

# WHEATLAND NEWS

August 2022



*Iona Abbey, off the Isle of Mull*

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

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# Editorial

Schools have now finished their academic year and true to form the weather changes as soon as the school holidays start as happened in July when, after days of intense heat, the rain came. Not before time for the farmers and the gardeners and also for the cooling of the air for all age groups.

Following the restrictions of Covid-19 many people have looked forward to 'getting away' for a break either at home or further afield. Families are now starting to look forward to some time together and are preparing to enjoy the next few weeks in any way they can. Please keep safe! Especially around deep, cold water.

Fascinating to read the story of the Pavilion and the Village Hall in Ditton Priors: there will be many people who have made use of these over the years who didn't know how they came into being. And clearly, now, are in need of help. How can we support them?

After the flurry of fun and excitement over the Jubilee weekend (we've got some photographs of the celebrations

in Ditton Priors and Aston Botterell this month) we have very few community events across the Wheatland area during August. But don't forget to take advantage of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Open Gardens, as featured on the back cover of last month's WN! And maybe get into training for the Ride and Stride on 10 September too.

The Wheatland News Team wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday! **Ed**

**September edition deadline!** Please would you send all contributions for the August 2022 edition of WN to your contact, as below, no later than **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**

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## Special Education Notice

### 15 July 2022

#### A reminder for adults and children of the dangers of open water swimming

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All adults and children should stay out of the open air water pools around Telford and beyond due to the risk of cold water shock and drowning.

The pools may also contain other items that have been thrown in and often have vegetation that you may get caught in.

People can suffer from cold water shock in open air pools. Even though you may be hot and want to cool down, please do not go in the pools - cold water shock is serious and life threatening.

If you enter the water unexpectedly:

- Take a minute.** The initial effects of cold water pass in less than a minute so don't try to swim straight away.
- Relax and float** on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float.
- Keep calm** then call for help or swim for safety if you're able.

Please note that extra Anti-Social Behaviour patrol will be taking place around the pools during the hot weather.

Please pass this message onto your parents/carers and children and young people, where appropriate, using your normal channels.



## Diocese of Hereford

### August Parish Newsletter from the Bishop of Hereford



#### **Hello Everyone**

Many churches have risen to the challenge of welcoming Ukrainian refugees. By the time you read this I hope we will have a family of five staying with us – visas permitting! We have been greatly helped by a support hub organised by the team at St. Peters in Hereford. We won't have the time to help our guests with the labyrinthine procedures of registration, school places and the like. Fortunately, being part of the group means we can provide what we can and others will help them settle in.

A few weeks ago, some of the recently arrived guests reflected on the cultural differences they had encountered as they settled in. Notable was their bemusement about how English people say sorry all the time. Its true, we do! American friends find it odd as well. Ukrainians tend to be much more direct. Identifying these cultural differences reveals a lot about our different expectations. They can misinterpret our behaviour as insincere; we can interpret theirs as impolite. Both are misinterpretations, but clarifying these expectations is important.

This plays out in every sphere of life: school, home, community and Church. So much conflict could be avoided if we had the courage to have honest conversations about the effect the behaviour of others has on us, particularly in an environment where we decide we aren't going to take offence. Jesus' disciples' expectations of what a messiah would look like were completely wrong. Much of his ministry was about putting them right. The expectations of our clergy have often been formed in a completely different environment to now. One deanery in our diocese has 7 stipendiary clergy. In 1961 there were 17! Clearly, the current generation can't do the things their predecessors did. Similarly, some clergy's expectations of the people in the parishes may have been formed in a very different context to the multi-parish setting in which they now serve.

Many of the relational problems that naturally emerge in any community, and especially in churches, trace back to this expectation mismatch.

As we move forward as a diocese post-COVID these sorts of honest conversations will be vital to the health and well-being of the church. Listening to one another in order to understand rather than to respond will be a key element. Healthy communities are ones that identify conflict and move towards it to resolve it rather than avoid it and pretend it isn't there. I believe a church community that models handling disagreements well could be a very attractive one in a fragmented world like ours.

#### **+ Richard**

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

This week – resisting Zero Sum Gain! After this week's video, Bishop Richard is taking his summer break. Videos will recommence in September. But all the 'back copies' are available to read, and hear, on the usual links:

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

# Readings for August

## Readings for August 2022

### **August 7th – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

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

### **August 14th – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9-end; Hebrews 11:29-12.2; Luke 12:49-56

### **August 21st – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-end; Luke 13:10-17

### **August 28th – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1-11; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

### **September 4th – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-7; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

## Wheatland Diary

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|-------|----|------|--|
| Sat   | 30 | July | Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry at Richards Castle                    |
| Thurs | 4  | Aug  | Burwarton Show   |
| Thurs | 18 | Aug  | Afternoon teas at Ditton Priors Church, 2.30 – 4.30.               |
| Sat   | 20 | Aug  | Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry at Cleobury North – see page 14       |
| Thurs | 25 | Aug  | Cleobury North & District Village Hall AGM – see page 12           |
| Sat   | 27 | Aug  | Breakfast at The Down, with Chetton Church. Contact Sheila or Lisa |
| Mon   | 29 | Aug  | Dirty Rockin' Scoundrels playing at The Pheasant at Neenton, 5pm   |
| Sat   | 10 | Sept | Ride and Stride – see Shropshire Historic Churches Trust website   |
| Sat   | 10 | Sept | Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry at Morville – see page 14             |
| Sat   | 17 | Sept | Neenton Fete and Duck Race – afternoon, at the Pheasant            |
| Sat   | 1  | Oct  | Barn Dance, Ditton Priors – see page 10                            |
| Sat   | 8  | Oct  | Harvest Supper – Ditton Priors Village Hall                        |
| Sat   | 8  | Oct  | Quiz, and Fish & Chip Supper at Chetton – details next month.      |
| Sat   | 8  | Oct  | Ditton Priors Harvest Supper                                       |
| Fri   | 4  | Nov  | Ludlow Male Voice Choir – Ditton Priors Village Hall               |

# Saint of the Month – King Oswald of Northumbria

By the Revd Mark Daborn

**T**his month's cover picture shows the modern abbey in a place which has been a centre of Christianity for fifteen centuries, and which plays a part in the story of this month's saint, as you will read below!

August 5th is the celebration of St. Oswald, king of Northumbria, who was killed in battle just down the road from here at Oswestry, fighting against the pagan king Penda of Mercia. And whilst I recognise that Penda has the advantage here of being the local man, I am firmly on the side of Oswald.



In the Dark Age days of Anglo-Saxon England, Northumbria was contested between two dynasties of royal family. Oswald's father, Æthelfrith, had been king, but was followed by Edwin, from the other dynasty. Oswald and his brothers retired into exile; it was not safe to be too physically close to a Saxon king when you were his rival. They ended up on the island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland.

Iona was the home of a community of Irish monks, founded by St. Columba, who had gone into exile to preach the gospel to the pagan Picts. Whilst Oswald stayed there, he was converted and baptised. When Edwin was killed in battle by – naturally – Penda of Mercia (in alliance with Cadwallon of Gwynedd) Oswald saw his chance. Raising a small army, he challenged the combined Mercian and Welsh forces to battle near Hexham, just south of the Roman wall. Early in the morning, just before launching a surprise attack, Oswald had a cross made, and himself held it in position whilst it was dug into an upright position. The surprise attack balanced the imbalance of the opposing armies' numbers, and Oswald was victorious. Cadwallon was slain, Penda retired to Mercia to lick his wounds.

As undisputed king of Northumbria, Oswald's first concern was the conversion of his pagan subjects to the Christian faith. To this end, he sent to Iona for a bishop to lead a mission. From Iona, in due course, came Aidan, who founded his monastery on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. His story must wait until another time: his feast day is also in August.

In the year 642 AD Oswald set off on a raid into Mercia to try and put an end to the menace of Penda. He was cornered by superior forces, and died surrounded by his foes. His last words were a prayer that his enemies should be forgiven. His body was taken to his royal fortress at Bamburgh for burial; but his head ended up in the coffin of St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, and travelled with that Saint to the founding of Durham cathedral. Falling among his pagan enemies, Oswald is celebrated as a martyr.

It is a fascinating period of history, both of England and of the Christian faith. And, if nothing else, we can marvel at Oswald's capacity to balance kingship in an age of violence with a very real devotion to the King of love.

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# The United Benefice of Brown Clee

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## Brown Clee Group News

### Services in Brown Clee Churches during August

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| <p><b>August 7<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 8</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>11:30      HC      Aston Botterell</p> <p><b>August 14<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 9</b></p> <p>09:45      LMDG<br/>MP      Ditton Priors</p> <p><b>August 21<sup>st</sup> – Trinity 10</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>11:30      HC      Neenton</p> <p>18:00      HC      Loughton</p> | <p><b>August 28<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 11</b></p> <p>08:30      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>09:45      HC      Chetton</p> <p>11:30      HC      Cleobury North</p> <p><b>September 4<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 12</b></p> <p>09:45      HC      Ditton Priors</p> <p>11:30      HC      Aston Botterell</p> <p>Please note – there is NO SERVICE at CHETTON on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>!</p> |
| HC<br><i>Holy Communion</i>  | LMDG MP<br><i>Local Ministry Development Group – Morning Praise</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.

### Group Choir

The choir meets for practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Ditton Priors church. For more information please contact Mike Teague on: 01746-789592.

## **The Pavilion and the Village Hall – can you help?**

**Ditton Priors has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to recreational buildings.** As well as the Village Hall at the bottom of Station Road, there is also a separate Pavilion and Recreation Ground on Vicarage Lane. Originally, the village only had one hall, located on Chapel Lane. In 1960, the Recreation Ground was acquired by a trust on behalf of the village and a wooden-framed Pavilion built shortly afterwards. It was intended for use by the various youth clubs in the village as well as the school which was located nearby. The trustees were drawn from these organisations as well as the Village Hall committee itself.

In the 1970s, a canteen building at the entrance to the old Royal Navy armaments depot (now the industrial estate) became the 'new' Village Hall, complete with the luxury of a ready built stage and inside toilets, things the old village hall had apparently lacked. However, the wooden building suffered from various problems including asbestos. In the 1990s, the decision was taken to raze it and create a purpose-built hall on the same site. It is at this point that some questions might have been asked about why the new hall should not simply have been built on the site of the recreation ground pavilion. This would have created a modern building with outdoor facilities and grass for children to run around on and perhaps have a village picnic. Instead, we got a village hall with next to no usable green space adjacent to a dusty car park and the entrance to an industrial estate.

Whatever the reasoning, the village now had two public recreational buildings and two separate charitable trusts running them. Both buildings have managed to pay their way, in the case of the recreation ground through a combination of letting fees and fundraising. However, as time has gone on the difficulty in having two halls, competing for bookings and also volunteer support, has become apparent.

The pavilion is small and very expensive to heat in the winter. In the summer, its outdoor facilities are its advantage, however finding the money to maintain them adequately has been a struggle and has required a great deal of energy and commitment from committee members and volunteers, who have, frankly, done sterling work against all the odds. The tennis courts still need some major work, including a new playing surface and the removal of the screening boards in the fence. The pavilion itself requires some substantial repairs, especially to the roof. Over the years, the groups that have used it have either transferred to the village hall, or simply ceased to exist. Currently, there are no regular bookings taking place.

The Village Hall is in a much better state of repair, being a newer purpose-built building. Once again, it is important to say that its material and financial wellbeing is the result of diligent work by members of the management committee. However, in recent years both halls have found it increasingly difficult to find volunteers; until recently, both groups had members who had been serving for not just years but for decades. This is what led to the decision, taken in March of this year, to combine both committees into one that would manage both facilities. A number of very long serving members took the opportunity to stand down from their positions.

The merger of the committees is not the same thing as the merger of the charitable trusts that own the buildings. This has not happened, instead committee officers have become the trustees of both charities. Meanwhile, the priority has been to get bookings back to their pre-pandemic levels. A review of booking fees is underway as well as a survey of exactly what maintenance work needs to take place on both buildings. A plan for the future is taking shape.

There is also a vigorous push towards putting on events in both halls that will bring the village together, following the highly successful, if rather damp, Jubilee party. With so many new residents coming to Ditton over the past few years, the need for social events where people can feel part of the larger community has never been more pressing.

**If the new committee has a message for the village, it is this: the more people that are willing to get involved through volunteering, supporting events and engaging in 'work days', the better these facilities will be and the more certain their long-term future. So don't be shy, come along to a committee meeting to find out if there is something you can do to help.**

## Ditton Priors News

Marjorie Jones writes:

### Church fete

We give thanks for a successful church fete on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, which was well attended. A big 'THANK YOU' to Carla, Darren and Sally who provided the BBQ, to the Art group, and all the stallholders.

We thank the playing fields association for the loan of the event shelters, tables, and chairs and to all who helped erect and take down the shelters and gazebos. Almost **£1400** was raised for church funds and we thank the community for their support.

### Churchyards

Our thanks to the Parish Council for the grant of **£750** towards the maintenance. We expect our costs this year to be between £1500 and £2000. We have always valued donations from the community to help bridge this gap. The churchyards are a valued community asset.

All donations please to Carole Smith, Mark Smith, or Marjorie Jones.

### Cleaning Rota for August:

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Jutta Langham & Mr Steve Allen
- Sunday 14th August Mrs Carole Hancox & Mrs Maureen Lloyd
- Sunday 21st August Mr & Mrs Graham Russell
- Sunday 28th August Mrs Shirley Wall & Mrs Anita Casswell
- Sunday 4th September Mrs Jennifer Lowe & Mrs Debbie Jones

### Afternoon teas at church ...

... on Thursday 18th August 2.30 -4.30pm, we offer teas, cakes, raffle, tombola, books, bric-a-brac and hopefully good weather and good company.

### Friends of St John the Baptist Church

Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We made a fantastic sum of **£672** to put into the funds which are used to keep our church in good repair.

We shall have another quiz with supper next Spring.

If you have any questions about membership, please contact Helen Groves on 01746 712466.

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

- £20 Adrian Massey
- £10 Sophie Lloyd
- £ 5 Tom Casswell, Tony & Debbie Jones, Audrey Colebatch



At Ditton Priors Church  
**Morning Praise!**

For all the Church Family

9.45 am Sunday 14th August 2022.

**Bring the family! - Everyone Welcome!**

## Dates for your Diary!

### Burwarton Show – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Our refreshment tent is at stand 150, just off the village green. We shall be there all day and hope that you will come and find us. My thanks in advance to all who have promised cakes and sandwiches and also help on the day.

### Ride and Stride – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

This important annual fund-raising event will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Half of the sponsor money goes to the Trust and half to our church. If you would like to join in or sponsor, please contact Marjorie Jones (712423) for the appropriate forms.

**Harvest Supper** – Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October in village hall.

**Ludlow Male Voice Choir** - Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall.



### Looking back to the Jubilee Picnic –

Louise Tyson writes:

We have a newly formed social committee in the village which is a sub-group of the recently amalgamated Village Hall and Playing Field Association. We decided that the Queens Platinum Jubilee was the perfect occasion to put on a village event to celebrate and to bring the village together again after the COVID lockdown.

Our Committee of very hard working volunteers arranged the Jubilee Picnic, starting off with a procession from the Hall to the field led by a drummer and vintage tractor. All the children who participated were given a souvenir Jubilee 50p piece.

We had a fabulous Jubilee celebration cake made by Steve Lacey with ample help from his wife Sam. The cake was so big it had to be baked in Reg Mays butchers oven. Steve ended up making two cakes due to the numbers that decided to join us.

Our home-made crown competition was judged by long standing resident Marjorie Jones with prizes funded by local businesses. All the children were then presented with a gift bag of wild flower seeds, bubbles, crayons and chocolate.

After a toast to Her Majesty and the national anthem we served cake and scones whilst The Corgis, a band put together specially by the Ratcliffe family and friends, entertained us with popular songs. Emily and Oliver put on a great set which was then followed by a sing along led by Julie, John, Richard and the band.



Megan and Sophia Tildesley and Mollie Shotton were much appreciated additional backing singers! Our thanks to everyone who contributed in many different ways and worked hard to make the event so much fun despite the weather.

**Our next event** will be a Barn Dance in the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm. All help in organising or setting up will be very welcome. Contact [dittonpriorsocial@btinternet.com](mailto:dittonpriorsocial@btinternet.com)

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

## Wheathill & Loughton News

The **next service at Wheathill** - Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.15 am. This is a group service with music and choir.

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August there will be a service of Holy Communion at Loughton church.

### **Loughton**

*Jan Hadoke writes:*

Loughton church still looks lovely after our mammoth clean last month thanks to Joyce regularly popping in with a duster and our neighbour from Loughton Hall mowing the churchyard. We now await the repairs, which have been approved, to the floor and missing roof tiles which should prevent further deterioration.

It is good to see that visitors still call from time to time and leave appreciative messages and the occasional donation.

8 people in Loughton receive a paper copy of the Parish Magazine delivered by Jan Hadoke. If anyone in Wheathill would like one, please contact her on 01746-787637 or [Janhadoke@gmail.com](mailto:Janhadoke@gmail.com)

The next service is at Wheathill on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.15am. Any offers of help to clean and prepare the church would be gratefully received. For information please contact Ruby Edwards on 01584 823 234 or Marjorie Jones on 01746 712423.

## Aston Botterell News

**Anne Preece writes:**

### **Tote winners for July**

- £20.00 - Lady Rosemary (114)
- £10.00 - Anne Preece (190)
- £10.00 - June Preece (139)
- £5.00 - Alison Derricutt (32)
- £5.00 - Chris Lloyd (103)



This beautiful floral Jubilee Crown adorned the altar at Aston Botterell for the celebrations and Jubilee Group Service in June.

## Burwarton and Cleobury North News

### **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!)

The Annual General Meeting of **Cleobury North and District Village Hall** will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend from the surrounding area. We do need more volunteers to help to keep this wonderful facility open!!

## Chetton News

**From Pam Downing**

### **St Giles's Church and Parish**

**Service for August**

✝ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 9.45am.

**Flowers and cleaning**

- Sheila and Jill

### **From the Registers**

We welcomed lylah Mottershead into the Church on a lovely sunny day last month. It is some time since Chetton has seen so many babies and toddlers in the congregation.

### **Forthcoming fundraising events**

We have two fundraising events to put in your diaries:

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August** we have another breakfast at The Down to look forward to, 9am start. Let Sheila or Lisa know if you wish to join us.

After a few years' break, we are holding our popular Quiz & Fish & Chip supper on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Teams of four, more details next month.

### **Chetton Village Hall**

**Chetton Active Friends** and **Zumba** continue throughout August.

We have secured funding from the Roger and Douglas Turner Charitable Trust to continue Chetton Active Friends, which we are able to offer for £1.00 per person per week. This exercise is seated and suitable for everyone.

**Our next committee meeting** is on August 30th at 7.30pm. You are welcome to come along.

All enquiries, Sue Bayliss, 01746 789239.

## Neenton News

Bobbie Jarvis writes:

### Songs of Praise on Sunday 17th July

We were delighted to have so many people in the congregation accompanied by the Brown Clee Group choir led by Mike Teague. With their help, the congregation raised the roof singing the well-known hymns which had been thoughtfully chosen by Dot Cartwright who led the service. At the start of the prayers William and Grace Hurst read their own written prayers which remembered their family members, their relatives and friends and the animals, birds and nature. The service included a hearty rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to Margaret Moreton who had recently celebrated her 87th birthday. Thank you to all who helped make this a very pleasant and enjoyable service.

### All Saints' service in August

✝ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August – 11:30am – Holy Communion.

### Ride and Stride – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September. See the back cover of this edition of WN for more information. Make it a fun day for friends or family – you can visit as many or as few churches as you like on the day, wherever you are in the country, and your own chosen church will still benefit. Sponsor forms available from Bobbie Jarvis.

### All Saints' Tote 2022-2023

Subscriptions of £12 for the Tote from August 2022 until July 2023 are now due. Please contact Dot Cartwright, Sue Hale or Bobbie Jarvis to join for another year. This is one of our ways to fund raise but also to give back to the lucky winners every month. The results of the August draw will be published in the September issue of Wheatland News. **Join now!!!!**

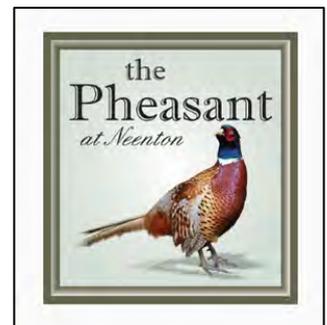
### The Pheasant at Neenton

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.



**Burwarton Show – 4th August** – we shall be taking **Bookings Only** for the evening of the show – **no walk-in customers**.

**August 29th – Bank Holiday Monday** – live music with the **Dirty Rocking Scoundrels** from 5pm.

### 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 September WN – but put the date in your diaries!

# Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry

Dates for your diary!

**Saturday 30th July at St Bartholomew's Church, Richards Castle, 3.00pm – think Bach and Cello!**

**Saturday 20 August at SS Peter and Paul's Church, Cleobury North, 3.00pm – a return of Concordia Ladies' Choir.**

**Saturday 10th September at St Gregory's Church, Morville, by kind invitation from the Revs Sarah and Simon Cawdell.**

This is another first for DH – organ solos – programme to be announced next month. This performance will be dedicated to Sarah and Simon, who finish their work at St Gregory's the next day, 11 September. They will then undertake training before taking up mission work in Uganda at the end of the year.

Daddy's Hat will wish them well in their new venture.

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|  <p>DADDY'S HAT CONCERTS<br/>PRESENTS</p> <p><b>CONCORDIA<br/>LADIES CHOIR</b></p> <p>MUSIC FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON</p> <p>SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST ♦ 3.00 PM</p> <p>ST. PETER &amp; ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,<br/>CLEOBURY NORTH</p> <p>FREE ENTRY, HAT COLLECTION TO COVER COSTS!<br/>'AL FRESCO' REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE CONCERT (WEATHER PERMITTING)</p> |  <p>DADDY'S HAT CONCERTS<br/>PRESENTS</p> <p><b>MUSIC FOR CELLOS</b></p> <p>RUTH HENLEY<br/>&amp;<br/>BENJAMIN RICHARDS<br/><small>SHROPSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIAN 2019</small></p> <p>BACH SOLO SUITE No 1<br/>&amp;<br/>DUETS BY HAYDN &amp; BACH</p> <p>SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY ♦ 3.00 PM</p> <p>ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,<br/>RICHARD'S CASTLE</p> <p>FREE ENTRY, HAT COLLECTION TO COVER COSTS!<br/>REFRESHMENTS IN THE HISTORIC GROUNDS AFTER THE CONCERT</p> |
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# August Molecule of the Month

## Xenon and its compounds

By David Poyner

First of all a warning; xenon (Xe), the chief subject of this article is not a molecule. A molecule is where two or more atoms join together by strong chemical bonds. Xenon is what is known as a “Nobel” gas; it is notoriously unreactive, not readily associating with either other xenon atoms or indeed atoms of anything else.



Xenon was first discovered in 1898 by Sir William Ramsay and Morris Travers, working at University College in London. They were investigating how many gases were found in air, by cooling it so it formed a liquid and then gradually increasing the temperature so the components boiled off one at a time and could be isolated. They were given a powerful new refrigerator by Ludwig Mond, (who founded a forerunner of ICI) and using this, they isolated xenon from liquid krypton, an equally unreactive trace component found in air. They named it xenon from the Greek “xenos”, a stranger.

The dogma soon grew up that xenon, along with the other Nobel gases, was unable to take part in any chemical reactions. As knowledge of chemistry grew in the 20th century, the reason for this became apparent. All atoms consist of a nucleus (containing particles called protons and neutrons) surrounded by negatively charged particles called electrons. The electrons orbit the nucleus like planets go round the sun, except more than one electron can be in the same orbit. The ideal number of electrons in the outer orbital of an atom is generally eight; atoms typically form chemical bonds with each other by variously sharing or exchanging electrons to reach this number. However, xenon already has eight electrons in its outer orbital; thus there is no need for it to share its electrons with anything. Whilst some theoreticians noted that there could be exceptions to this rule, xenon appeared totally inert. That was until 1962, when a chemist, Neil Bartlett (1932-2008) started to use a new platinum fluoride compound that was extremely good at extracting electrons from anything it came into contact with. He realised that it was able to drag electrons away from molecules that held them more tightly than xenon held its prized electrons. So on March 23rd 1962, he mixed his platinum fluoride compound with xenon. It took most of the day to build his apparatus and it was not until 7pm that he was rewarded by the sight of a new, orange-red substance; he had made the very first compound involving xenon. He actually mis-identified it at the time, but he had shattered over sixty years of dogma. By the time he had finished his work, he was the only person still in the laboratory; today lone working is a disciplinary offence. He also had a stern telling-off from his wife for getting home so late that his dinner was spoilt... Many consider he was unlucky to win a Nobel prize for his work.

Xenon is now an important chemical. It gives off a powerful blue light and is an important component in many lasers. The chemical compounds of xenon, unleashed by Bartlett sixty years ago, also are now used commercially. Xenon difluoride is used to make 5-fluorouracil (5FU), an anti-cancer drug and it is also used in making electronic components. Sometimes even the most obscure branches of science turn out to have useful applications.

*Neil Bartlett with the apparatus he used to investigate the chemistry of xenon in his laboratory at the University of British Columbia (British Columbia Archive).*



# Severn Valley Group of Parishes

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## Benefice news and services

### Church services for August

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

### Glazeley

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

Keen observers of Glazeley church may have noticed that periodically parts of the ceiling fall down, especially over the pulpit; you may draw your own conclusions from this. We have now got a quote for this to be repaired. We still need to get authorisation from the diocese before the work can start, but hopefully before long preachers will no longer need to wear a hard hat in the pulpit. The PCC is also busy with a number of applications for memorials and also ensuring all our safe-guarding procedures are compliant with church guidelines.

In the meantime, our regular Sunday services continue on the 3rd Sunday on the month; in August I will be taking it. Other activities are advertised on our website; [Glazeley & Deuxhill: St Bartholomew - A Church Near You](#). The monthly evening walks are advertised via the Billingsley website ([Billingsley: St Mary - A Church Near You](#)), but all are welcome; our next walk is on 11th August at 7pm, meet the Ship Inn, Highley, for a walk around Highley and the river, finishing back at the Ship where refreshments will of course be available.

#### **Marion Corfield writes:**

#### **From the register:-**

Funeral: Mrs Kathleen Lilian Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1931- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The funeral took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Glazeley church followed by interment in the churchyard. Kathleen, who lived at Hook Farm, Billingsley, leaves her husband John also her son, daughter and grandson. Our thoughts go out to all the family. God Bless.

### **Glazeley War Memorial**

Special thanks to George Morley and Andrew Jones who have been helping to tidy up the ground around the memorial.

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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## Billingsley News

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

The churchyard is managed to encourage wildlife and we have just had one of our periodic visits from “Caring for God’s Acre” who scythe the grass. The summer flowers are now in full bloom and are alive with insects, which in turn attract birds. We have also just acquired a bird bath, very generously donated by Evelyn Prescott, from her winnings from the July draw from the 100 Club. The 100 Club have also paid for maintenance work on the roof and gutter of the church; many thanks to Richard Poyner, our contractor, for doing this. Amongst other things, Richard has repainted the gutters and downpipes. I note the church itself has acquired a wooden lectern and an altar manual, originally donated in 1979 in memory of Alice Frances Jones; many thanks to the mystery donor for these!

Our next evening service will be at 6pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August; current plans are to make this a “Songs of Praise” service. Please let me know if you have a favourite hymn you would like to sing. Many thanks to all who supported our sung evening prayer service in July.

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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### **Billingsley churchyard: a resting place for the dead whilst bursting with life.**

Early July saw the return of Alex from Caring for God’s Acre and a small group of local volunteers to work in the churchyard. Over the past 6 years the churchyard has been carefully managed, apart from the difficult times during the pandemic, according to a plan drawn up by Caring for God’s Acre and the PCC. During the day tasks were divided between maintaining the newly planted flower beds and the summer scythe.

Much of the grass area is managed as wildflower meadows and is scythed in spring then, once the grass has grown and flowers have set their seed, again in midsummer. During this cut any flowers that are yet to seed are left. The autumn scythe and any winter cutting replicates what would naturally have happened in the past when animals would graze vegetation to the ground. Yellow rattle is one wild flower that is particularly welcome as it is capable of competing with the grasses and making way for other less robust flowers.

There are many advantages to scything with traditional tools. The grass is cleanly cut rather than mulched and can be easily raked up. This in itself is important to deprive the area of nutrients; lush grass inhibits wild flower growth. The process of cutting and collecting is completely carbon zero and no noise pollution either so we are able to enjoy the sound of bird song while we worked; it is also a jolly good workout!

The good news is that due to some neighbouring trees being reduced the wildflowers in the south eastern corner in particular have flourished. The area was buzzing with the activity of bees, butterflies and other insects. A couple of toads were discovered while scything which may



otherwise have met a sad end if a strimmer had been used. Whilst working our way through the churchyard it is quite astounding how many different species of wildflower can be seen; it is well worth walking slowly around the area to fully appreciate what is there. Each species plays its own valuable role in the workings of what is a very successful and thriving ecosystem. Sightings of newts and sloe worms have been made during previous visits but sadly they eluded us on this working day. It is worth noting that the rough grass left around gravestones is where you are most likely to see sloe worms and other invertebrates.

A circular bed has been cleared and planted with a rose, lavender and carnations plus some petunias to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee; we are still awaiting flowers from the rose who seems a little reticent to share her beauty at the moment. Two flower beds either side of the porch have also been created this year following the removal of two unruly bushes that afforded little ecological benefit to the churchyard. They are planted with a variety of perennial and herbaceous plants that have been chosen for their attractiveness to bees in providing nectar from early spring right through to the autumn; they are mostly native species. To compliment the south facing bed a beautiful stone birdbath has been generously donated by Eveline Prescott to commemorate the jubilee which will provide a welcome drink for birds and bees alike.

Perhaps the jewels in the crown are the two ancient yews that live in the churchyard. The larger male is in the process of shedding old needles and growing vibrant, new ones. The smaller female is looking a little less healthy and we are arranging for a specialist arboriculturalist to come and advise on the best course of action. It may well be that this is simply a stage in the natural cycle of regeneration of a yew as she puts down branches to the grounds which will then take root and ensure her survival.

There are times in the year when the appearance of the churchyard may give the impression that it is unloved but nothing could be further from the truth. We aim to keep paths mown and tidy. Apart from the spraying of the drive and the French drain no chemicals have ever been used on the ground creating a unique environment for nature to thrive.

There is a display in the church which provides lots of information about the management of the churchyard and there are plenty of guides too to assist anyone who wishes to identify many of the different varieties of flora and fauna that may be found in the grounds. There are benches where anyone is very welcome to sit and reflect and we hope that the friends and family of the departed appreciate how special the churchyard is. We are truly blessed in Billingsley to have a taste of heaven on Earth.

**Sue Bates**

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## August Message

One of the reasons I took up the ‘Saint of the Month’ column for this publication is that I’m fascinated by history. That will have become apparent to anyone who knows me. And it’s partly because I’m a great believer in cause and effect: things happen because of what happened before them.

In the days when I used to teach history, I used to emphasise two very important things about it: in the first place, that there’s an awful lot of it; and in the second place that it’s like a rope. The first of those was meant to highlight that, if you take the whole story of humanity in every country under the sun, there is more than any one person will ever be able to master. The second, that you can’t cut history up into convenient ‘chunks’: there are individual threads that overlap and interweave, and there is no point when they all start or stop at the same point. Not even the present moment.

Having said that, we do tend to divide history in this country into chunks: the Middle Ages, Early Modern, etc. And, on that basis, my historical heart belongs in the Middle Ages. Partly because it’s just interesting; partly because so much of what is present in the modern world has its roots in the Middle Ages; and partly because evidence for events and trends is comparatively scarce, which leaves plenty of scope for wild and extravagant theorising.

I sometimes wonder what historians of the future will make of us. You can find reference after reference in the press and other media to people ‘making history’. Something like this: ‘Alfred Cumberbund made history today by becoming the first person to fly a kite successfully from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.’ With apologies to Alfred Cumberbund (and to anyone else who has indulged in kite-flying on mountain-tops) that is hardly history. Not beside the invasion of Ukraine, climate change and the current crisis in government.

One thing that historians of the future will find, I suspect – and this in stark contrast to those like me who favour the Middle Ages – is that there will be far too much information. Everything now is recorded and debated ad infinitum and trying to present a coherent picture of events and motives will be obscured by the amount of available information, rather than clarified by it.

I imagine historians of the future poring over e-mail threads galore and trying to simplify stories into a form that’s comprehensible and digestible. What a nightmare! And how will the history of the future judge the major players of the present and, indeed, the rest of us? Will we, now, be assessed by our technology? By our culture? By our prejudices? By our politics? By our wars? Or by our gradual, thoughtless destruction of God’s creation?

Mark Daborn

# Stottesdon Benefice Group News

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

## Churches in August

*The Revd Mark Daborn writes:*

Online services are taking a break throughout August, and we will review the situation in September! The national church online services continue to be available.

## Services in Stottesdon Benefice Churches for August

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| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>   |     |   |
| 09:00  | HC  | Farlow                                  |
| 18:30  | EP  | Stottesdon                              |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>  |     |   |
| 10:30  | BHC | Middleton Scriven<br>with Rev Ian Gibbs |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> |     |   |
| 10:30  | BHC | Silvington with AD<br>Fiona Gibson      |

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| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>   |    |                 |
| 10:30  | HC | Stottesdon      |
| 16:00  | EP | Cleeton St Mary |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> |    |                 |
| 09:00  | HC | Farlow          |
| 18:30  | EP | Stottesdon      |

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| <i>HC</i><br><i>Holy Communion</i> | <i>BHC</i><br><i>Benefice Holy Communion – Group Service</i> | <i>EP – Evening Prayer</i> |
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**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.**

## From the Stottesdon Benefice Registers

- ✝ Stottesdon, WEDDING of Abigail Kennett and Adam Chapman
- ✝ Middleton Scriven, FUNERAL OFFICE for Catherine May Preece RIP
- ✝ Stottesdon, FUNERAL OFFICE for Hilda Meredith RIP

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

## Stottesdon News

*Clare Tibbits writes:*

### St Mary's 100 Club

Congratulations to our July winners:

- Roger Cook & Amanda Lamb, Mary Overton, Chris & Claire Tibbits

### Summer Successes to celebrate!

After an enforced three-year break, we all enjoyed contributing and participating in a busy and successful resumption of fundraising and social activities this July:

- the **Summer Community Fete** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July raised almost **£750 each** for the village school and St Mary's church
- the **Open Gardens** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July raised **£1,040** for Nursing Charities. The Teas and Plant sales in Church made an amazing **£540** for St Mary's Fabric Fund.

**None of this would have been possible without the enthusiasm of the volunteers** who cleaned, gardened, barbequed, mashed tea, sliced cake, counted money, washed up, guided visitors, marshalled car parks and so much else to ensure these events went so very well. **So ... Many, many thanks to everyone who helped!!!**

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

'Behind the scenes preparation' is almost complete for the main roofing and stonework repair contract. Contractors, Mike Gammon and his team, will be starting this month, with installation of the external scaffolding. Working hours will be 08.30-16.00 (weekdays).

Volunteers researched and tested the route and heritage interpretation for a new Guided Tour - on Open Gardens visitors who popped-into church for a cuppa and to escape the searing heat outside!!



**Stottesdon & District WI** meets at 7.30pm on the **third Wednesday** of each month, generally at either Farlow or Chorley Village Hall. In July, we enjoyed a superb mid-July talk from Leo Smith covering the "Curlews and other iconic birds on the Clee Hills". For details of a very special evening for the traditional August outing please call Helena on 01746 718012.

## Silvington News

**Annette Metcalfe writes:**

With the return of Burwarton Show, with clergy leave and with tons of other stuff happening, there are changes to the pattern of services around the benefice this month.

Archdeacon Fiona will be the celebrant at our August service – Holy Communion for the whole benefice at 10:30 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Everyone will be especially welcome.

## Farlow News

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Giles' church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 09.00.

## Sidbury News

Whilst clergy leave means that there is no service at Holy Trinity this month, there is a Holy Communion service in one of our benefice churches every Sunday in August, and Evening Prayers will be said on the first and last Sundays too. See the service grid above for details.

## Cleeton St Mary News

**Gill Jordan writes**

Our service this month will be Evening Prayer at 4pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

### **100 Club results for June:**

- £20 to Kay Downs No 6
- £10 each to Sharon Ortell No 100, and Eula Rutter No 71
- £5 each to Wendy Dolphin No 21 and Sharon Ortell No 99

## Middleton Scriven News

**Ann Constable writes:**

### **Church service:**

- ✝ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Benefice Holy Communion, 10.30 at St Giles Farlow – with Rev Ian Gibbs

## 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 and Mobile 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.

**Brooks Mobile Library** also serves our villages direct – see Shropshire Council website and social media.

### **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.

### **Stottesdon's NEW 'Bloom 'n' Blender' Refills and pop-up Café**

Ian and Pixie have recently moved from Bewdley to Hardwickforge, Stottesdon and are offering a wide range of Eco-Leaf cleaning stuffs and Faith in Nature products for personal use ... in handy “refill” form – along with a Friday pop-up café, yoga and more.

Call to support them 07305 715521 – Ian 07306 618191 – Pj & for more information.

# Useful Community Contacts

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| <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   |

The logo for 'Ride + Strides for Churches' features the words 'RIDE + STRIDES' in large, orange, stylized letters. 'RIDE' has a gear-like texture on the 'D' and a crown on the 'R'. 'STRIDES' has a similar gear-like texture on the 'S'. Above the letters are decorative elements: a blue chain of circles on the left and blue triangles on the right. Below the main text, the words 'for Churches' are written in white on a green rectangular background.

# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

**Join us in 2022 - 10 September**

Shropshire is one of 30 counties with active Historic Churches Trusts, which club together into the National Churches Trust.

**Their work is about enabling local people to care for the fabric of their church.** Ensuring that the buildings that have graced our landscape for centuries do not fall into ruin. It isn't about supporting the work of the church itself, or the diocese, or paying for the clergy. To quote from the latest Annual Review published by the **National Churches Trust**:

**National Churches Trust works to keep churches, chapels and meeting houses well maintained and in good repair so that their heritage is there for the future and so they can remain open and serve local communities. Church buildings have been the focus of much help to local people during Covid-19 and will be key to rebuilding and strengthening communities in the post-pandemic future.**

**Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts.**

**In 2021, 88 Shropshire churches were supported by Riders and Striders, altogether raising £30,788.**

**In 2020, SCHAT awarded grants totalling £84,690**

**The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust's aims are to provide grants to raise funds to assist congregations of all denominations to repair and maintain their buildings, and to encourage interest in the heritage of our churches, appealing to all those who recognise the unique contribution that churches make to our English countryside and landscape.**

**How does it work? And how can you take part?**

Full details are on the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride website.

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

Please get your sponsor form from your local coordinator – try the Churchwarden first! – because it's essential to register your participation BEFORE the event.

You can plan your own route, decide which churches to visit – many will be open, some will be serving refreshments – and your means of conveyance is entirely up to you!!