriam Nohl (cello/viola da gamba), the trio, founded in January 2023, has quickly established a busy concert schedule across the UK.

Recent engagements for 2024-2025 season include recitals at Handel Hendrix House, London, Stoller Hall, Manchester and Buxton International Music Festival.

All seats are by reservation and cost £18 including a glass of wine. Contact musicatstmarys@outlook.com

Stapleford School Service to celebrate Jenny's retirement

I recently had the pleasure of attending a Stapleford School service to mark Rev Jenny's retirement. This was a heartfelt and joyful occasion, and it was clear that this was more than just a formal farewell, it was a celebration of a person who has been deeply loved and valued by the whole school community.

Stapleford School may be small, but it is rich in spirit and absolutely rooted in the right values. The children are not only well cared for but are introduced to the Christian faith in a way that is woven gently into daily life, always rooted in kindness, compassion, and a spirit of welcome. Rev Jenny has been a key part of nurturing that environment.

The head, James Shillito, gave a wonderful speech highlighting just how supportive Jenny had been, not only to the school as a whole but to him personally. His words were full of genuine admiration and gratitude, and it was clear that Jenny's contribution had gone far beyond formal duties. She had been a listener, a guide, and a friend.

What stood out most was the deep affection shown towards Jenny, by staff, children, and all who were present. The songs, prayers, and tributes were all sincere expressions of love and thanks. The children, in particular, responded to her with such ease and warmth, a reflection of the relationship she had nurtured over time.

Attending the service was a heart-warming experience. Jenny is going to be a hard act to follow and that, in itself, is a testament to the legacy she leaves behind.

With love and prayers, Niki Page (Reader in training)

WATERFORD

Help, please in Waterford Churchyard

Following our successful Churchyard Working Parties last Autumn and Spring we have planned another for Saturday 4th October. The church and churchyard are there for use by anybody that lives within the parish, regardless of whether they have a religion or whatever religion they might have.

The church and churchyard are maintained by volunteers but, sadly, our numbers are diminishing and we are all ageing.

Please come along on Saturday 4th October any time between 1000 and 1300. It will be very useful if you could bring tools such as: garden fork, spade, saw, lopping shears, secateurs, brush cutter (very useful), strimmer, James's battery saw (very, very useful), etc.

We will serve tea, coffee, soft drinks, cake and biscuits.

This will be a regular event on the first Saturdays in April and October every year so block it out in your diary, please.

For more information, please contact Malcolm on: 01992 552531, m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

Parish News from Waterford

As you know, we lost one of the great servants to our village, earlier this year with the sad death of Sue Bonfield. She was a founder member of Waterford Recreation Committee and even after she had retired from official duties, was always happy to volunteer and could often be found on a stall at Bonfire Night, or at the Summer Fair selling raffle tickets or wherever a volunteer was needed. So we have commemorated Sue Bonfield's contribution to the village with a memorial plaque in the wildflower bank. We hope that as you pass the plaque you will remember a great lady and a wonderful servant to our community in Waterford.

Upcoming events

A big date for your diary is <u>Waterford Summer Fair</u> on Sunday 14th September. It's going to be bigger and better than ever - with all the old favourites, children's games, a beer tent, the ever popular dog show, raffle and fun for the whole family. This year we're welcoming the fantastic Hertford Rock Choir to serenade us, and the great musical duo Peter and Pat will also be entertaining us with their toe-tapping sounds! So make a note in your diary and watch out for our pleas for volunteers, baked goods, crafts and any other treasures you no longer wish to keep.

Although it's still in the planning stage, we promise it's going to be a bumper year.



WATTON AT STONE

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who came to the Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. We made a fantastic profit of £9,500!!

A Very Big Thank you as well to all the helpers who set up and took down the stalls, those who sorted donations the weekend of the fete, the stalwart helpers in the Tea Tent and on the stalls and Alastair and his team for running the Beer and Pimms Tent. Thanks also to the Stanley family for bringing tractors and sheep and Lisa who judged the dog show for the first time this year

We all enjoyed it so much, we're going to do it all again on Monday 25th May 2026. See you there!!



1st Watton at Stone guides have been working on their community action badge - they have gone shopping for the local food

bank and took part in rock art and mental health week. They had a walk in Hertford looking at our local history and our next badge will be the alphabet challenge!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

Do you have a little free time on your hands?

Do you take pleasure in cleaning, organising or tidying up?

Perhaps you'd like to help refresh the appearance and spirit of our local church at St Andrew and St Mary's, Watton at Stone

If so, get in touch with Natasa on 07930 536146 for further information

Farewell to "Rev Jenny"

On Sunday 1st June, Ascension Sunday, Jenny conducted her last service before retiring. Jenny served the benefice for 12 years, first as Priest in Charge of the 'United Benefice of Bramfield, Stapleford, Waterford and Watton-at-Stone', later as rector of the benefice to which the parish of Aston had been added. The enlarged benefice, at Jenny's suggestion, became 'The Beane Valley Benefice'.

The service was attended by 180 people. Despite her fear that she might be too emotional to make a farewell address, Jenny spoke eloquently from the pulpit at the end of the service. The applause that followed the farewell seemed likely to continue for a long time, fortunately Archdeacon Janet was in the wings ready to say a final prayer for Jenny's future.

After the service, everyone retired to Watton Memorial Hall for a buffet lunch, four speeches, the presentation of a gift to Jenny jointly from the five parishes and a toast to her and Peter.

The speakers all spoke of Jenny's enthusiasm and her love and care for not only her congregations but for every parishioner and how involved she became in the life of all five parishes. As Ann Edwards, a member of the ministry team, said, "with her compassion, and her love of her fellows, not just the churchgoers, she truly followed in Jesus's footsteps"

The Church of England has strict rules about parish priests being not allowed to take part in any activity once they leave a parish so please don't expect Jenny to appear at village events, she would be breaking the rules. Mind you, would it be a surprise to any of us if she did?

Finally, we must say many, many thanks to the hall team: Richard, Sharon, Natasa, Clare, Carole and Phil, who did all the hard work of setting up the tables and chairs, serving tea, coffee and cold drinks, laying out the buffet and doing most of the hard work of clearing up afterwards, professional caterers couldn't have done it better.

My dear friends

As I look back on my wonderful farewell service, party, cake, cards and gifts I thank you with all my heart for the most wonderful send off anyone could ask for. It has been a huge privilege and joy to serve as your Rector these last twelve years and a huge wrench to leave you. As my son James said in his impromptu speech, these five churches and village communities will always be special to our whole family. But 'to everything there is a season' and I am looking forward to the new adventure of retirement with Peter.

I will continue to pray for you, especially in the months of vacancy, and look forward to meeting you as your friend at village events. Jenny.



Waterford Nature Notes

I was told of an interesting flower in the field behind the houses in Goldings Lane, it was a plant called Common Bistort, I have never seen one around here since moving to Hertfordshire in 1981. National, biological records are mapped showing every species that is recorded in what is called a 'tetrad', a square measuring 2x2 km based upon The Ordnance Survey grid. The nearest tetrads to here in which Bistort has ever been recorded are near Hertingfordbury, Ware and Tewin and less than 100 times in each of those, records go back for well over 100 years so this is something of a rarity for this area. The plant was used to make a 'Lent pudding', probably as a bitter, cleansing dish for the start of Lent, the recipe included Bistort, nettles, onions, oatmeal and bacon fat.



I have submitted a record of this sighting to the Biological Records Centre. Anyone, regardless of experience, knowledge, etc. can, indeed are encouraged to, submit sightings. There is a very useful and easy-to-use app, 'iRecord', all that is necessary is to download the app and create an account, then it is possible to record sightings. It is preferable to take and upload a photograph of your sighting whenever possible. Don't worry about how accurate is your identification, there are processes of verification. My submission was verified and has been added to the biological database.

I have written before about 'scientific' or 'Latin' names being used to identify a species to avoid confusion as there are often several 'common' names for the same species. I am confused by Bistort, one of my older books gives it as *Polygonum bistort* another, more recent, gives it as *Persicaria bistorta* while yet another gives it as *Bistorta officinalis*. The name in the older book will have been changed because the plant was re-classified but it seems that both of the other two names are in use although the latter is more common. I can only think that this is a recent re-classification and that we are in a period of change. In the North of England, where it is far more common, the plant was known as 'Pudding Dock' or 'Passion Dock' because of its use in the Lent Pudding, 'Dock' being a reference to it being a member of the 'dock' family of plants.



There were very few flying insects about last year, I am pleased to see that there are many more this year, still far below numbers of even only ten years ago. One species upon which I commented last year was the St Mark's Fly, *Bibio marci* so-named because it is abundant around St Mark's Day, 25th April. The fly is that black one with legs hanging down that you might see along the edges of trees and hedges. Last year I didn't see a single one, this year they have returned, although a few weeks after St Mark's Day.

The one 'order' of flying insects that haven't increased this year are butterflies, I have yet to see a Marbled White for example, even the 'meadow' butterflies such as Meadow Brown or Small Heath are noticeably low in numbers, verging on being 'infrequent'. I did see a butterfly of the 'Skipper' family in Goldings that I haven't seen there before but it was too quick for me and I didn't have a 'phone to take a photo, it could have been a Grizzled Skipper, perhaps blown from Waterford Heath by the winds we have had.

Our garden has provided frequent sightings of Cinnabar moths, sometimes three at once. I don't know what attracted them because Ragwort, the food plant of the caterpillars, isn't yet growing in our garden and I can't find any other plant that might have been the attraction.

While doing my Parish News round, I found dozens of Oak Galls on Sacombe Road. Galls are formed when a Gall wasp, in this case, *Biorhiza pallid*, lays eggs on the tree, the galls are formed when the grubs hatch. Some species of gall wasps reproduce in some years without mating, if you are interested in technical terms, this is known as 'Cyclical parthenogenesis". Another species of gall wasp that causes galls on oaks, causes the hard, brown, round galls that are used to make Registrars Ink for use on documents such as marriage registers.



Malcolm

SPORTS NEWS

Watton Ramblers Walk Programme:

Every Tuesday there is a short slow walk (max 1 hour) starting from the Nigel Poulton Community Hall at 10 o'clock.

We are lucky in Watton to have an abundance of routes taking us just into the wonderful countryside that surrounds the village. The choice of route is dependent on the weather and ground conditions and any preference from those attending.

We don't walk in the rain!!

Newcomers are welcome, particularly those recovering or who need a little gentle exercise in good friendly company.

(No payment required and no need to book. Further details from Maurice 01920 426344)

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Summer Adventures at Celtic Harmony Camp

This summer, discover the magic on your doorstep at Celtic Harmony Camp – Hertfordshire's hidden gem where nature, history and community come together. Tucked away in beautiful native woodland near Brickendon, the attraction offers a unique experience for families, friends, and curious adventurers of all ages. Open every day from 24 July for the Summer holidays.

Wander through the Iron Age village with its thatched roundhouses, explore the immersive Prehistory Centre, or try something new with our brand-new Disc Golf course – perfect for a relaxed afternoon outdoors. Looking to escape for longer? Our glamping experience offers the charm of camping with the comfort of home, all in the heart of the woods.

This year's Summer schedule is packed with activities, from hands-on workshops and live demos to themed evenings and seasonal storytelling. A highlight of the season, 'A Dance with the Minotaurs Sister' storytelling experience on 2nd August, celebrates Lughnasadh – the traditional Celtic festival marking the start of the harvest – with an evening of folklore, firelight, and feasting.

Whether you're grabbing a bite at the Woodland Bistro, spending quality time as a family, or enjoying an atmospheric evening in the village, Celtic Harmony Camp is a place to reconnect with nature, heritage and each other.

Plan your visit now and make this summer one to remember.

Well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome—bring your furry friends along for the adventure!

To book, visit the website https://celticharmony.org/events/ or call us on 01438 718543







ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH 5th & 6th JULY 2025 11am - 4pm



STUNNING FLOWERS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC CHURCH

In the Village Hall there will be a sale of small paintings by renowned artist Trevor Chamberlain, extraordinary art by JuniPerloony, and, in the church, an exhibition of photography by Steve Baldwin. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes available throughout the weekend in the Village Hall.

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S



THE PORTRAIT PLAYERS

Perform an uplifting programme of Early Music and Song by Italian composers perfect for a summer's evening!

7.30pm Saturday 12th July 2025

ST MARY'S CHURCH STAPLEFORD Nr HERTFORD HERTS SG14 3NB

Tickets £18
Tel: 07963 260715 or
email: musicatstmarys@outlook.com

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Sunday 27th July 2.00-5.oopm

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is pleased to present an afternoon talk on

Sir Edward Burne-Jones

one of the leading Pre-Raphaelite artists and designer of some of our beautiful stained glass windows.

Come and hear more about the history of the man, his work and his windows.

Presented by local historian Dorothy Abel Smith

On

20th September 1.30pm

Join us for tea and homemade cakes in the village hall afterwards.

No entrance fee but donations welcomed.

Post code is SG14 2PS. Please park in the village hall car park opposite the church



WATERFORD HARVEST SUPPER

27th September, 7pm, Waterford Village Hall
An evening of light entertainment

The evening also includes

A Fish/Chicken and Chips supper (Vegetarian option available if required) and delicious dessert.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets are only £15 so book now by contacting Sarah

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Watton-at-Stone Allotment and Garden Association proudly present

THE ANNUAL VILLAGE GARDEN and PRODUCE SHOW

List of classes for the show – Sunday 7^{th} September 2025

Please put an **X** in each box for each class you are exhibiting

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER ENTRANT IS PERMITTED



	Α	FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASSES
1. APPLE dessert - 3 of one variety		APPLE dessert - 3 of one variety
	2.	APPLE cooking - 3 of one variety
	3.	PEAR - 3 of one variety
	4.	RASPBERRY - 5 fruits with stems attached
	5.	BLACKBERRY/HYBRID BERRY – 5 fruits stem attached
	6.	ANY OTHER FRUIT not mentioned in any other classes
		e.g. red/black/white currants -5 strigs; gooseberries -5 fruits
	7.	TOMATO - 5 round fruits 1 ½" to 2" diameter with calyces attached
	8.	TOMATO - 5 cherry with calyces attached Max 1" diameter
	9.	TOMATO - 5 plum with calyces attached
	10.	CUCUMBER - 2 fruits 4" to 12" long Greenhouse type
	11.	CUCUMBER - 2 fruits 4" to 12" long Ridge, Gherkin, Outdoor type
	12.	COURGETTE - 2 fruits 6" to 8" of edible fruits
	13.	MARROW - 1 fruit, heaviest in show
	14.	PUMPKIN – Any Type
	15.	BUTTERNUT SQUASH
	16.	ONION - 5 bulbs, after cleaning
	17.	SHALLOTS - 5, after cleaning
	18.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety white skinned
	19.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety partly coloured skinned
	20.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety coloured skinned
	21.	CARROTS - Long. 5 roots with at least 1" of leaf stem
	22.	CARROTS - Any other type. 5 roots with at least 1" of leaf stem e.g. short stump
	23.	BEETROOT - globe, 5 roots with at least 1" of leaf stem. Max 3" diameter
	24.	ANY OTHER ROOT VEGETABLE
	25.	SWEETCORN -2 cobs with ¼ of sheath removed
	26.	CABBAGE - hearted -1 head with 2" of root attached
	27.	RUNNER BEANS -5
	28.	FRENCH OR DWARF BEANS – round podded Green -5
	29.	OTHER VEGETABLES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES e.g. calabrese (broccoli head) -1 head; cauliflower -1 head; Brussel sprouts -3; leeks -3; pepper (sweet) -3; chillies -3, aubergine -1; parsnips-3
	30.	COLLECTION OF 5 DIFFERENT VEGETABLES- 1 of each type

	В	CUT FLOWERS Minimum 6-inch stem					
	31.	ROSE – hybrid tea – single bloom					
	32. ROSE – floribunda/cluster – single stem						
	33.	DAHLIA – vase of 3 stems					
	34.	VASE OF ANNUAL GARDEN FLOWERS – 3 to 6 stems					
	35.	ASE OF PERENNIAL GARDEN FLOWERS – 3 to 6 stems					
	С	ILDREN'S SECTION (Age under 12 years except Entry 37)					
	36.	ainted Stone					
	37.	oster Colouring Competition (Age up to 10 & 11 to 16 please delete as necessary) ee poster entry form in Parish News					
	38.	Vegetable Monster (can be made of a collection of vegetables)					
	39.	Biggest Sun Flower					
	40.	Any Baked Item					
	41.	Plant that I've grown from seed					
	D	DOMESTIC SECTION					
	42.	Jar of jam - any fruit					
	43.	Jar of marmalade					
	44.	Jar of jelly - any fruit					
	45.	Jar of chutney – any type					
	46.	Four scones - sweet					
	47.	Four scones – savoury					
	48.	Chocolate cake					
	49.	Apple pie with pastry top and bottom					
	50.	Fruit cake					
	51.	Victoria Sponge any filling					
	52.	Plate of 5 decorated cup cakes					
	53.	Plate of any other baked recipe or any cake not in the above classes. Please specify on entry card.					
	54.	1 small loaf of speciality bread					
	55.	Speciality baking e.g. GF, DF, vegan. Please specify on entry card.					
	56.	1 bottle of Homemade wine					
	57.	1 bottle of Homemade spirit liqueur (e.g. Sloe Gin)					
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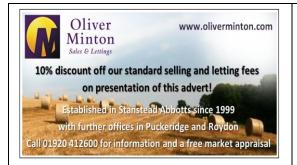
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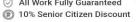
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