The Parish Magazine

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Summertime in an Alstone Garden

Minister's Message

The month of August has always been a time when our family, like so many others, takes some well-earned rest and usually a holiday and this August, in spite of all the strangeness which we have lived through recently, will be no exception. Rest and recuperation are necessary for the soul as well as for the body, and so this year, as in many years previously, we will be spending a week in Cornwall at the beginning of August, not as we often do in our caravan, but in a quiet cottage, a few miles outside Newquay.

Cornwall has always been a very special place for us, and its dramatic coastline, rugged cliff top footpaths, wild moors, beautiful National Trust properties, pasties and cream teas are, I'm sure, all part of the attraction. It is also perhaps why I have always liked the series Poldark and Doc Martin on television, as both programmes rely on the natural beauty of the countryside in which they are filmed as the backdrop to the storylines, and why as a young adult I was captivated by the books of Daphne du Maurier.

Although I am not Cornish, I have several close friends who are, and they would tell you that the history and myths of Cornwall are what makes it such a special place, as well as the dramatic scenery. Of course, Cornwall is perhaps best known for its small fishing ports, the mining of tin and copper and the smuggling of contraband, with the associated tales of wreckers luring poor and defenceless ships onto rocks. Local people could benefit from the items washed up on the shore when the ships themselves broke up, usually with the loss of many of the ships' crew.

This image of ships being caught up in turbulent waters brings to mind one of my favourite sacred choral pieces of music, which my choir has often sung at cathedrals. The piece is the well known "*They that go down to the sea in ships*" with the music composed by Herbert Sumsion. Its evocative and haunting melodies depict so well the scene of ships being tossed about in heavy seas, where they "*stagger like a drunken man*", such that those onboard cry out to the Lord in their distress.

Below is a link to the song sung by the choir of Ely Cathedral.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAor6_zl36c

God hears them and responds to their pleas by causing the storms to cease, after which He brings them all home to a safe haven, and a place of peace and rest.

The words are taken from Psalm 107: 23-30 and they remind us that so often we get caught up in the storms of life, and in these times it can feel as though we are powerless to do anything about the circumstances we find ourselves in. However, it is as we call out to God that our prayers are heard, and eventually, we are given some sense of peace and serenity as we find our own safe haven in God's loving arms and presence.

We have all gone through so much over the last few months that we need to take some time to find that place of refreshment and peace, a place where God can minister to us. Whether it is on holiday in somewhere like Cornwall, or just sitting in your garden enjoying the summer sunshine, I hope that God will fill you with His life giving and life enhancing water, and that you will all enjoy a blessed and restful summer.

Allison
Associate Priest to the Churches of the Bredon Hill Group

Please see page 22 for information by the Church of England on its guidance on wearing face coverings.

If you would like to receive Allison's weekly BHG bulletin please e-mail her at:
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Our August issue of the magazine is online-only again, however, we may be able to resume normal service for the September edition. **Can you please make as many people as possible aware that the magazine is currently available online.**

Again this month I have to say a very big thank you to everyone who has sent me articles. I have had many comments about the variety included in the last two editions and it would be fantastic if this could continue.

Please send any contributions to: christine.godfrey@tiscali.co.uk.

The deadline for the next edition will be 16th August. Many thanks in anticipation,

Chris Godfrey (Editor)

Opening Times around the Parish for Private Prayer		
Church	**Days Open**	**Hours of Opening**
St John the Baptist, Beckford	Tuesday Friday	10.00am-12.00pm 2.00pm-4.00pm
St Faith's, Overbury	Tuesday Thursday Saturday	9.30am-12.00pm 2.00pm-4.00pm 10.00am-12.00pm
St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill	Friday, Tuesday & Sunday	10-00am-5.00pm
St Margaret's, Alstone	Wednesday and on request	10.00am-4.00pm
St Nicholas', Teddington	Daily	10.00am-4.00pm

Service Rota for the Beckford Group and Bredon Hill Group of Churches			
Date	**Church**	**Time**	**Minister**
2nd August	St John the Baptist, Beckford	9.00am	Bishop Martin Gorick
	St Mary's, Elmley Castle	10.30am	Canon Roger Spiller
9th August	Holy Trinity, Eckington	9.00am	Bishop Michael Hooper
	St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill	10.30am	Reverend Catherine Lack
16th August	St Mary's, Elmley Castle	9.00am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Giles', Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Doug Chaplin
23rd August	St Faith's, Overbury	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
30th August	St Giles', Bredon (5th Sunday)	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
6th Sept	St Giles', Bredon	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	Elmley Castle Parish	10.30am	Canon Roger Spiller
13th Sept	Holy Trinity, Eckington	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies

Extract from Allison Davies' weekly bulletin dated 19th July.

This week the churchwardens and I received the good news from the Archdeacon of Worcester that we are now in a position where we can proceed with recruiting another priest to work alongside me around the parishes of the Bredon Hill Group. There are certain legalities to resolve, but over the coming weeks I will be working with the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, Churchwardens and PCC's on the next stage of this process. We will update everyone as quickly as possible as we journey through the selection process, and ask for your prayers that God will bring forward the right person to support ministry and mission for our churches.

St John the Baptist, Beckford – open again!

As foreshadowed in the July edition of the magazine, the church underwent a thorough and exhaustive cleaning process over the two days of 1st and 2nd July. We are deeply grateful to Clive and Ryan, of CW Hygiene Services of Bredon's Hardwick, for the skill, enthusiasm and dedication they brought to the task in their desire to show the ancient building to its best advantage after the months of closure. They really went the extra mile with the result that the church gleams: the walls and the stone floor revealed to be shades lighter than previously, stained glass shining and the carpets throughout, and kneelers in the nave, restored to their original colours. An extraordinary achievement and the result of intensive work.

As scheduled, we opened for private prayer, in the chancel, on 7th July (and on 10th) and it was good to see villagers returning to their parish church. Such opening will continue for the time being from 10am-12 noon on Tuesdays and 2-4pm on Fridays.

Now we look forward to our first service which will be at **9am on Sunday 2nd August** when the new Bishop of Dudley, Bishop Martin Gorick, will lead us in a service of Common Worship Holy Communion. Whilst currently we are not able to sing hymns, there will be organ music thanks to Anne Brown, who has kindly agreed to play for us as we come together for the first time.

To give sufficient space (two-metre distancing will be observed), the service will be conducted in the nave – rather than in the chancel as usual – and hand sanitiser, available at the door, must be used on entry and exit. It will be necessary to collect contact details of those attending. At the communion only the bread will be dispensed, the Bishop alone partaking of the wine.

So, a memorable day in the long life of our church, and we look forward to seeing folk from this village – and surrounding villages – coming together once again in Beckford church.

Beckford Benefactors' Book

In the last magazine reference was made to the Benefactors' Book in relation to an appeal for donations to help with the expensive cleaning process (£2,100 inc VAT) at a time when our resources have been at a very low ebb, due to closure. We are grateful for several gifts which have already been received and these will be recorded in the book as a reminder of the strange times we have lived through this year.

A word of explanation about this book is perhaps advisable. In 2017, when we needed to restore the face of the tower clock – another expensive venture – Canon Matthew Baynes suggested we appeal for gifts with the promise that they would be recorded (anonymously if preferred) in a book to be displayed permanently in the church. We were very fortunate and numerous gifts were received. However, with Matthew's illness and death, the project of the book was lost sight of for a while. Nonetheless, the Church Committee has since addressed the issue and obtained a handsome volume, together with an oak display case in which to house it.

The book is currently in the hands of a calligrapher who is inscribing donations which have been received over recent years and ultimately it will record the ongoing history of the church and the benefactions received for special enterprises. It will be on display by the second anniversary of Matthew's death in September.

If you can help our diminished finances by donating towards the cleaning programme it would be very welcome and we should be hugely grateful. With your permission your gift will be recorded (anonymously if you prefer) as a contribution to the church's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. **THANK YOU!**

Hilary Galer

I would like to send my grateful thanks all those who sent condolences to me following the death of Hilary on July 14th. Hilary was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and her unexpected departure leaves an enormous gap in so many lives.

Graham Galer

ST BARBARA'S, ASHTON UNDER HILL

We continue opening St Barbara's three days a week, with regular cleaning and inspection in between times. It is hoped that anyone who wishes to can feel free to enter the church.
Friday prayers at 9 am in the choir has resumed, and has a small but committed following.

It has been a pleasure to join our other local churches for Sunday morning services as normal life resumes slowly, and to see how they are responding to the new challenges. Willingness to travel outside our narrow boundaries is obviously going to be necessary in the future, but may well bring some positive aspects into our worship.
Our first service in St Barbara's will be on Sunday 9th August. We shall be very pleased to welcome Rev Catherine Lack whom some of us remember from a service in Overbury back in the autumn. A lively and interesting speaker, so do join us at 10.30am.
The following clergy-led service will be **Sunday 13th September at 10.30am** with Rev Allison Davies. We do appreciate how hard Allison has worked for us in unusual and unprecedented circumstances, and it will be lovely to thank her in person.

ASHTON W.I.

An extraordinary meeting of the Ashton WI committee was held on 15th June, in the garden of Jen Creese at "Ashbee". It was 'extraordinary' in several ways. At the time we were observing social distancing fairly strictly and had to work out how to hear each other at a two metre distance while trying to keep in the shade on a sunny afternoon.
Since we had cancelled the April meeting and postponed the annual meeting in May, there were several items to consider. Future meetings are in suspension, but fortunately Jane reported that she had contacted the current speakers, who were willing to postpone until 2021. It was agreed that printing and distributing the WI programme for January-December would make sense both at the moment and for the future.
Judith is offering to hold the August garden meeting on 18th August. She has a large gazebo and can host about 30 people spread out in groups of 3-4. Wrapped biscuits or cakes were suggested along with self service drinks. Doreen reported that the Federation annual meeting had been cancelled along with other outings scheduled for the summer. All very sad, but they can be revived next year.
On a positive note, a garden outing to Long Hyde at South Littleton took place on 16th July. This garden opens for the NGS in Worcestershire and belongs to a relation of the Ashton Keynes secretary whom we were delighted to meet on the day. In the event, sixteen members went and for some it proved a much enjoyed first chance to get out and about safely. It is a lovely garden and we were impressed that the owners had been there only six years. There was a lot of variety, with mature trees, water features and a super vegetable plot. We were surprised by a superb view back towards Bredon Hill, from a different angle to the one we usually see. Many thanks to Henrietta for organising this for us.**The next possible outing is for 20th October to Bodenham Arboretum.**

In lockdown, four cot/infant blankets have been finished which Judith will hand over to Jane for her granddaughter to take to the SBCU. Henrietta would still like more photos for her collection of WI activities.
So, on we go, and yes we did mention Christmas, full of confidence that we can hold a suitable celebration.

Judith Hunter

After reading the article in last month's magazine about a visit to another St Barbara's church in Skopelos, Gill Humphrey sent in the following song about St Barbara.

An Italian Miner's Prayer to Saint Barbara

The ancient mineral mines of the Trentino in northern Italy finally ceased working about fifty years ago but they have re-emerged as successful museums and are remembered in song. Here is one to St Barbara, the patron saint of miners. You can find it on YouTube, sung with typical Italian passion.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVtiJ_KYwhk

Il Canto del Minatore	**The Miner's Song**
E la mia mamma sempre me lo diceva, di star lontano da la miniera. Ahime, ahime!	And my mother always told me to keep well away from the mine. Alas, alas!
Ma mi, testardo, sempre ci sono andato, fin che la mina M'a rovinato. Ahime, ahime!	But me, I was obstinate, always kept going there, until the mine ruined me. Alas, alas!
O Santa Barbara, prega pei minatori, sempre in periglio de la lor vita. Ahime, ahime!!	Oh Saint Barbara, pray for the miners, always in danger of their lives. (molto cresc) Alas, alas!!

The Beckford Book Club

Some time ago I asked in the Parish Magazine whether anyone would be interested in starting a book club. I received several replies, and as a consequence the Beckford Book Club have now been meeting regularly every two months since February 2018.

We meet on Friday afternoons at 5pm in each others' houses, sharing a cup of tea and a biscuit and we take turns to choose the book. Recently, of course, we have had to meet 'virtually', using Zoom, but fortunately all of us have the technology needed to do this.

Here are (in my opinion!) some of the more interesting books we have read and discussed: *The Shipping News*, by Annie Proulx; *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult; *The Marrying of Chani Kaufman*, by Eve Hams; *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt; *The Luminaries*, by Eleanor Catton; *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel.
For me, one of the pleasures of belonging to a book club is that one gets to read books that one might not have chosen independently.

At the beginning, we decided to limit membership to twelve, so as not to crowd the houses where we are meeting. We are 'full' at present, but if anyone is very keen to join us, or would like to know our latest book choices, please let me know, and we'll see if we can oblige.

Graham Galer: graham.galer@hotmail.co.uk

Brian Druce RIP

Below is an extract from an announcement on the Worcester Diocese website
The Revd Brian Druce, former vicar of Overbury and Agricultural Chaplain in the Diocese of Worcester, died in early July aged 88. Brian was born in Oxfordshire in August 1931 to a Methodist family. He attended Kingswood boarding school in Bath where he played both cricket and rugby, something that he continued while completing his National Service.
He initially trained to be a Surveyor and it was whilst in London that he became an Anglican and felt the call to ordination, becoming a Deacon in 1960 and a Priest in 1961 at St Paul's Cathedral. He served his curacy in the church of St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton near Twickenham. Here he was introduced to Lesley and they were married at the church in 1962.
The couple then lived in Minehead for three very happy years and here their two boys, Timothy and Jonathan, were born. In 1965, Brian took up a parish post in a multi-cultural parish in Manchester. While here, Brian learnt to fly, which was something he'd always wanted to do, but his eyesight hadn't been good enough when he did his National Service. The couple's daughter, Katharine was also born in Manchester.
After five years, Brian took up the post of Vicar in Overbury and a few years later he also took on the role of part-time Agricultural Chaplain, becoming a full-time Chaplain in 1981. During this time, Brian spent six months in Kenya working with an American doctor to improve healthcare in remote areas. He was also a keen cyclist, cycling 205km in 12 hours to achieve the Randonneur medal.
In 1991, Brian took early retirement and became a signalman on the railway, working from Oxford to Hereford in various signal boxes. The family bought a house in Elmley Castle and Brian continued to cover local services when parishes were in vacancy. He was a Governor at Elmley Castle Primary school and volunteered at Abbey Park Middle School listening to reading as well as driving a local minibus to take people to day centres. He also established a campaign to save the local pub, where he could often be found working on a Monday evening for a couple of hours!

Local Memories of Brian
Brian and Lesley arrived in Overbury with their young family in November 1970 and spent around 10 years in the village, his last service being in Alstone on 5th July 1980. Using his skills as a surveyor, Brian provided lots of practical advice to his parishioners and Ted McWhirter reports that he very helpfully produced drawings and processed the planning application for hard standing that Ted was laying outside his house. He says that Brian would drop in on people and knew everybody in the village.

Liz Stirling-Lee recounts that he was a friend of the previous vicar of Overbury, Julian Dawe, and that the two competed with each other as to who could get through the 8am Holy Communion Service (then held every Sunday) quickest! She says that Brian was very good with young people and she remembers that he took a group, armed with a banner, to the Three Counties Show Ground when the Archbishop of Canterbury went there on a visit.

He officiated at the wedding of Faith and Anthony Hallett, although the then Bishop of Worcester (Mervyn Charles Edwards, a friend of the family who had also confirmed Faith) actually married them. Brian also most sensitively "dropped in", pretending that he was passing by, just in time to say a final prayer for Cyril Holland-Martin as he died. Faith recalls how very kind and supportive he was both on that day and subsequently.

Ros Long says that Brian was 'very keen on flying and used to "buzz" the village regularly'. She often went bellringing with him after his retirement and also remembers that he came back by request to officiate at Overbury for several years after he had left.

But there is one thing that everybody who knew Brian at the time of his incumbency in Overbury remembers: his enjoyment of parties! He and Lesley presided over some memorable evenings at the Vicarage, often accompanied by a traditional jazz band, and he also celebrated with great enthusiasm whenever and wherever the opportunity presented itself.
Brian was a man who always showed real interest in his parishioners and knew them all, often calling in for a cup of coffee (or, on occasion, something a little stronger) and a chat. "Someone you could always take a problem to" said Libby Hopkins "exactly what you would want in a vicar". He maintained that interest in people right to the end of his life. He always wanted to know when someone he would have known in Overbury, Conderton or the Chapelries had died so that he could attend their funeral. Although he became physically frailer in his later years, Brian's mind remained as clear as a bell right to the end and he died peacefully at home as he wished.
He will be sorely missed but has left so many happy memories and we send our prayers and sympathy to Lesley in the home they recently moved to in Pershore.

Donations in memory of Brian, for St Richards Hospice and Medecins Sans Frontieres, may be sent to E Hill & Son Funeral Directors, Pershore. WR10 1HZ.

A Trip to Hawai'I

In 2004 my husband and I decided to visit our son and daughter-in-law who were living in Hawai'i. Our daughter-in-law was working at the British Universities' James Clerk Maxwell telescope on Mauna Kea on the island of Hawai'i. Hawai'i is 11 hours behind the UK and this means that it literally is on almost the opposite side of the globe. We flew from Gatwick to Atlanta, Georgia and then changed planes to fly to Los Angeles in California. Then there was a final flight of over 5 hours over the Pacific Ocean to Honolulu in Hawai'i. Now when we say "In Hawai'i" that means in the state of Hawai'i, but not where our son and daughter-in-law were living. The state of Hawai'i is an archipelago made up of 8 main islands. Honolulu, on the island of Oahu, is the state capital and the site of Pearl Harbour and the famous Waikiki beach. Mauna Kea, where the observatory where Vicki worked, is on the island of Hawai'i or the Big Island as it is called. So, having arrived in Honolulu at 10.30 at night, their time, (9.30 am our body time!) ,we still were not on the same island as our son and daughter-in-law. We stayed overnight near Waikiki beach and the next morning we flew onto Hilo on the Big Island. We had travelled many thousands of miles when we met Paul and Vicki by the luggage carousel and they put the traditional leis around our necks. These were garlands of orchid flowers which seemed so exotic and marked our entrance to the tropics.

Paul and Vicki lived in an apartment block which had originally been an hotel. The ground floor was the parking area. This was, rather alarmingly, to allow water to flow through without damaging the structure should there be a tsunami! Not far from their building was a beautiful park. This land had been built on but when the last major tsunami came in 1960, it devastated the area and it was decided not to rebuild on the site. Our hotel was on the other side of town and was set in a lovely tropical garden. We were not given breakfast but every morning coffee was provided with fruits such as papayas and avocados from the garden.
The Hawaiian Islands are situated over a "hotspot" in the Earth's crust. Molten rock spills through a gap and new rock forms the islands. Owing to the slow movement of the crust, known as continental drift, the islands move westwards, away from the hotspot and the older islands stop increasing in size and new islands are formed. The Big Island of Hawai'i is the youngest island as it is still directly over the hotspot and is the only volcanic island in the archipelago. The Kilauea volcano is the most active volcano in the world and is continuously producing lava flows. Fortunately, the flows are quite gentle and not explosive such as the eruptions that destroyed Pompeii in Italy.

Our son had secured a post as a volunteer research assistant at the Volcano National Park. His main job was using software to convert photos of lava into digital images from film. He also helped out with field trips and took photos of the lava flows. The people native to Hawai'i are Polynesian and have a great affinity with the natural world. At the edge of the Kilauaea crater we saw offerings of fruit to the gods. One of our first excursions was a visit to the volcano observatory. We then walked through a lava tunnel and hiked from the road which was now blocked with solidified lava, over to the site where the lava was flowing into the sea. We timed our visit to coincide with dusk, so we could see the glow of the molten lava as it reached the sea and could see the steam produced where the lava hit the cold sea water. Looking up at the hillside the glow of the various outlets for the lava could be seen.
There are approximately 24 different ecosystems in the world and Hawai'i has examples of about 21 of these. They range from tropical rain forest, temperate forest, cold desert, hot desert, icy mountain terrain to warm sandy beaches. As a result, a trip around the islands is like a trip around the world! We visited the Tropical Botanical Gardens where we saw Indonesian wax ginger plants in flower and pineapples alongside hibiscus plants and the world-famous coffee plants. A visit to the indoor market was quite different to our experience in the UK. The commonest flowers were orchids and ridiculously cheap. We also bought the wonderful white pineapples which are so much sweeter than the more familiar yellow variety.

Our next trip was to the observatories on Mauna Kea. Since it is possible to drive up from sea level to the summit at 14,000 feet, care must be taken not to ascend too quickly, as there is a risk of altitude sickness. The scientists have an accommodation building at 9,000 feet where they can stay and rest between making their observations. This allows them to live and be acclimatised and saves them travelling up and down the mountain.
Visitors are encouraged to spend a couple of hours at the building to allow their bodies to become accustomed to the altitude before going on to the summit. Children and people with heart or lung conditions should not go up there as it can be harmful to them. On the way up to the summit, I was delighted to see a strange plant called a silver sword plant. As a biology teacher I had seen this plant on video and talked about its adaptation to the cold, dry desert conditions found on the mountain tops but had never seen one. They are so rare that they are surrounded by a wire mesh fence to prevent accidental damage.

The various telescopes and observatories at the top of Mauna Kea are there because the air is very thin, clear and dry and as such doesn't interfere with the readings being taken. This photo shows the James Clerk Maxwell telescope. The area surrounding the telescopes was a desert with brown sandy soil and rocks and no plants at all. The site was used for training astronauts for the moon landings. It was now very cold and we were glad of the thick jackets and scarves we had brought with us, the temperature being near freezing and quite a change from the 35 degrees at sea level when we left the hotel earlier in the day. Having been advised that the best way to avoid altitude sickness was to keep hydrated, we all drank plenty of water. Everyone was very welcoming and showed us their equipment which was very complicated. Vicki explained that no one stayed more than 9 hours or so at the summit because the low levels of oxygen affected their ability to process the work they were doing and so they would descend to the accommodation building and have their meals and sleep if necessary before going back to continue their work.
Our final day in Hilo was spent at the Tsunami Museum, which commemorated the effects of the most recent tsunamis which had hit Hawai'i. One of the assistants had been in the town when the 1960 wave struck and told us about the devastating effect it had on the island. There is now a sophisticated warning system to prevent loss of life and there are regular drills to teach people how to respond to the tsunami warning.
The next day we drove round to the other side of the island passing by the largest cattle ranch in the USA, the Parker ranch. On reaching the western side of the Big Island we stayed in an apartment in Kona. This was on the top floor of a three-storey block and overlooked a beautiful beach. We had the corner apartment and could look over the balcony down into the ocean and see the fish swimming below. The most exciting thing about this was the presence of little green geckos who ran around the balcony and up the walls catching insects and generally making themselves useful! Our windows face due west and as the sun set each evening, we were treated to a fabulous set of golden sunsets which we saw through the palm trees. Here we saw turtles swimming in the sea and one alarming view of a huge centipede on the beach, which was fully a foot long. Finally, we flew back to Honolulu and spent three days at Waikiki beach. Here the city life of Oahu was very evident and so different from the slower pace of the Big Island. We could stroll along the seafront and walk through the hotel grounds that fringed the famous beach. We then flew back to England via Salt Lake City and Atlanta having experienced one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

Clare Henderson

100-mile bike ride in aid of prostate cancer

You may recall back in the March edition of the magazine that I had registered to be one of the 20,000 participants in the 'Prudential Ride London 2020', a 100 mile route through London and the Surrey countryside, following a similar route to that used by the cyclists in the London 2012 Olympics. Unsurprisingly this event, which had been due to take place later this month, was cancelled. However, as I had already received sponsorships to my chosen charity, prostate cancer, I decided it was only right to go ahead with my own 100 mile local route.

I duly did this on 20th June, a very apt day being the day before Father's Day, as I had undertaken this personal challenge to mark the 20th Anniversary of the death from prostate cancer of my much loved dad. My route had in fact a greater elevation than the official route and in total I climbed 4,657 ft during my journey. My route included Stanway Hill, Beckford, Overbury and the Newent Loop. The latter is where I had a major wobble but after a proper break I got a second wind and I arrived back home in Alstone, having cycled 101.66 miles within my target time of 8.45 hours, of which 7.37 was actual cycling time. I couldn't have managed it without the support of my husband Phil, who accompanied me and carried my extra water and supplies of snacks etc, as well as compiling my extensive training plan. Also a big thank you to our neighbour Dave Rowlett for his bike maintenance skills and making sure our bikes were fit for purpose.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me. It really did spur me on on the day. My on-line Just Giving page has raised £220 for Prostate Cancer Research Centre and in cash/ cheques I have raised £850 for Prostate Cancer UK. My mum did also give me a sizeable cheque, which has gone to the Oncology Unit in Cheltenham, where my dad had received excellent treatment.

Jan Davis, Alstone

TEWKESBURY FOODBANK NEWS

In addition to its usual work, Tewkesbury Foodbank is about to start its School Holidays Meals Project which operates for six weeks from 21st July and is run from Holy Trinity Church Hall, Tewkesbury as there is more space for social distancing in the Hall. The scheme has been advertised in local schools and foods suitable for breakfast and lunch are available.

Urgently needed are supplies of:

Fruit Juice	Tinned Fruit
Pasta sauce	Washing up liquid
Tomato ketchup	Custard
Tinned ham	Corned beef
Shampoo	Small packets of washing powder

Please leave any items in the church porches in Alstone or Teddington and they will be collected weekly by the Foodbank van.

Thank you - Mary James, Teddington

News from St Faith's, Overbury

We have been so pleased to be able to welcome people back into church, both for private prayer and for services.
The first Service of the Word took place on Sunday 12th July and was attended by people from around Bredon Hill. Social distancing was carefully observed with the church organised so that an empty row of pews alternated with the rows where a limited number of people sat. It was sad not to be able to offer hospitality after the service but very good to get together again after so many months.

VJ Day, 15th August

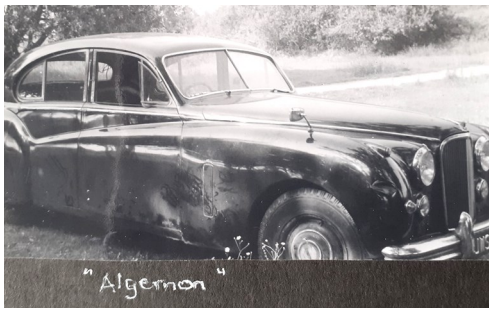
The 75th Anniversary of VJ Day takes place on Saturday 15th August and marks both the surrender of Japan and the formal end of the Second World War. The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to use the event to remember the impact that leaving, missing and returning home has on service men and women and their loved ones.
As our tribute both to all those who fought in the Far East during WW2 and those who continue to serve in today's armed services, the Beckford & Ashton under Hill Branch of the Royal British Legion is planning a very short ceremony at the War Memorial in Kemerton at 11am on Saturday 15th August. All are welcome although it is very important that social distancing is observed.

Many of those repatriated from the Far East at the end of 1945 (and over many months subsequently) faced very difficult times, as recounted to Countess Mountbatten of Burma at a reunion of the Japanese Labour Camp Survivors' Association in 2002. A great number were very emaciated and had endured horrific times on the Burma railway and elsewhere. Returning soldiers were told not to discuss their experiences, that the war in Europe had ended months earlier and that people were now rebuilding their lives and did not want to look back on the past. On arrival at Liverpool, they were kept on board and then taken ashore under cover of night so that their appearance would not distress anybody. The only support they received was a train fare home. No wonder many servicemen never did speak of their experiences and suffered post-traumatic stress.

We are honoured to have among us one survivor from those times: John Cutler who lives in Kemerton and served in HMS Swiftsure in the Far East from December 1944, joining the ship in Ceylon (as Sri Lanka was then known) and serving throughout the Pacific from Australia to the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan during which time Swiftsure faced prolonged attacks from Kamikaze Japanese pilots as well as submarine torpedos.

LIFE AS A NAVAL WIFE

March 1963 and the snow in Northumberland finally started to disappear. We were able to get out for proper walks, but found ourselves walking on packed snow at hedge-top height, and even several inches above abandoned cars!
David arrived back from a three month fishery patrol inside the Arctic Circle and learnt that his next posting would be to the Persian Gulf, an 'unaccompanied' job! Meantime, he would be sent on a number of short courses in Portsmouth. What to do with me? My parents lived in Hampshire, on the edge of the New Forest, and it seemed sensible for us to try and rent something near to them so that I would have their support with the baby while David was in the Gulf. We found a small semi-detached cottage in the New Forest at the end of a short track and about 3 miles from my parents. It had a temperamental solid fuel boiler, a baby Belling stove for cooking and a downstairs bathroom with a 'short-handle' bath. No telephone and no fridge, but a wonderful small cage fixed to the outside wall in which the milkman left the milk, and sometimes a cabbage or other vegetables. We were surrounded by fields, trees and wild ponies, and our first caller was a good friend who arrived on a horse which he hitched to the gate! In Edinburgh we had acquired an old Jaguar Mk. 7 nicknamed 'Algernon', it was enormous and pretty rusty and guzzled petrol but it did enable David to come home most weekends.



I was to have the baby in a small maternity unit near my parents and meantime I was well looked after by my childhood doctor. Life was not without its dramas: our bath was very narrow and shortly before the baby was born I became completely wedged in it! Luckily David was at home and managed to haul me out, with a sound exactly like a cork being pulled from a bottle. On another occasion whilst in the bath, horror of horrors, feathers were floating in the water and there was a very peculiar smell! I was hastily whisked to my parent's house, while David and my father investigated! It turned out the tank in the roof space had not been covered and some unfortunate bird had drowned. The two of them spent a happy day draining and flushing the tank, and covering it properly. The doctor was rung in case I was at risk, but he was very reassuring and just suggested we wash all the plates and cutlery in boiling water.

David's last short course was a diving course at Horsea Island Portsmouth. Clare was eventually born early one summer morning and my lovely doctor rushed off to the phone to catch David before he disappeared under the Solent. In his hurry, he had forgotten to see if I'd had a girl or a boy, so charged back again to check. In those days one stayed in a Maternity Unit for at least a week, and being a small unit, run by Sister Midwives, we were given huge support and taught how to really look after our babies, bath and dress them, change nappies etc. We were also thoroughly spoilt with cakes for tea and a wonderful garden to sit in. The other mums were all great fun, especially a young Gypsy mum with her second baby. She was delightful and kept us all laughing. After a few days with my parents, Clare and I went back to the cottage. Whilst at my parents, David was just finishing packing his trunk for the Gulf when he suddenly had a phone call asking him if he was still interested in joining the Submarine service! Of course he said yes, and we had an abrupt change of direction. To fill in the time before he went on the submarine course at H.M.S. Dolphin in the autumn, he was sent to the Moray Outward Bound Sea School at Burghead in Scotland as a temporary instructor, and mate of the training ship 'Prince Louis' for a couple of months.

Life in the cottage with a small baby was quite a challenge. Disposable nappies didn't exist, so butter muslin and towelling ones were the order of the day. We had no washing machine, so I had to boil mine in an old milking bucket on top of the Baby Belling and then rinse them in the bath! They had to be watched all the time so they didn't boil over and there never seemed enough time in the day to do much besides feed and bath the baby, and wash endless nappies! We did walk a lot, and I became an expert pram-pusher along the New Forest tracks. My father came over once a week to collect us so that I could go shopping while my mother looked after Clare.

We had a few dramas then too. We woke up one night to the sound of water, rushed into the baby's room and found boiling water coming through the ceiling just inches from her cot. Providentially, no harm was done, just another case of improperly covered tanks and a very temperamental boiler. I was washing up late one evening when a Pyrex glass lid broke in my hand cutting three of the fingers on my right hand quite badly; a bit of a dilemma with no telephone to summon help! I checked that Clare was sound asleep, rushed up the lane to our landlord's farm and managed to rouse him from bed to phone my father. He drove over with my mother, and leaving her to look after Clare, took me off to hospital to be stitched up.

Once he'd finished the submarine course, David was posted to H.M.S. Totem based at Portsmouth, and so we moved again to be nearer the base.

Caroline Marsh

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Good progress has been made despite some adverse weather. The walls are looking very cosy wrapped in thick insulation and we can't wait to see the final result. Now that the quoins (outside corner stones) have been cleaned we see that they are a golden colour instead of grey. The hall will be painted in neutral colours of coffee and cream and the footings will be painted black. This will be repeated on the oil store next to the village hall. We would like to smarten up the main doors and will have to replace the large lettering spelling Beckford Village Hall on the front.

The team is looking ahead to the next stage of renovation and need to secure more funding. Insulating the inside ceiling is a priority to save heat and create a more ambient space. Other key projects are to upgrade the dingy lighting, paint the walls and re-varnish the floor. We hope by the time you read this our Parish Council will have gathered votes from you, the Community, to convince Wychavon to release the New Homes Bonus to us.

When will the Hall re-open? With ever-changing rules about social distancing the committee are still considering what to do. If we do open, there will be hand sanitizers and notices of advice. The Play Area remains closed to the public until it has been inspected, which has been delayed for obvious reasons.

Kemerton Early Years group will be using the Old Social Club premises probably until Christmas. Meanwhile we wish them a nice summer break.

Yo Yates

Around the Hill Community Enterprise will be opening a pop up shop from the old doctors surgery at the hall in September. It was due to open in April but due to Covid 19 plans were thwarted. Local artisan gifts will be available to buy and take away drinks and snacks.
So we hope you will support local small businesses by shopping here for special occasions and treats!

News From Teddington and Alstone - The Chapelries

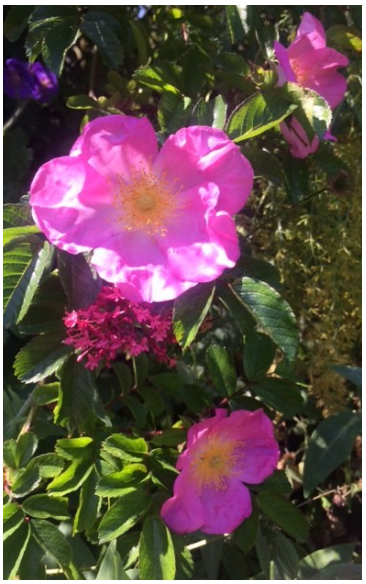
Please see page 3 for details of services during August to be held around the Beckford Group and wider Bredon Hill Group.

There are no services being held in Teddington or Alstone churches this month but we will let you know as soon as any arrangements are made.

Both churches continue to be open for Private Prayer - see page 3 for details

Stay Safe

"A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot", wrote the Manx poet Thomas Brown, and many of us have been forced by Covid restrictions to spend a lot of time walking in our splendid countryside and enhancing and enjoying the lovesomeness of our gardens. On the front cover and here, are a few photographs of Alstone gardens which we would also like to share with you.



Vale Wildlife Hospital was established by Caroline Gould in 1984 to facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured and orphaned British wildlife. This essential service has always been available to all free of charge, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Without the unique service offered by Vale Wildlife Hospital thousands of wildlife casualties would have to endure pain and suffering.

Over the years Vale Wildlife Hospital has grown from being a small rescue centre serving the local area to become an internationally respected, award winning wildlife hospital.

In 2019 we treated nearly 7000 casualties from across the UK (and currently have more than 400 patients in care at the hospital).

Vale Wildlife has never been a wealthy charity and has survived 'hand-to-mouth' over the last 36 years. We receive no government or corporate funding which means that fundraising to cover our circa £680,000 annual running costs is an enormous challenge even at the best of times.

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis in the UK has had a huge negative impact on our ability to fundraise with most of our major sources of generating income either greatly reduced or eradicated completely. Animal welfare charities were excluded from the UK government's coronavirus funding for charities.

The 'Vale Wildlife Charity Shop' was closed in mid-March in response to the pandemic, with an immediate loss of one third of the charity's regular income. The cancellation of our popular hedgehog rehabilitation courses and Saturday car boot sales further reduced our income. At the time of writing the charity shop has just reopened (June 29th, 2020) and we are hoping to be able to recoup some of our losses.

Our Ebay shop **https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/valewildlifehospital** has proven to be an essential fund raiser and has enabled us to continue selling some of our donated goods, as well as our popular gift and wildlife care items to those who can't leave home due to shielding (for those who can get out there is a giftshop in the hospital reception at Beckford).

We always welcome good quality donated items to sell in our charity shop and there are many other ways of supporting us which can be found on our website: **www.valewildlife.org.uk**.

Please help Vale Wildlife Hospital to continue helping Britain's wildlife.

Patients at Vale

Overbury First School requires a caretaker/ cleaner

We require a caretaker/ cleaner from the middle of October.
If you would like to find out more or would like a copy of the application pack, please contact Emma Ross via e-mail on:
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Mallorcan Tumbet

If you are unable to get away this summer, this delicious Mallorcan dish will transport you from your kitchen to your favourite Mediterranean destination.
This recipe is a summary of August, as all the ingredients are plentiful and in their prime. If you grow your own vegetables it is likely that most of the components are ready to harvest. This dish freezes very well so it is well worth making a double batch to enjoy in the colder months.
A Tumbet is similar to a ratatouille, sharing many key ingredients: courgette, aubergine, basil and a rich tomato sauce. However, the Tumbet is assembled in layers and finished with finely sliced potatoes. It is a delicious alternative to the much loved ratatouille and definitely worth trying if you enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean.
This dish would be perfect as a main, served with a light side salad and some crusty bread, alternatively it works very well as a side to fish or lamb.

Serves 2 as a Main or 4 as a Side

Ingredients:

1 Courgette	**1 Aubergine**	**1 Red Pepper**
3 Medium Potatoes	**5 Tomatoes**	**3 Cloves Garlic**
1 Tsp Dried Thyme	**Fresh Basil**	

20x20cm Baking Dish/18cm Circular Baking Dish

1. Preheat the oven to 180˚c (gas mark 5)
2. Slice the aubergine into 2 cm thick rounds and place on a baking tray, drizzle over plenty of olive oil and rub into each slice. Sprinkle with a good pinch of salt.
3. Cut the red pepper in half and place cut side down on to the roasting tray with the aubergine. Rub the skin with oil.
4. Place the tray in the oven and roast for 30 minutes
5. Pour 4 tbsp of vegetable or olive oil into a frying pan and place on a medium/high heat.
6. Slice the courgette into 2cm rounds.
7. Fry the courgette in the oil for around 2 minutes on each side so that they are slightly golden brown. Remove from the oil and place on a plate lined with kitchen roll. Keep the pan on the heat whilst you follow the next step.
8. Slice the potatoes with the skin on into very thin strips, around 0.5mm. You can use a mandolin if you have one.
9. Fry the potatoes in 3 batches, for 1 minutes on each side or until they are starting to go light golden brown. Place on the paper with the courgettes. Reduce the temperature of the pan whilst you prepare the next step.
10. Peel and slice or crush the garlic.
11. Roughly dice the tomato
12. Add the garlic to the pan, stir for 30 seconds, then add the tomatoes and dried thyme with a good pinch or salt, pepper and sugar. Allow to gently simmer for 10 minutes.
13. After 30 minutes remove the aubergine and pepper from the oven. Immediately place the pepper in a freezer bag and seal the ends.
14. After 5 minutes, remove the pepper from the bag and peel off the skin. If it is too hot then leave out of the bag until it has cooled a little.
15. Slice the pepper into thin strips.
16. Layer the aubergine into the bottom of the dish, spoon over a little of the sauce and a 4 basil leaves. Next layer the peppers, then a little more sauce and the basil. Then the courgettes, the remaining sauce and basil. Finally layer on the potatoes, You will need to overlap them for them all to fit on. Sprinkle over a little more salt and pepper and a good drizzle of olive oil.
17. Bake for 30 minutes or until the potatoes are slightly crisp and golden brown.

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Many thanks to Alice for what sounds like a delicious recipe.

OVERBURY CRICKET CLUB
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After months of waiting, there is cricket once more at Overbury!
The Government has lifted its ban and the English Cricket Board has provided strict guidelines which enable our youth members to practise again on Friday evenings… and the different age groups will have matches set up soon.
Our Seniors have been entered into a cup competition - the senior games will be played throughout July and August and there are friendly matches fixed up as well.
Our well-manicured ground is about to be used at last !

Dave Devereux (Chair)
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Teddington & Alstone Village Hall Update

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Tuesday 7th July and, amongst other business, discussed the matter of re-opening the Village Hall. After much deliberation and receipt of feedback from potential hirers, it was unanimously agreed that the Hall would remain closed until the beginning of September when the matter would be reviewed. This decision was also based on current Government guidelines for attendees '...*assembling outside venues*', along with the limited size of the hall, car park, the pinch-points in the entrance area/ cloakroom/ toilets etc. and the restricted space inside the hall itself.

As expected, the majority of regular classes and clubs advised they would be unable to resume their regular activities at the hall due to its size restrictions and the hirers/instructors being unable to justify putting themselves and their attendees at risk.

Committee members are Trustees of the Village Hall, so we deem it our duty to protect our parishioners. Hiring the hall to the Cycle Club, for example, would encourage visitors from outside of the Parish at a time when many of our parishioners still remain under lockdown/ isolation conditions.

As mentioned previously, we do now have most of the regulatory material and equipment in place for when restrictions have further relaxed and the Committee deem it safe to re-open the hall. We are also very mindful that the required cleaning duties could only be carried out by the Committee members not currently at additional risk from the Covid 19 virus due to their age, or underlying health conditions. This aside, we do not wish to put any Committee member at risk when undertaking voluntary duties. I am sure that everyone would understand and agree with this.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please call either me (620264) or Brian (620898) as we would be happy to hear from you.

Kind regards
Sue Carter, Chairman
Teddington & Alstone Village Hall Committee

You probably will not be surprised to hear that, rather than take decisions on a month-by-month basis, we have decided to cancel the rest of our 2020 programme. We are planning a programme for 2021, but we do worry about the practicalities of future meetings.

Roger Umpelby

After seeing the front page photos last month to inspire you to achieve a perfect lawn, Roger sent in the following musings on lawn-care!

God: Francis, you know all about gardens and nature; what in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees, and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. All I see are patches of green.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. They are called the Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds", and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But it is so boring. It's not even colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, bees, or birds, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want grass growing everywhere?

St. Francis: Apparently so my Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each Spring by fertilising the grass and poisoning any other plants that grow in the lawn.

God: The sun and rain and warm weather probably makes the grass grow really fast. That should make the Suburbanites really happy.

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it has grown a little, they cut it; sometimes two times a week.

God: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize it to make it grow, but when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, sir.

God: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: You aren't going to believe this Lord, but when the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it then pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the Spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the Autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves become compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural cycle of life.

St. Francis: You'd better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, the Suburbanites rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

God: No way! What do they do to protect the shrubs and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: After throwing the leaves away, they go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.
God: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch.

God: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

St. Catherine: "Dumb and Dumber," Lord. It's a really stupid movie about...

God: Never mind. I think I just heard the whole story from Saint Francis…….

Weather Diary – June

We all are very short sighted as far as weather is concerned. We quickly forget the weather even from last week. After one of the driest Mays on record, June seemed to start with plenty of rain to make up for the drought – but did we have as much rain as we thought? It may surprise everyone that this June, although the rainfall was above average at 59 mm (the average for June since 2013, is 43mm), this was nothing compared with June 2019, when we saw 88mm. In June 2018, we had even less rain than May this year with only 2mm over the whole month.

As far as sunshine is concerned, we all know that May saw lots of sunshine, but what about June? June is normally far sunnier than May, but this year June only had about 80% of May's sunshine. We all felt colder in June than we would expect, but maximum and minimum temperatures are about the same as last year – and the average temperature for June was up by about 2°C on June last year. I think our conception of the cold weather in June was because of the high fluctuations from hot to cold, which occurred on an almost a daily basis throughout the month.

We all detected an unusually windy month and this is borne out by the fact that the peak wind gust was about 5mph higher than in June last year, although the daily average peak wind was about the same as last year.
However, there is no doubt that the June we expect – warm, balmy days with little rain – was not the case this year.

June statistics

- Highest Temperature: 32.5°C, on 25th June
- Lowest Temperature: 4.5 °C on 7th June
- Highest rainfall rate: 107.6mm per hour on 16th June
- Highest daily rainfall: 15mm on 18th June
- Total rainfall: 58.6mm
- Highest wind gust: 33.0 mph on 27th June
- Average daily peak wind gust: 17mph

We certainly had some big downpours during the month compared with last year when the rain we had was spread out throughout the month.

All this information, and more, can be viewed on our website:
https://www.theshieling.net/weatherdavis.php.

Andy Slade

Allison Davies issued the following on July 29th although advice is still open to change on a daily basis.

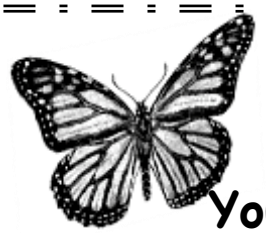
‘The Church of England has issued new guidance on the wearing of face coverings. The advice, which comes in a new guidance note states:

'We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing'.

In line with the wearing of face coverings in shops, details of those who are exempt are also included. Although wearing face coverings is strongly advised; the guidance, in line with the government's guidance on the safe use of places of public worship, does not suggest wearing face coverings is mandatory or that anyone who attends for either public or private worship without wearing face covering should be refused entry.’

More information can be found at:

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07///COVID%2019%20advice%20on%20face%20coverings%20v1.0.pdf



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