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Defford & Besford Parish News

Note from the Editor: Please accept my apologies, for no October or November Parish News, we are now back online. Can you please forward the newsletter to others in the Parish and ask them to email the Editor if they wish to be added to the mailing list. Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.

View from the Vicarage

Rev'd Allison Davies

"O Come let us adore him"

Christmas is going to be very different this year, and our usual preparations, activities, services and festivities in the build up to Christmas, will inevitably be somewhat curtailed due to the effects of the pandemic. At the time of writing this piece, it is unknown as to how long the Lockdown will last, and so it is written in the hope that Lockdown will have ended at the beginning of December, allowing some time at least for our usual seasonal preparations.

However, whatever our current national circumstances, perhaps the necessity of having to have a more scaled down Advent and Christmas season, will help us to reflect on the simplicity of the first Christmas; For Mary and Joseph were poor and so they made their way to Bethlehem on the most ordinary of animals, that of a simple donkey; There were no fine hotels in which they could stay, just a dirty shed or outbuilding in an inn; And there were no hospitals or medical staff around to help as Mary gave birth to her child, just farm animals and the owners of the inn.

We tend to forget the ordinariness of that first Christmas as we put up our decorations and tree, give and receive presents, enjoy special food and wine as we celebrate this most special time of year with those whom we love; And whilst I, like all of you, love the excitement of this season, perhaps we should pause and take time to remember, that God brought his Son and the anticipated Saviour, into the world, amidst poverty, Roman oppression and very challenging times.

However, the birth of that one baby, Jesus Christ, was heralded and welcomed by a choir of heavenly angels telling the world of the wonderful event which had happened; And such was the wonder and mystery of the event, that shepherds left their flocks untended to come and see the new baby, and wise men travelled thousands of miles, bringing gifts to honour someone they knew to be a king. These events

were certainly not ordinary, for these people recognised that something amazing had happened, and for this reason alongside, Mary, Joseph, the innkeepers and the animals, we have shepherds and kings all gazing in adoration and worshipping this newborn baby.

My prayer this December is that we will all, in our own ways, be able to take time to worship and give thanks for the birth of this baby, Jesus Christ, who comes to bring peace and hope into a dark and troubled world. This year, more than ever, we need to share and receive God's offer and gift of love. I hope, therefore, that in the words of that most beautiful hymn, "Come all ye Faithful", we too may be able to come and adore Him this season. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and let us pray for peace and better times for the year ahead.

Christmas Services

Rev'd Allison Davies

Christmas is a special time for families and friends, but this year, due to exceptional circumstances and uncertainties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, Christmas Services in Eckington and Defford cum Besford churches will be greatly reduced.

The following services have been arranged but of course may be subject to change – we will endeavour to keep you updated.



Date	Church	Time	Minister
20th December	St Peter's Chapel, Besford	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
24th December	St James', Defford	10.00pm	Reverend Allison Davies
25th December	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.45am	Reverend Allison Davies

We do hope that you will be able to join us at these services, but even if you are unable to that you may share in celebrating the birth of Jesus and the wonder of what that means for us today.

We would like to wish you a very peaceful Christmas, and pray that the New Year will bring comfort, joy and hope to you all and all who you love and care for.

Given the reduced capacity of churches resulting from social distancing rules being in place; if anyone would like to attend a service on either the 20th, 24th, 25th or 27th December can they please let Alison Khan know at acbhteam@gmail.com or by telephone on 07984 748059 so that a place can be reserved for you.

Carols on the Doorstep

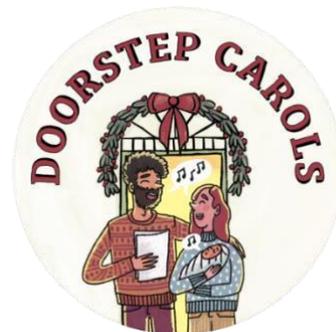
WHEN? Wednesday, December 16th, 6pm

WHERE? Your Doorsteps!

HOW? Sing along with the radio!

Join us on your doorsteps across the nation this Christmas to sing carols together and spread some much-needed cheer!

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



For Information and Awareness

Defford cum Besford CE First School

Elaine Mather: Headteacher

The days here at school are flying past. We commemorated Remembrance Day with a moving service on the playground and school was awash with spots as the children dressed up for "Children In Need" day. We have witnessed a stunning autumn leaf display in our school grounds this year and now, as the days grow shorter, thoughts are turning to Christmas Nativity performances and all things festive.

This year, the Nativity cannot take place in our beautiful church, but undeterred, it will be filmed and sent out to parents to enjoy at home. We look forward to the day when we can all safely gather together again

This will be my final entry to the Parish magazine, as in January I will commence my retirement. It has been an honour to lead Defford-cum-Besford C.E. First School for the past 5 years and I know everyone will welcome Mr Holdstock, my successor, with the same warmth they have shown to me.



A safe and joyful Christmas from everyone in school.

Community Ultrafast Broadband Project

Chris Hunt: Local Resident, Project Lead

As you may know, the current broadband service in our area is simply not good enough for most people's requirements and currently there is no plan for improvement.



As a result, a small group of local residents and business owners are looking to undertake a **Community Project**, which will be supported by the **Superfast Worcestershire Broadband Team** – superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk.

If successful, this will bring fibre to the premises and ultrafast broadband network to our community. Ultrafast broadband network, delivered via a fibre to the premises infrastructure, will offer speeds of up to 1,000 megabits (depending on a chosen package) and ***we are looking to utilise Government grants to fully pay*** for the required works. Access to the full fibre technology would therefore offer a fully future proofed solution and speeds many times faster (depending on a chosen package) than the current infrastructure.

More information on the grant scheme is available here: www.gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural

In summary, the Gigabit vouchers can be used by businesses and the local communities surrounding them to contribute to the installation cost of the ultrafast network. Small and medium size businesses can claim up to £3,500 each and any residents included in the group project can also benefit from up to £1,500 per premises towards the overall cost.

A scheme covering 50 properties in Upper Street, Croome Road, Lodge Hill, Broad Hill and Bluebell Lane has been quoted for by Openreach (full copy available on request). The scheme will cost approximately £58000.00 which could be fully funded if enough of those households are willing to register to be funded through the project.

The scheme is proving very popular across the UK and the funding won't last long. If you would like to know more please contact **Chris Hunt** orchardcottfarm@gmail.com or call **07973922609**, with your contact details and indicate whether you are a "business" or a "resident".

Defford & Besford's Support Group:

Sally Hunt: Group Co-ordinator



The Support Group are here to help anyone who is struggling to cope with the Covid-19 situation, please let us know if you need support with your shopping, walking your dog or picking up prescriptions. We can also provide support with horses and vet appointments.

If you or someone you know needs help and support during the lockdown, please email newsletter_editor@btinternet.com

Pershore Rotary's lockdown donations

Richard Lees



With Pershore in lockdown since March, Rotarians have been unable to raise funds to donate in the usual way. So, a decision was taken to start a programme of monthly donations to those local support organisations and individuals suffering hardship due to the impact of Covid-19. Nominations were invited from community groups and organisations needing help with running costs and, with the help of the Volunteer Centre, several candidates were identified. One of these was Pershore's Riverside Centre, whose core activity is running drop-in sessions, activities and support for young people. The Riverside Centre needed financial support to create a comfortable Community Room for these activities.

Carol Christmas, Marketing Manager at the Riverside Centre, said, *"Trustees had been talking about ways in which to open the Riverside Centre to a wider range of local groups, so this was an opportunity to create a comfortable Community Room. It is very clear that the negative impacts of lockdown, school closures, economic downturn, loss of apprenticeships and increasingly uncertain futures has adversely affected local young people, especially 16-26-year olds. With the prospect of long-term social distancing, we could not go back to youth club nights so needed more useable space to provide effective youth support."*

Thanks to Rotary's funding, the Community Room will be re-decorated, wired for workstations with laptops and good Wi-Fi, ready to install furniture in September."

Pershore Rotary's Graham Avison has worked closely with Abi Wilks (Centre Manager) and Bradley Edmunds (Lead Youth Worker) from the Riverside Centre over the past few months. In addition to the Riverside Centre, Pershore Rotary has made similar donations to Pinvin Federation Schools, Pershore Relief in Sickness, Abbey Park School Breakfast Club and the St Andrew's Centre.

To get involved with Rotary in Pershore and make a difference in your community, contact Kit Carson at secretary.pershore@btinternet.com or on 07747 117624.

Pershore Foodbank

Christmas 2020

Pershore Foodbank is collecting the following items for distribution before Christmas. If you have any of these items, local families will be very grateful, donations can be made at the locations below:



- Christmas biscuits
- Christmas cakes
- Tinned Cold Meats
- Tinned salmon
- Christmas chocolate
- Festive sweets
- Custard
- Any other festive goods

Food Donation Point	Opening Hours	Comments
The Co-Op, Racecourse Road	08:00-21:00	Front of store, near the door
ASDA, Pershore Town Centre	08:00-21:00	Front of the store, near the tills
The Foodbank Centre, St Andrews	Tuesdays 11:00-13:00 Fridays 13:00-15:00	

Coronavirus Community Champion: Margaret Mallett

The Rotary Club in Pershore ran this project during the summer to find our local heroes during lockdown. Members of the public were invited to nominate an individual or business in their area who, in their opinion, went the extra mile to help the community.

The community in our area nominated **Margaret Mallett** for the award.

It started with a Facebook post for help or donations and, with the support of many volunteer sewers, buttoners and deliverers, ended with 1,000 buttoned headbands, 800 laundry bags and countless other goodies for key NHS workers.

Defford and Besford homes were scoured for old pillow cases and duvets for material, 'Thank You' cards for NHS workers were provided and school children added their own. Margaret was commended for her organisation of everything and for making people feel that they were making a real contribution.

Details of the awards to all 20 nominations can be found on Pershore Rotary Facebook page and in the October copy of the Pershore Times.



Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team

Local Policing Number: 101; in an emergency call 999

Email: pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

[Rural Safer Neighbourhood Website](#)

Our local team cover the villages and hamlets surrounding Pershore

PC 3509 Daz Riley

PCSO 6427 Julie Pardoe

PCSO 40422 Faye Allen-Carter



DEFFORD & BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM MEETING 18th NOVEMBER 2020 (IN BRIEF)

1. **SPEEDING/TRAFFIC CALMING** – A meeting had been held with Cllr Harris and officer from Worcs. County Council. A number of traffic calming options were discussed and will be investigated further including the possible purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign
2. **DRAINAGE / FLOODING** - Cllrs continue to keep an eye on any evidence of flooding and will be reporting these to WCC. *Parishioners are also able to let the clerk know of any issues – photographic evidence is always useful*
3. **HARPLEY ROAD – CAR PARKING** – the parish council is aware of parking issues in Harpley Road and have had a meeting ‘on site’ with a representative from Rooftop Housing. Empty garages and space at the rear of the garages are an option and being investigated.
4. **CHURCH WALL** – The parish council are faced with the problem of financing the repairs to the church wall, estimated to be in region of £25k, of which we have a reserve set aside of £10k leaving a shortfall of £15k. We have exhausted all grant funding options and none of them will support this essential repair work. We are likely to be faced with adding the much-needed funds onto the parish precept – which has not been increased for many years
5. **WEBSITE** – we now have a new website – there will be a period of overlap for the next few months with the old website – new site: <https://defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk/>
Enquiries to the clerk should be made to: 01386 552233 or
clerk@deffordandbesfordparishcouncil.co.uk
6. **STREET LIGHTING** – the parish council has grant funds available for ‘infrastructure’ projects. It has been agreed that this should be used to upgrade / replace the street lighting in Defford. We are awaiting a second quote, but it appears that there may be some surplus funds available which can be used towards the cost of a VAS sign
7. **MILLENNIUM GREEN** – the parish council has funds (s106) and together with an application for access to the New Homes Bonus funds allocated to Defford and Besford, it is intended that these are used to purchase new picnic tables (with wheelchair access) and either a piece of climbing frame play equipment, or a gazebo-style structure which could be used by all ages, and hopefully the school as a possible ‘outdoor’ classroom facility
8. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 19th 2021 at 7pm - this will be held via Zoom.

FULL MINUTES CAN BE READ ON PARISH NOTICE BOARDS OR ON THE WEBSITE:

www.deffordbesfordpc.org

<https://defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Pershore Rotary Club

Richard Lees



Pershore Rotary Business Club's 'Virtual Walk of a Lifetime'

A virtual walk of a lifetime is about to start. Lands' End to John O'Groats is the challenge. 1,083 miles to be covered before New Year's Eve. Up for the challenge are members of the Pershore Rotary Business Club lead by Chairman, Jo Taylor, walk organiser Maria Bayliss, plus Isobel and Jo from the Wick Care Farm.

The walk is to raise funds to refurbish the kitchen at Wick Care Farm who, with increased numbers and the need to maintain social distancing, have found their existing facilities no longer fit for purpose.

Wick Care Farm is a friendly, not-for-profit organisation where adults and children are supported to carry out a wide variety of activities on the farm, designed to help people improve or maintain their mental and physical health.

Chairman Jo said "We are hoping to attract lots of sponsors for the walk, with all the money raised going towards the new kitchen on the Farm. Our aim is to reach John O'Groats by New Year and celebrate Hogmanay in style and in the traditional Scottish way...of course!" Can you help us help Wick Care Farm? If so, please consider donating via our Virgin Money Giving page at:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/.../displayCharityCampai...>

Through Rotary you can use your time, talents and enthusiasm to benefit the communities that we all call home. For more information contact **Kit Carson** at secretary.pershore@btinternet.com or **07747 117624**

Defford cum Besford Church

Pearl Winchester

We are living in unprecedented and strange times and due to Covid -19 restrictions, we suddenly found our whole way of life has changed. Each village church is an amenity for the entire population of the village, regardless of whether or not you choose to come to services or even whether you have a faith in God. You are entitled to be married in it, to have your baby baptised in it, and to be buried in the churchyard.

Defford and Besford church were opened for private prayer at the beginning of July and funeral services have taken place. Because of the size of the church and Covid-19 regulations, we have not held a Holy Communion Service since 22nd March 2020. However, after much discussion and complying with the Covid-19 restrictions, our first Holy Communion service, since the easing of the lockdown, is happening on Sunday 18th October 2020.

The Revd Allison Davies, Vicar of Eckington, Defford with Besford and Associate Priest for Overbury; is working hard to try and support all the church communities around Bredon Hill, of which there are 14, and she is asking for guidance on how best she can help us.

The church belongs to you and is held in trust on your behalf by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The small ageing congregation is trying to sustain the churches practically and financially, and also we have to contribute towards the costs of clergy in the diocese – their stipends, their training and their pensions.

We receive no income, except that which is given by the congregation and that which is raised through local fundraising. During the pandemic, some members of the congregation are already giving to the church on a regular basis through a standing order which is a huge help. Fundraising activities have come to a complete halt, and in this parish we rely heavily on income from these, especially the big events like the Church Fete and Patty's Lent Lunch.

The printed Parish Newsletter also contributed to the church income. Prior to the pandemic, there were approximately 380 "hard copies" produced and circulated. These are now published online and there are currently about 110 people on the email list. The usual charge for the printed copy is £3 annually, but no monies have been collected this year. Sally Hunt, Editor; has kindly agreed

to email anyone who is interested in an e-copy. Please contact her on newsletter_editor@btinternet.com if you wish for an e-copy of the newsletter. In return for these copies, we are asking readers to make a donation towards our church funds. The bank details are as follows: **Bank Account Name: PCC Defford cum Besford, Sort Code : 30-93-11, Account Number: 01284058**

During Lockdown, most of us found ourselves unexpected time for reflection. Perhaps this has given us a unique opportunity to think about our faith and how we express it, an opportunity to refocus on what really matters and to prioritise them or let go of some things that matter less. The members of the PCC are looking at other ways of utilising the buildings and would like to include you in the decision-making process. We welcome any suggestions, constructive comments or ideas and look forward to hearing from you.

Your church urgently needs you now. We have a Treasurer's vacancy. If you are interested in this position, please contact Terry Andrews for further information, mobile no: 07762332597.

Please contact Pearl Winchester, mobile no: 07879623807, should you and your family would like a tour of the church. We are also initiating a new bible study group at Defford Church on Wednesday the 4th November 2020 between 10 - 11 a.m. and we are looking forward to meeting you.

The PCC are now appealing to the public for donations towards church funds. Please contact one of the following on their mobile phone for further information:

Pearl Winchester	Hazel Wakefield	Terry Andrews
Church Warden	Church Warden	Secretary
07879623807	07790392214	07762332597

Please help and support us in maintaining and up keeping of these churches, so that they can be viable for the use of future generations .

With Best Wishes and Warmest Regards Members of the Parochial Church Council 14th October 2020



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Vicar of Eckington, Defford with Besford and Associate Priest for the Bredon Hill Group of Churches

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Rachel

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Secretary: Carol English 07909536776

Treasurer: David Yendole 01386 751548

Defford Garden Club

Chairman: John Taylor

Treasurer: Barbara Owens 01386 750863

Secretary: Michael Pegg 01386 750633

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Defford Hummingbirds

President: Gill Aston

Treasurer: Tori Richardson

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07561470843

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Defford Village Hall	Chairman: Roger Atter Secretary: Doreen Rowley Treasurer: Samantha Hart Bookings: David Wakefield	rogeratter@btinternet.com d.rowley46@btinternet.com samantha.hart@live.co.uk davidewakefield@icloud.com
Eckington Bridge Club	Chairman: Ian Driver Treasurer: David Wakefield	01386 860270 01386 750256
Kung Fu (ZJK)	Tori Richardson	07561470843
Pershore Embroiders	Anne Newbon	
POSH Club	Margaret Mallett	01386 561519
Posture, Health & Fitness	Karen Harris	01386 750785
Spring Bank Quilters	President: Hazel Wakefield Secretary: Diana Edmundson	07954544595 01386 750256
U3A Art Group	Dr Christine Dodd	01684 833347 01386 550338

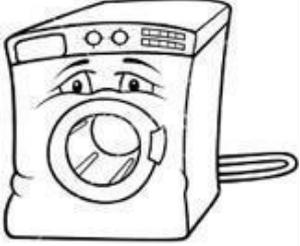
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<p>Simon Williams</p> <p>01386 750919 07866 930199</p>	<p>Property Repairs & Maintenance</p> 
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Defford Parish Council: <https://defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Our Parish Councillors:

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