

# WHEATLAND NEWS

July 2022



*The Abbot's house at Jervaulx Abbey in Yorkshire*

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

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# Editorial

The Jubilee Celebrations at the beginning of June brought communities back together after two years of restrictions on social activities. It was uplifting to see people enjoying the company and companionship of friends and family and relaxing at the many events. Some of these events have been captured on photographs and are reproduced in this month's 'special' magazine. The centre pages show many of these activities.

Since that long weekend there has been an awakening to arranging more times to bring people together particularly as the weather has become warmer and the thoughts have turned to BBQs and other outdoor entertaining.

In the three benefices who are without an incumbent in the Wheatland News area, visiting clergy and lay readers with the help of churchwardens and other volunteers have come forward to keep our services going and in the month of July we have Songs of Praise happening across the benefices when congregations can come together and raise the roof with the singing of well-known hymns, readings and poems to continue the spirit of togetherness which became obvious at the beginning of June.

At this time when, in spite of the 'instant' communication we are now so familiar with, there is frustration with the long waits on the phone to contact call centres, rail and other strikes, we look to everyone to do 'the best they can' when involved in any activities and thank all the people who are giving support to us all. Volunteers are always needed, and there's a great opportunity on the Chetton page (12) for someone with tech interests to learn to be a cinema projectionist!!

Enjoy the warmer weather and look forward to the summer days and balmy nights we hope to experience in the coming months.

## Ed

**August edition deadline! Please would you send all contributions for the August 2022 edition of WN to your contact, as below, no later than **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.****

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## Diocese of Hereford

### July Parish Newsletter from the Archdeacon of Ludlow



#### **Hello Everyone**

Every ten years or so, the Primates of the Anglican Communion meet to pray, share wisdom, and discern together how God is leading the church in the world. As Terry Waite, the former special adviser to Archbishop Robert Runcie, says, this has given rise to any number of jokes about the confusion between Anglican bishops and archbishops and great apes - some more polite than others - but we shan't descend to that level in the parish magazines of the Diocese of Hereford!

The first Lambeth Conference took place in 1867, called by Charles Longley, but even several of his own English bishops declined to attend, stating the conference would just cause confusion because the bishops wouldn't agree on the issues of the day.

This summer, after a delay caused by the pandemic, the bishops and archbishops, including our own Bishop Richard, will be gathering in Canterbury for the fifteenth Lambeth Conference, convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to consider the theme "God's Church for God's World – walking, listening, and witnessing together."

They will reflect on being wounded healers in a broken world, and will pray with and for one another in the particular challenges of their dioceses and provinces as we seek to be responsive to the challenges and needs of the 21st century world in a distinctively Christian way.

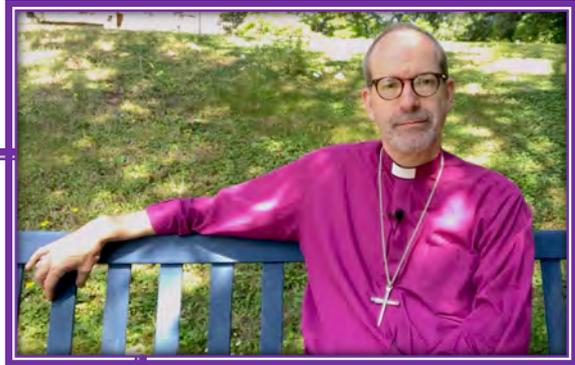
Those challenges may include climate change, racial justice, Artificial Intelligence, and secularism. It's fitting, then, that the Bible studies will be on the book of 1 Peter, a letter originally written to Christians living as a minority in an unfriendly or apathetic society. Let's commit to praying for the bishops and archbishops from across the Anglican Communion as they meet from 26th July-8th August. PS If you'd like a summer book to read that gives a largely light-hearted insight into the realities of life for an archbishop and his entourage, I suggest Terry Waite's *Travels with a Primate*. I chuckled my way through it recently and thoroughly enjoyed it.

**The Ven Fiona Gibson**  
Archdeacon of Ludlow

## Watch the Bishop of Hereford's weekly video message!

Expectations – ours, and theirs ...  
Reasonable? Or unreasonable?

On the [Diocesan website](#), together with a transcript, or on [YouTube](#) with or without subtitles.



## Caring for God's Acre

### **Bats ....that aren't in the belfry!**

Bats have been found in churchyards for a very long time, often roosting in trees or buildings. A bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts. There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK: eight of these use churches or chapels for roosting, including some of the less common species such as the Natterer's bat and the Serotine bat. Some of the remaining nine species roost in large trees.



Bats do not roost in the belfry ... too much noise! They usually use different roosts through the seasons. Bats need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime. They like to roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels, bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. (Having bats in the building is not always easy so if there are issues search online for 'Bats in Churches Project' where the Bat Conservation Trust has some advice and support for finding practical solutions to sharing the space with bats!)

Bats also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. When roosting in trees they use holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind the ivy. Veteran trees are full of possible roosting places.

Churchyards tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are generally relatively free of chemicals, tend to have some areas which are not too tidy and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects which is food for the hungry bats.

Why not have a quiet sit in the churchyard at the end of the day, look to see if any swifts are swirling around and then wait to see if any bats appear. Bats can fly long distances to forage for food so, even if you don't have roosting bats in your churchyard, they may well come visiting.

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## Message from the Rural Dean



We had a most helpful and supportive deanery gathering in June at Tuck Hill village hall. Mandy McPhee, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, outlined advances in the diocese's measures to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible in our churches and church activities, and answered questions from Deanery Synod reps and parish and benefice safeguarding officers.

Our next gathering is on September 20th, when we shall have another guest 'from the diocese' as Revd Elizabeth Wild, the Local Ministry Lead, will be coming to tell us about plans for extending trained lay ministry. This will be of particular interest to anyone who feels called to serve in leading worship, pastoral visiting or in mission on a local basis.

Meanwhile we continue to manage three vacancies in our deanery, with the news of a fourth one coming up in September, and I give my heartfelt thanks to all who are stepping up to help manage those vacancies – churchwardens, PCCs, and our invaluable volunteer ministers, lay and ordained. It emphasises once again how much we owe to the volunteers in our churches and parishes, and the loving service that they give to the Church. Thank you!

Mark Daborn

### Readings for July 2022

#### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas the Apostle (Red)**

Genesis 24: 34-38,42-49, 58-67: Psalm 45: 10-17: Romans 7: 15-25a:  
Matthew 11: 16-19,25-30

#### **July 10<sup>th</sup> – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Amos 7:7-end; Psalm 82; Colossian 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

#### **July 17<sup>th</sup> – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-end

#### **July 24<sup>th</sup> – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

#### **July 31<sup>st</sup> – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

#### **August 7<sup>th</sup> –**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

# Saint of the Month – Benedict of Nursia

By the Revd Mark Daborn

**T**he monastic life was a central part of European Christendom from earliest times to the Reformation of the sixteenth century. In many countries it remains so; you can occasionally see recruiting advertisements placed by the monastery on the island of Lundy trying to interest more people in life as a monk!

In earliest times, communities of men (or women, but usually men!) would join together to form a community of worship and austerity, often in desert places, to get away from the world and all things worldly. They would make their own rules to govern their community, and many varieties appeared across the vast expanse of Christian lands.

Benedict of Nursia lived in the sixth century, and became abbot of the hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino in Italy – that same monastery that was a stronghold of resistance to the allies' advance through Italy in 1944. Benedict was a wise man, who knew the limits of human tolerance, and judged too much austerity to be counter-productive, as being attainable only by the few. He therefore wrote a complete rule for the governance of his monastery, which split the day into three parts: work, worship and rest.

The day was centred on the eight daily offices in the church, from Matins before daybreak, through to Vespers and Compline at the end of the day. Between these services the monks would work: they produced their own crops and looked after their own livestock, so that they were self-sufficient communities, independent of anybody else's charity. The more scholarly monks would study, and write. Almost everything that was written in the years that we know as the Middle Ages was written by monks – and they ran pretty much the only schools as well. In the monasteries were created the lovely illuminated manuscripts combining the written work with beautiful and intricate coloured drawings, like the Book of Kells and the Lindisfarne Gospels. All this was done painstakingly and lovingly to the glory of God.

The popularisation of the Benedictine Rule was largely due to the support it received from Pope Gregory the Great. When he sent missionaries to Anglo-Saxon England, for example, the mission was headed by Augustine, who was a Benedictine monk. There was, in the early years, a conflict between systems, as the Irish monasticism of Iona strove with the new imported Roman system. The Synod of Whitby of 664 AD resulted in approval and support being given to the Benedictine Rule by king Oswy of Northumbria, and that became the general pattern for this country until Henry VIII closed all the monasteries (and took a firm hold of all their property!) between 1536 and 1539. Our nearest Benedictine monastery was Shrewsbury Abbey, founded by Roger of Montgomery, first Norman Earl of Shrewsbury – and in which he became a monk when he felt death approaching!

It is interesting history, but interesting, too, to consider that division of the day, because it still makes a lot of sense: time for work, time for rest, time for God.

MD



*Locations of Nursia (left) and Montecassino (right) in Italy*

# The United Benefice of Brown Clee

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

### Services in Brown Clee Churches during June

<p><b>July 3rd - Trinity 3</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>11:30      HC      Aston Botterell</p> <p><b>July 10th - Trinity 4</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>16:00      S of P      Chetton</p> <p><b>July 17th - Trinity 5</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>16:00      S of P      Neenton</p>		<p><b>July 24th - Trinity 6</b></p> <p>08:30      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>09:45      HC      Chetton</p> <p>11:30      HC      Cleobury North</p> <p><b>July 31st - Trinity 7</b></p> <p>10:15      GpHC      Wheathill</p> <p><b>August 7th - Trinity 8</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>11:30      HC      Aston Botterell</p>	
HC <i>Holy Communion</i>	S of P <i>Songs of Praise</i>	EP <i>Evening Prayer</i>	GpHC <i>Group Holy Communion</i>

**A Church Near You** - Don't forget to look at the Benefice website – A Church Near You, on the [Ditton Priors Church and Benefice Information Hub](#) page, to see what is going on in all the parishes.

# Ditton Priors News

## From the Registers

**4th June 2022 - Holy Matrimony** – Clare Emma Tucker and David L Brown. We wish them every happiness.

### Marjorie Jones writes:

What a wonderful start to June with the Bank Holidays and the Jubilee celebrations. Our Benefice Jubilee service was held at Aston Botterell. There was a full church, a Jubilee Anthem, and plentiful refreshments to follow – a very happy occasion.

### Jubilee picnic

Ditton Priors celebrated with a Jubilee picnic on the playing fields, organised by the new village social committee and jointly funded by the village hall, the playing fields association, and the parish council. Plenty of cover was provided to keep everyone dry. There was a beautiful Jubilee cake, bubbly to toast the Queen, a crown competition and live music. All in all, a great event with hundreds present. Well done to everyone involved. I understand that the Ditton Priors schoolchildren were presented with a commemorative mug.



**And the Committee added:** It was a wonderful afternoon and despite the weather, much fun was had by all. Everyone who came will have their own memories of the day but crowns and fancy dress, Union Jacks and cake, music and good company will all be part of those.

So many people donated their time and skills and prize money. Others loaned tables, chairs, tractor and trailer, equipment and gazebos. The day became a real community event with many coming together to ensure a successful day.

Above all, thank you to everyone who came, who enjoyed the afternoon and who had a good time.

**Ditton Priors Social Committee & Village Hall Committee**

## Foodbank

Donations are needed more than ever now. Please leave items in white box at back of church or at the post office. The goods are taken into Bridgnorth food centre on a weekly basis. THANK YOU.

## Cleaning Rota for July:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| • Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Mrs. Shirley Wall & Mrs. Anita Casswell |
| • Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | Mrs. Jennifer Lowe & Mrs. Debbie Jones  |
| • Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Griffiths             |
| • Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  | Mr. & Mrs. John Ballard                 |
| • Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July  | Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brown                   |
| • Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August | Mrs. Jutta Langham & Mr. Steve Allen    |

## St John the Baptist 100 Club results for June 2022

- £100 – Sally Green
- £20 - Audrey Mountain
- £10 – Betty Talbot
- £5 each to – Anita Casswell, Emma Rowson, and Sue & Phil Robinson

## Dates for your Diary

### Church Fete – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

From 12 noon onwards at church. BBQ, stalls, teas, games, and art group display. All donations welcome – tombola, books, plants, bric-a-brac, and cakes. For more information contact Carole (712474) or Marjorie (712423).

### Sponsored Walk – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

The walk will start from church at 11.30am. We usually walk-up Bent Lane, across Hillside and back down Powkesmore road to church where a light lunch is served. Walkers can also choose their own route, just a short distance for those with mobility problems. Sponsor forms will be in church or phone Marjorie on 712 423.

### Burwarton Show

Thursday, 4th August - Refreshment tent.

### Afternoon teas at Church

Thursday, 18th August.

## Wheathill & Loughton News

A communion service was held at Loughton on 19<sup>th</sup> June led by Mark Daborn, who also provided the music. The church looked lovely with fresh flowers on the altar and the churchyard had been freshly mown. It was good to see it 'back in action' and we filled the 'safe' pews available. We plan to go ahead with the temporary repairs, suggested by the architect, as soon as possible. This will make the whole church usable again. Grateful thanks to Mark for a lovely service and for remembering Jim Hurford and his family – we wish Jim a speedy and full recovery.

The **next service** will be the benefice group service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.15 am.

Ruby Edwards is asking for more help to clean Wheathill church, as she is unable to do so now. .It would be good to have more names so that a rota could be set up. Please contact Ruby (01584 823 234) or Marjorie on (712 423).

### Ride and Stride – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. See the SHCT website for full details about taking part, sponsorship etc, as well as the fund-raising achievements of recent years, and how our churches have benefitted.

<https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

### Harvest Supper

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Ditton Priors Village Hall

### Ludlow Male Voice Choir

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Ditton Priors Village Hall

### Group Choir

The choir meets for practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Ditton Priors church. For more information please contact Mike Teague on: 789592.

## Burwarton and Cleobury North News

### **A "Thank you" from the PCC**

The PCC would like to thank all who joined us for the tree planting afternoon on 3<sup>rd</sup> June for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and was enjoyed very much by all who came. Thanks to Julia for organising it.

We would also like to express our thanks to all those who support our Church lottery. At present, this is our only fundraiser and is vital to keep our little Church going.

### **Cleobury North & District Village Hall**

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

## Aston Botterell News

**Anne Preece writes:**

### **Jubilee celebrations**

The group service hosted at Aston for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was fantastic. It was very well attended, and everyone was in good spirit. The service was conducted by Dr John Daniels from Ludlow assisted by Dot reading the prayers, Richard Fox played the organ and Mike Teague led the choir: it all sounded lovely. Lord Boyne (Tavi) and I read the lessons.

My thanks go to everyone who helped and made cakes and donations, decorated the church inside and out especially the balloons put up by Jessica and George, our younger parishioners. The pedestals were so good - done by Pat Homes and her sister and Sonia Scott. Everyone commented on the lovely cakes. Janet Preece displayed the minutes from the meetings relating to the preparations for the coronation celebrations in 1953, together with a display of Royal photographs, which were all very interesting. Not forgetting a mannequin of the Queen done by Karen Preece. Thank you everyone and to Allan Watkins for the parking.

Our **next service** is on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.30 am.

### **Comings and goings**

I would like to welcome Dan and Amber who are moving into The Manor Farm, and Richard who is working very hard doing the barn conversions next to the church.

Andrew and Karen, April and Rosie have moved to Monkhopton. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Callum Preece and Kate are moving into the cottage next door to his dad .....we wish them every happiness for their life together .....

Another bit of good news: Donna from Loughton has produced a lovely little girl.....congratulations to you all, Donna we wish you a speedy recovery from tonsillitis.

It has been a lovely few weeks with everyone joining in. If anyone has a bit of time to help with weeding, mowing, cleaning, please feel free to help... It's a lovely church and we have so many nice comments ...but we are all getting older ..Thank you! Anne.

## Cheyenne tours/ Anne Preece

I have a day trip going to Wollerton Old Hall Gardens near Market Drayton, and Dagfields craft centre on Wednesday 27th July ..pick up...Ditton Priors info 07966-459806.

## Lottery winners for June

- ✝ £20 to - James Brassington (219)
- ✝ £10 each to - Sonia Scott (44) and Margaret Jones (6)
- ✝ £5 each to - Hazel Scott (157) and Philip Perrier (206)

## Chetton News

From Pam Downing

### St Giles's Church and Parish

#### Services for July

- ✝ Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> – Songs of Praise, 4.00pm
- ✝ Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion, 9.45 am.

#### Flowers and cleaning

- Sheila and Anne

### Events enjoyed and still to come

On July 10th, 4pm we are holding a Songs of Praise service. We have chosen some wonderful well-known hymns for everyone to sing along with. This will be followed by tea/coffee and home-made cakes. Do come along & join us, all varieties of voices will be welcomed!

We had a lovely afternoon in the garden at Church House to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was so good to see so many parishioners, old and new. We have so many "thank you's" but especially to Charles and Lisa for inviting us, and the rain didn't prevent us from walking round their beautiful garden. Thank you to Charlie for the loan of the marquee, it saved the day, and we could picnic happily and not get wet! Thanks also to many helpers, the three Pauls from Chetton, Sarah, Roy, Nick, Jessica. Paul from Eudon for the music, also Victoria and Karolina. Marilyn and Ellen for the wonderful cake. It was a very happy and memorable day for us all.

### Hundred Club

- £15 – Sarah Andrews no 47
- £10 – June Preece no 84

### Chetton Village Hall

**Many thanks** to those who supported our **plant sale** in May. We raised **over £400.00**.

**Unfortunately**, Arts Alive have decided to pull out of touring **Flicks in the Sticks** from the New Year. So they will no longer provide a projectionist. However, if we were to have our own projectionist, they would continue to provide the films, sort out royalties etc.

**So we need a volunteer willing to do 6 showings a year, 3 in the Autumn and 3 in the Spring.**

If anyone is interested, please contact Sue on 789239. Full training is available and Arts Alive would provide support for the first two films if necessary. If we have a projectionist in place, I will apply for a grant for a projector, and DVD players, to which Arts Alive will assist.

- **Chetton Active Friends**, 2pm Monday - continuing through the summer.
- **Zumba, 2.30 Tuesday - continuing through the summer.**
- **Pam's Pilates** - last session is July 11th

**All hall enquiries, 789239.**



Middleton  
Scriven  
dressed in  
Red White  
and Blue for  
the Jubilee  
Tea - page 26





Glazeley and Billingsley – pages 20 and 21.  
Cresswell memorial, Sidbury Church  
A perfect BSA Bantam  
Morning Service at Glazeley  
Jubilee picnic at Billingsley  
Forest Church at New England

Open Garden at The Woodlands –page 20  
Some of the helpers on the Coffee and Cake  
Stall - thank you to everyone who helped  
and donated.





Stottesdon  
Church  
magnificent for  
the Jubilee

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Quilling – the beautiful product  
of an enjoyable craft meeting of  
Stottesdon WI – see page 24

# Wheathill Wild Orchid Wander



Sue leads  
her  
'wanderers'  
through  
the orchids



## Wild Orchid Wander

If you didn't make it to the Wild Orchid Wander on 19th June at Wheathill – well, you missed an absolute treat.

Sue and Dave welcomed a pretty big crowd to their delightful garden, where we found tea, coffee, cake, Laura's Ice Cream, a display of metal detecting equipment and local finds, some dating back to the medieval fair that was held at Wheathill, live music from Marcia and Ami, and later from Oliver and Tristan. And – very important – plenty of places to sit and enjoy the entertainment and the warm sunshine.



**The Wander** was, of course, the highlight of the day – a great chance to catch up with old friends, casual acquaintances, and to meet new people – strolling up through the orchid fields to what feels like the top of the world, with the finest views imaginable of magical Shropshire.

Sue led us to nine different points on the farm to show us the four different types of wild orchid which thrive in her fields. She explained the history of the farm; described her stewardship of the land and how she has learned to manage it and best use it to look after her horses and ponies. She described the biodiversity, the Government policy that shapes so much of our landscape and the facts and figures that paint the real picture for the future. Sue's passion and her knowledge just shone and enlightened.

**Sue says that she is keen to welcome visitors at other times** – and will be pleased to hear from you to arrange to visit – call her or Dave on 01746-787661.

## Wheatland Diary

Fri	1	July	Light-hearted Quiz Night at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors, 7.30pm – see page 10
Fri	1	July	Stottesdon Summer Community Fete – from 5.30pm on the School Field
Sat	2	July	Ditton Priors Church Fete – 12.00 noon, in and around the Church
Sat	9	July	41 <sup>st</sup> Chelmarsh Village Fete – 2.00 – 5.00 at School Lane
Sat	9	July	Middleton Scriven coffee morning, 10.00 – 12.00
Sun	10	July	Aston Botterell Songs of Praise – 4.00 pm
Sat	16	July	Ditton Priors Sponsored Walk – from the church at 11.30
Sun	17	July	Stottesdon Village Open Gardens for NGS charities.
Wed	20	July	Stottesdon & District WI, 7.30pm at Farlow Village Hall – see page 24
Wed	27	July	Cheyenne trip to Wollerton Gardens nr Market Drayton – call 07966-459806 for info
Sat	30	July	Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry at Richards Castle – see page 21
Thurs	4	Aug	Burwarton Show
Thurs	18	Aug	Afternoon teas at Ditton Priors Church
Sat	10	Sept	Ride and Stride – see Shropshire Historic Churches Trust website and August WN
Sat	17	Sept	Neenton Fete and Duck Race – afternoon, at the Pheasant
Sat	8	Oct	Harvest Supper – Ditton Priors Village Hall
Fri	4	Nov	Ludlow Male Voice Choir – Ditton Priors Village Hall

# Neenton News

*Bobbie Jarvis writes:*

## All Saints' service in June

- ✝ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 4pm - Songs of Praise – all welcome to join in singing some well-known hymns to herald the start of the summer holidays. Come along and raise the roof - all age groups welcome.

## Thoughts and prayers

We send our thoughts and prayers to Malcolm and Mandy for strength and support during these difficult times since their accident.

## Jubilee Celebrations

A special evening was enjoyed by all ages on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at The Pheasant with Mark and team supplying delicious fish and chips from the Hip Hop Chip shop, a bouncy castle keeping the youngsters fit, music with Cooper & Davis taking us through the evening to finally celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a spectacular firework show. Thank you to all who helped to make this an occasion to remember.

## Update on the donations to Ukraine

The splendid sum of **£1400** has been sent to help the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer the ravages of the invasion. Thank you to all who contributed.

## Neenton Fete and Duck Race

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, with all the usual great fun and attractions – and some new ones too! More details in August WN – but put the date in your diaries!

## Ride and Stride – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September. More details next month, or check on the SHCT website.

## All Saints' Tote

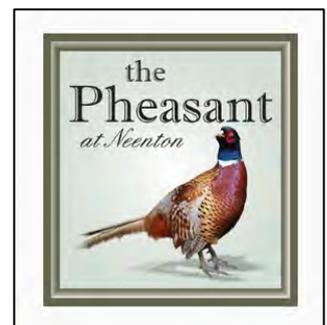
- July – Bebert, Gerald Cartwright.

## The Pheasant at Neenton

**Opening times – except as shown for the special events:**

- 🌀 Wednesday/Thursday – 12 noon – 3pm, 6pm – 11pm
- 🌀 Friday / Saturday – 12 noon – 11pm
- 🌀 Sunday lunch 12 noon – 4.30pm

To discuss times and your requirements please email [info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk](mailto:info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk), telephone 01746-787955 or book direct on the website.



We shall be **closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** July from 3pm for a private evening function.

**Advance notice: Burwarton Show – 4<sup>th</sup> August** – we shall be taking **Bookings Only** for the evening of the show – **no walk-in** customers.

# July Molecule of the Month

## Hyaluronic acid

By David Poyner



**G**oogle “Hyaluronic acid” and you will immediately be lead to a cornucopia of adverts for health and beauty products, all featuring hyaluronic acid as the magic ingredient. It will restore your skin, enhance your beauty and lengthen your days in this world and the next; or something along those lines...

### But what is this elixir of life and does it actually work?

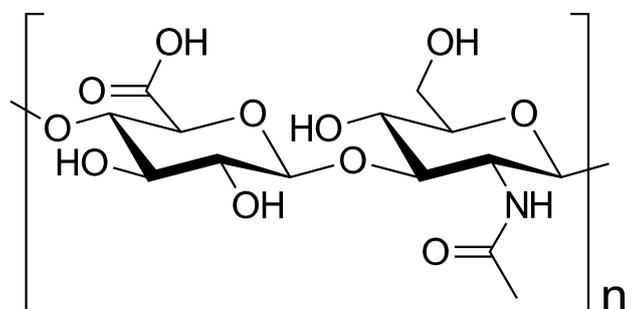
Hyaluronic is a large molecule made by the body and can be thought of as a kind of natural “Poly-filla”. It sits in the spaces between cells, particular under the skin, where it is a packer and also a glue, to hold the cells together. It is a key component of what is known as “connective tissue”; that is, the natural packing material which sits around clumps of cells. It is also found in cartilage, the smooth surface that coats our bones in joints and in the fluid that acts a lubricant and allows easy movement.

Chemically, it consists of several million sugar-like molecules joined together; in the jargon it is a complex carbohydrate. In chemical terms, a sugar is a molecule formed of carbon atoms, which typically form a ring to which are attached oxygen and hydrogen atoms. When these join together they form a unit called the hydroxyl, or OH group. These OH groups are very good at interacting with water molecules (which themselves are made of OH groups). This explains why table sugar, chemically a molecule known as sucrose, can dissolve so well in water.

The basic unit of hyaluronic acid is formed from two individual sugars called glucuronic acid and N-acetyl glucosamine. Millions of these repeating units then join with each other, nose-to-tail, to give hyaluronic acid. Despite its name, it is not particularly acidic but it does love water. It can dissolve to give a syrupy liquid, as in the fluid in joints. It can also form complexes with other molecules to give gels and more substantial substances such as cartilage. In these, its function is to ensure that water molecules are present, to ensure the gel or substance is fluid and so has appropriate mechanical and chemical properties. It can directly stimulate cells to promote growth and also cause protective responses if the skin is damaged. Consequently it is an important molecule, especially for skin health and processes such as wound healing.

Hyaluronic acid is normally extracted from animal tissues. It does have important medical uses. Hyaluronic acid will hold water, so help the cream itself stay moist and this can be useful, although other substances also will give this benefit. Applied as a cream, most forms of hyaluronic acid will have little benefit to the deeper layers of the skin, where it naturally occurs. This is because it is too large a substance to penetrate into the skin in any depth. Whilst there are smaller forms of hyaluronic acid that have better penetration, these are less good at retaining water.

**So, used in the correct way, it is a useful molecule, but don't rely on simple creams to push back the years...**



*The structure of the repeat unit of hyaluronic acid — a polymer consisting of glucuronic acid (left) and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (right) (Hyaluronan - Hyaluronic acid - Wikipedia). Note the OH-groups that attract water.*

**DRP**

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## Benefice news and services

### Church services for July

During the interregnum please check service times in the parish sections below, or with your churchwardens.

### Glazeley

**The Revd David Poyner and Marion Corfield write:**

The annual **Open Garden at the Woodlands** once again was well-attended, with fine, sunny weather. This is the place to meet up with people; it is one of the highlights of the social calendar. The refreshments were as usual provided both by ourselves and Chelmarsh and the courtyard is an excellent place to enjoy a cup of tea and talk. I thought I would stay about an hour; I actually spent well over two hours, walking through the grounds and meeting people.

A box of 6 bottles of wine, a wine cooler, a beautiful plant, Prosecco and many more items were some of the many prizes in the Raffle. **Over £2500** was raised at Woodlands Open Garden. Half of the proceeds were donated to Kidney Research, a cause very close to Roger and Caspar Gabb's hearts!! The remaining money was equally divided between Glazeley and Chelmarsh Churches.

Although the monthly **Thursday evening walks** are usually advertised via Billingsley, they are open to everyone and our last expedition was an exclusively Glazeley party. We walked from Billingsley Church, over the fields to Sidbury Church, which the churchwarden had very kindly opened for us. It had been raining immediately before we started, but we were fortunate enough to enjoy dry weather, finishing in sunshine. It was fascinating to be able to see inside Sidbury Church; we particularly liked the monument to Mr and Mrs Cresswell and the church font.



A **bat survey** was set up in Glazeley church recently by local volunteer Helen Stevens. The results will tell us as to whether we have visitors or not!!!

**Sunday services** continue to be well attended, with numbers well into double figures.

✝ Our next service is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10am, led by Val Smith.

And as a final item, Glazeley church does have a website so please look at it from time to time; <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10533/>

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[marion.corfield@talktalk.net](mailto:marion.corfield@talktalk.net)

## Billingsley News

### **The Revd David Poyner writes:**

The **Jubilee Party** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June was very successful, with almost 40 people attending. It was great to see people from all over the village coming together. The Loyal Toast was drunk with gusto, the National Anthem was sung with enthusiasm, almost in tune, in places. I particularly liked the BSA Bantam motorbike, bought by former Highley policeman Tony Martin and now owned by his son. The Bishop of Hereford can keep his Harley Davidson....

The party was followed on Sunday evening by a service in church to give thanks for the life of the Queen and her service to the nation.

**Forest Church** this month took place at New England; this was the first time we have ventured away from a church and the nearest we have been to holding it in a forest. It took the form of a short, guided walk around New England, focussing mainly on the history but also looking at the wildlife; orchids are growing inside one of the former cottages. People were then invited to explore the area on their own for ten minutes, before we gathered back for a short Bible reading and a brief chat about what we had seen and felt. This was church with a very light touch; I think I used the G-word once, but there are times when the vicar needs to shut up and let the G-word speak through the silence.

**Next month** we have our usual services; on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we will have sung evening prayer, following the Book of Common Prayer. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 8am we have Holy Communion and then on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> we are the hosts at 10am for the Benefice service, this time led by Val Smith. We will also have our usual monthly Thursday evening walk; see the webpages for details.

Follow Billingsley on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BillingsleyChurch/> or our websites, [www.st-marys-billingsley.org.uk](http://www.st-marys-billingsley.org.uk) , <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10415/>

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## Daddy's Hat in July



### **Twin towers for DH on Saturday 30 July, at Richards Castle!**

At 3pm there will be a one-hour performance at St Bartholomew's Church (SY8 4ET for your satnav), followed at 4.30pm by more music at All Saints' Church (SY8 4EG).



Music will be performed by Ruch Henley and Benjamin Richards: think 'cello' and 'Bach'.

Bring your picnics - the half-hour interval will give time for some refreshments, and you might find that there is cake and something to drink at All Saints', too.

Please call Sally on 01746-787419 to reserve your (free) pew and get details of the programme.

# The Stottesdon Group of Parishes

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## July Message

Last month I wrote about the Platinum Jubilee, and the service given by Her Majesty the Queen over seven decades. There are lots of words associated with service that we maybe take for granted sometimes, and whose meaning may have shifted – or been shifted – from their original concept. One of those is ‘minister’. You can see the connection when we talk about ministers in the Church as ones who serve, but how many of us really think about service when we use the term ‘minister’ in the ‘Yes, Minister’ sense?

But ministers in government are servants; in origin, they were servants of the crown, assisting the king or queen to govern the country. Nowadays they are servants of the electorate. Our politicians are elected to serve those who elect them. ‘Prime Minister’ simply means ‘First Servant’ – and was an expression introduced in the eighteenth century as a term of mocking abuse of Robert Walpole, first servant to George I and George II, the first acknowledged Prime Minister, and still the longest-serving having held office for twenty years.

The Greek word for servant in New Testament times was *diakonos*, and it is from this that we get the word ‘deacon’. The first deacons were appointed to help out the apostles, who were being distracted from their function of teaching and preaching by the demands of administration – yes, even then! Stephen the deacon was the first Christian martyr, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

A deacon in the Church of England today is usually the first stage towards being ordained priest. Not always – there are some who remain as permanent deacons by choice. In Hereford diocese, as in many others, the principal time for ordinations is at Petertide, that is, the weekend next to the feast of St Peter (and St Paul, of course!) on June 29<sup>th</sup>, which is generally the first weekend in this month of July. What tends to happen is for deacons to be ordained on the Sunday of Petertide, and then be ordained priest on the Saturday of Petertide the following year.

One thing that sticks in my memory of the retreat before being ordained deacon is the Bishop of Hereford – Bishop Anthony Priddis, that was then – reminding us that when we came to be ordained as priests, we would still be deacons; and that when he was consecrated as a bishop, he still remained a deacon.

At the heart of all ministry for the church is the idea of service, in whatever way we serve. That, after all, is what ministry means.

Mark Daborn

# Stottesdon Benefice Group News

<b>St Mary, Stottesdon</b> CHURCHWARDEN Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007	<b>St Giles, Farlow</b> CHURCHWARDENS Joan Evans - 01746-718619 Nigel Savage-Bailey - 07989-308599	<b>Holy Trinity, Sidbury</b> CHURCHWARDEN Andrew Sierakowski - 07934-714149
<b>St Mary, Cleeton St Mary</b> CHURCHWARDEN Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583	<b>St John, Middleton Scriven</b> CHURCHWARDEN vacant – so your contact is Revd Mark Daborn - 01746-718127	<b>St Michael, Silvington</b> CHURCHWARDEN Annette Metcalfe: - 01584 890161

## Churches in July

The Revd Mark Daborn writes:

Online services will continue to be recorded that you can pick up where and when may be convenient for you, either on the Stottesdon Benefice website, on the Benefice Facebook page, or on You Tube, which you can always find on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGgHa2CCJs8k9gfRwzkYrtg>

### Services in Stottesdon Benefice Churches for July

#### July 3rd - Thomas the Apostle

09:00 HC Farlow  
 18:30 EP Stottesdon

#### July 12th - 4th after Trinity

09:00 HC Cleeton St Mary  
 10:30 HC Stottesdon  
 18:30 HC Silvington

#### July 17th - 5th after Trinity

10:30 IW Stottesdon  
 11:30 HC Sidbury

#### July 24th - 6th after Trinity

09:00 MP Silvington  
 10:30 HC\* Stottesdon  
 16:00 S of P Cleeton St Mary

#### July 31st - 7th after Trinity

10:30 Group HC Farlow

#### August 7th

09:00 HC Farlow  
 18:00 ES – BCP Stottesdon

<i>HC</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>HC* - by extension</i>	<i>ES</i> <i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i> <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
<i>MP – Morning Prayer</i>	<i>EP – Evening Prayer</i>	<i>IW – Informal Worship</i>	<i>S of P – Songs of Praise</i>

## From the Stottesdon Benefice Registers

**Stottesdon**, FUNERAL OFFICE for Elizabeth Patricia Backhouse (Lizz) RIP

**Stottesdon**, WEDDING of Kate Elizabeth Lowe and Alexander Champkin.

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

## Stottesdon News

*Clare Tibbits writes:*

### **St Mary's 100 Club**

Congratulations to our June winners: Henry Marsh, John & Linda Phillips, Ray & Denise Ingram.

### **Jubilee Sunday**

Special thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning and the floral and flag displays – the church looked so very well dressed for the celebration Group Songs of Praise!! *[Pictures in the 'colour supplement'! Ed]*

### **Diary Dates**

- Our **Summer Community Fete** from **5.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** on the **School Field** will also be a celebration of Stottesdon C of E School's 150th anniversary!!
- Stottesdon Village Open Gardens for N G S Charities are on **Sunday 17th July** from noon - 4pm. Teas and Refreshments in the Church – proceeds to the Fabric Fund.

### **Match report – the annual Stottesdon vs Kinlet Cricket Match**

Torrential rain overnight and early on Sunday 5th June resulted in the postponement of the much heralded Stottesdon vs Kinlet Jubilee Cricket match.

**Oh bother!** went up the cry from a veritable army of cricket tea makers ...

**Fear not!** said the hungry troops, and much cake was consumed in St Mary's as a fitting accompaniment to the loyal toast, proposed by Mark as the finale to our rousing Jubilee 'Songs of Praise' service!!



### **Stottesdon & District WI ... is now back in earnest and welcoming new members**

We had a very enjoyable evening Quilling with Amy Bottom from Cleobury Mortimer.



**Quilling** is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. The paper is rolled, looped, curled, twisted, and otherwise manipulated to create shapes that make up designs to decorate greetings cards, pictures, and many other decorative things. Everyone produced an attractive card and we were all delighted with our achievement. *Go to colour supplement to see this elegant heart in full colour!*

**Our July meeting** is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at Farlow Village Hall at 19.30hrs. We are very much looking forward to a talk from Leo Smith on "Curlews and other Iconic Birds of Clee Hill. Visitors are welcome, as always. Details: Helena 01746 718012 or Clare 01746 718007.

## St Mary's Church: "Past, Present and Future" Heritage Project

Our 'behind the scenes' preparatory work continues in anticipation of the main roofing and stonework repair contract starting in August. The focus this month includes the completion of the statutory Ecological Surveys – to determine what mitigation measures will be necessary to safeguard bats and other wildlife during the building works.

Volunteers are designing the route and heritage interpretation for the new Guided Tours - which will be piloted alongside the Teas for Open Gardens visitors on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The **deadline for the August 2022 edition** (Stottesdon Benefice and Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing **on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thanks!

## Silvington News

**Annette Metcalfe writes:**

Our church services this month will be:

- ✝ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> : 6.30pm – Holy Communion
- ✝ Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> : 9am – Morning Prayer
- ✝ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> : 10.30am – Group Holy Communion at St Giles Farlow

## Farlow News

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Giles' church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 09.00 and on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> we will host the Benefice Group Holy Communion service at 10.30.

## Sidbury News

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July we are all invited to join with friends and neighbours from around the Benefice for a Group Celebration of Holy Communion at St Giles Farlow at 10.30.

The Communion Service at Holy Trinity will be at 11.30 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. All welcome!

## Cleeton St Mary News

**Gill Jordan writes**

**The four o'clock service this month, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**, is not the usual short evening prayer, but a Songs of Praise. We shall sing some favourite hymns – perhaps from the list of favourites from the BBC's Songs of Praise! – and in between will have some readings about 'The Hill': stories of life on the Titterstone Clee, of the origin of the church and its surrounding buildings, of the wildlife to be found on the hill and the common. There may even be poetry.

Tea, biscuits and cake will be served afterwards so it will be an opportunity to have a social gathering and follow up the very successful gathering for the Jubilee celebrations.

### **Our other Services this month are:**

- ✝ Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 9am - Holy Communion
- ✝ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10.30 - Group service of Holy Communion at St Giles, Farlow.

### **100 Club results for May:**

- £20 to Ron Jordan No 43
- £10 each to Carien Gilbert No 119 and Paul Rutter No 74
- £5 each to Gill Eyre No 50 and George Wagg No 44.

## Middleton Scriven News

**Ann Constable writes:**

### **Church service:**

- ✝ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> - Group Holy Communion, 10.30 at St Giles Farlow – all very welcome

### **Community Events:**

Our **July coffee morning is on Saturday July 9 10-12**, before the Wimbledon Ladies singles final! Do come and join us. Thank you!

Our **community Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** saw our little church full as we shared an afternoon tea together. Thank you to Kate Teagle for the invitations, to Andy Johnson for musical accompaniment to the National Anthem, to those that contributed flowers or bottles of bubbly and to everyone who came on the day. A shared tea resulted in two tables laden with a wonderful selection of foods. A lovely afternoon together to mark a very special historic event.

## South East Shropshire Community Noticeboard

### **Cleobury Country Farmers Market**

...is "under and around the crooked spire" at St Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer, on the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month from 09.30-12.30. Features local producers of plants, meats, cheeses, vegetables, rapeseed oils, gins, cookies, crafts and more.

Free town centre car parking and very well worth a visit. Details: Clare 01299-272300.

### **Community-run Local Library services**

FREE membership, access to Books, DVDs, Computer workstations and more!

- HIGHLEY at The Severn Centre 01746 860000. Open 7 days a week from 9am.
- CLEOBURY at The Cleobury Country Centre 01299 272301. Open 6 days a week.

### **Our Local Food Banks**

Both of these are **always** in need of donations of foodstuffs and other goods, of money to sustain their services, and of volunteers' time. Find them on Facebook or call 07960 285520 for BRIDGNORTH or 07519 885943 for CLEOBURY MORTIMER.

## Useful Community Contacts

<b>Brown Clew Walkers</b>	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
<b>Burwarton &amp; District WI</b>	Meets in Cleobury North Village Hall. The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. Contact 01746-712466
<b>Little Explorers Pre-School, Ditton Priors</b>	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact Wendy Lloyd 01746-712506 / 787549
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Garden Club</b>	Meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm. Contact 01584-823723 for details of topic and venue
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Wives Group</b>	Meeting 8pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421 or Gill Severn 01746-712231
<b>Chelmarsh Crown Green Bowling Club</b>	Welcomes old and new members. Contact Sue Jackman 01746-862850
<b>Chelmarsh Indoor Short Mat Bowling</b>	Welcomes old and new members. The sessions are every Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.00pm. Further details Sue Jackman 01746-862850
<b>Chelmarsh Parish Hall</b>	Available for hire - booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk
<b>Chelmarsh Jubilee Club</b>	Parish Hall 01746-86525 Jean Davis
<b>Chelmarsh Walking for Health</b>	Monday 10.00am except Bank Holidays. Parish Hall. Eleanor Haddon 01746-862884. 2 levels of walking available
<b>Chelmarsh Friends</b>	Meet every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Jenny Green 01746-862191
<b>Cleobury North Village Hall</b>	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
<b>Tae kwon-do</b>	Chelmarsh Parish Hall Tuesday evening. Suitable for children & Adults. Neil Morris Thursday 5.45pm. 07969-996055
<b>Chelmarsh Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b>	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
<b>Chetton &amp; Gazeley WI</b>	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sam O'Sullivan 01746-868225
<b>Chetton Folk Dance Club</b>	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
<b>Chorley Village Hall</b>	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact Jenny or Charlie on 01746-718437
<b>Short Mat Bowling</b>	Every Monday & Thursday 2.30 – 4.30pm at Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall, October to end of April. Pam 01584-89261
<b>Cleeton &amp; Silvington V H</b>	Zumba - Thursdays 6.30pm 7.30pm all year Ula 01584-890200
<b>Fun &amp; Fitness for 50+</b>	Cleobury North Village Hall - low impact fitness programme working the whole body every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.15am. Contact 01584-823640
<b>Ditton Priors Art Group</b>	Village Hall Wednesday morning (except Christmas) 9.30 – 12.30pm all welcome Various visual art forms eg Water Colour, Oils & Acrylics. Mrs Denise Davies 01746-712521 or Bob Williams on 01746-712662
<b>Short Mat Bowling</b>	Ditton Priors Village Hall Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 7.30-10.00pm except the second Wednesday in the month when it will be Thursday at 8.00 – 10.00pm. Everyone is welcome - try at no charge. Contact 01746-712157
<b>Ditton Priors Local History Group</b>	The Local History Centre, next to the Willows Café, opens 12.00-2.00 on Saturdays, and at other times by arrangement. Contact 01746-712850
<b>Ditton Priors Parent &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	Meet in the Pavilion, Playing Fields, Ditton Priors Thursday 9.30 -11.30 am everyone welcome for a coffee and play.
<b>Ditton Priors Book Club</b>	Jenny -01746-712665
<b>Knowle Sports Club</b>	Second-hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
<b>Stottesdon Gateway Nursery</b>	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
<b>Stottesdon &amp; District W.I.</b>	Meets in various venues on the 3rd Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746 718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
<b>Stoke St Milborough Dance</b>	Mike 01746-712774 - Betty 01746-77515
<b>Domestic Abuse Hotline</b>	Telephone Number 08448-044999

# Why Ride and Stride? Why support SHCT?

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) gives grants for the maintenance and repairs of Shropshire's churches of all denominations, especially those of architectural or historical significance. Since the Trust was established in 1991 it has awarded over **£1,000,000** to Shropshire churches – with grants in 2021 totalling over £100,000.

GRANTS AWARDED TO CHURCHES IN 2021	
<b>January 2021</b>	£8,000
Llanyblodwel - disabled toilet	£2,850
Wem Cemetery Chapel - repair of wall hangings	
<b>May 2021</b>	£3,425
Shrewsbury Holy Cross (The Abbey) - organ repairs	£7,300
Weston under Redcastle - clock and fabric repairs	£10,000
Doddington - new access path	
<b>July 2021</b>	£10,000
Bolas Magna - toilet and kitchen	£10,000 (x 2)
Donnington Wood - repairs to ceilings	£10,000
Sheinton - repairs to tower	£14,000
Shifnal - repairs to masonry	£5,000
Tong - new glass entrance doors	
<b>October 2021</b>	£10,000
Hodnet - organ repairs	

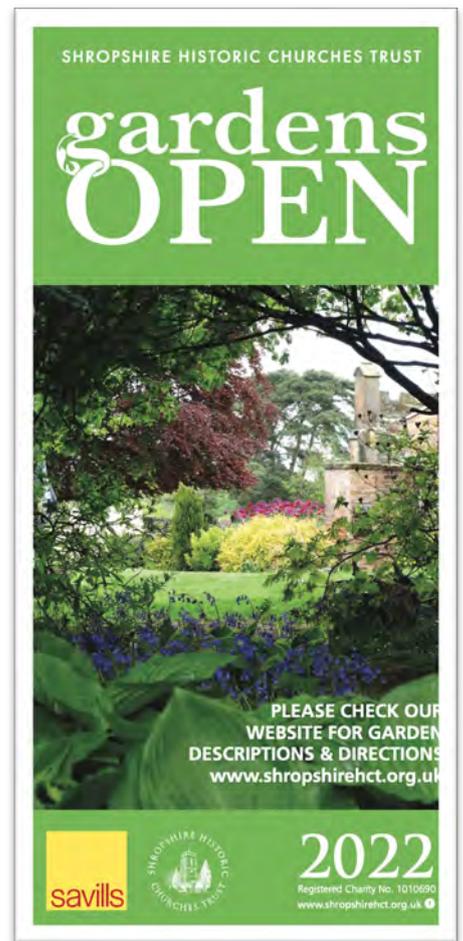
Ride and Stride is an important annual fundraising event for SHCT – and is great fun for all who take part!

Another way in which SHCT raises funds is the **Gardens Open** scheme which offers a wide range of interesting gardens to visit. You can enjoy a lovely visit to a garden – or you can offer your own garden to SHCT for the Gardens Open scheme: either way, you will contribute to the conservation of Shropshire's rich heritage of churches. As with Ride and Stride, the proceeds from Open Gardens are divided equally between the Trust and local parish church or chapel.

July	
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	
Kingsland Garden Trail	9
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	
Bitterley Court	10
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	
Sambrook Garden Trail	11
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	
Cardington Garden Trail	12
August	
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	
Broadward Hall	13
September	
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	
Delbury Hall Walled Garden	14
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Preen Manor	15

The 'documents' page of the SHCT website (ShropshireHCT.org) gives much more information about these initiatives and the Trust in general, including a downloadable leaflet with the locations of all the Gardens Open, and their locations. This page can only skim the surface and, we hope, whet the appetite.

← Here is a list of the dates remaining in the 2022 programme, with the numbers matching the map below. The leaflet also gives information about arranging private group visits with the garden owners.



**R&S on 10 September 2022**