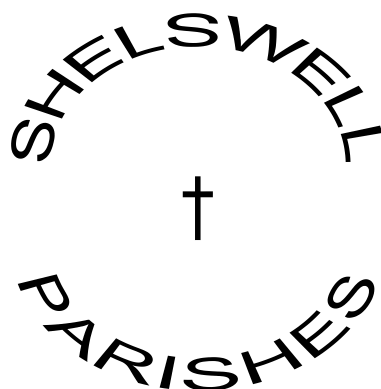


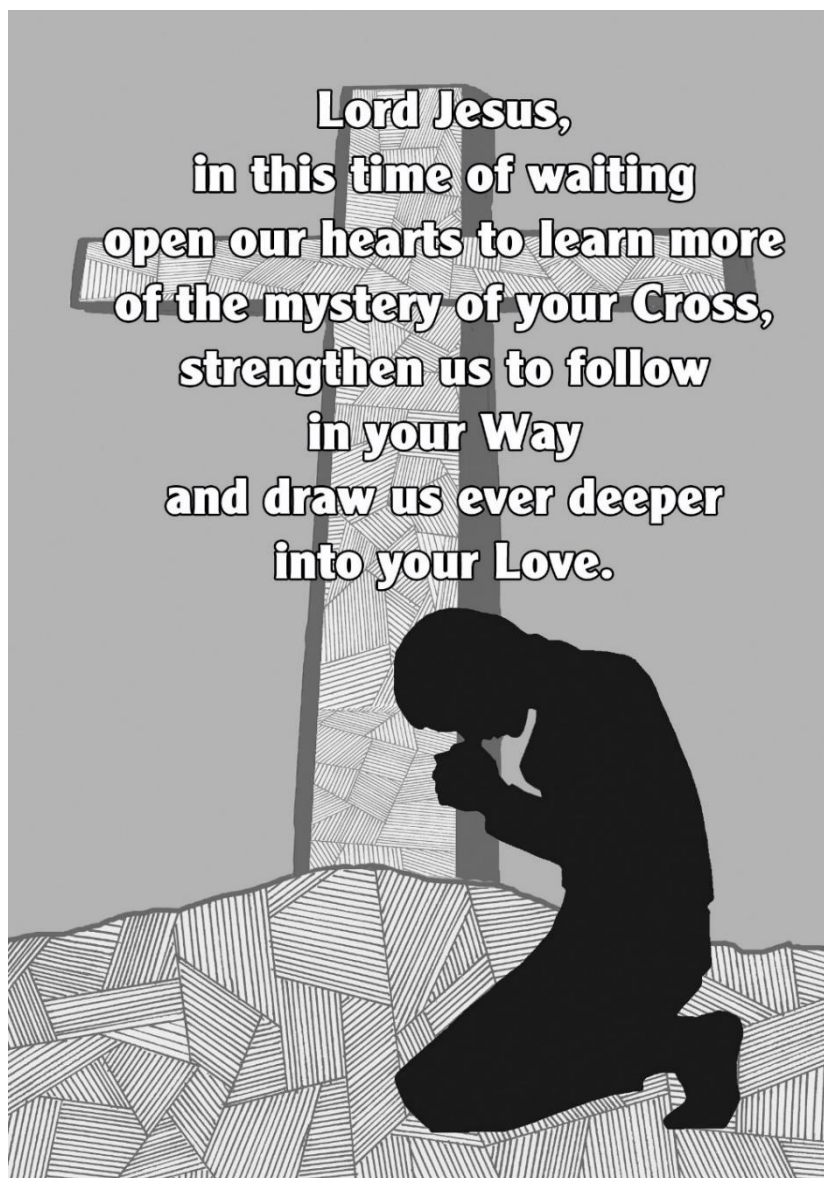
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MINISTERS LETTER

Play a song that keeps us together

It is an unfortunate fact that when I am listening to music, unless I am singing it, as in a hymn, or making a considerable effort, I just zone out. I have no idea how or when I learnt to do this, and it is very annoying. But it means that when I am in the car by myself, it has to be radio 4 all the way – I am much more likely to engage with people talking about something, regardless of what it is. But when Joe and I are in the car together, it's music that we listen to, and more often than not, music from his ever-growing collection. And I go off into a daydream. But just once in a while, a song will catch my attention.

This happened with Smith and Burrows 'Too late'. Now admittedly, when I heard it, I thought it was about climate change: 'It's too late now – don't be hard on yourself, just 'cause everything's over.' A rather pessimistic view of climate change, and one I wouldn't subscribe to. Because I don't think it is too late for humanity to pull itself out of the climate crisis, not if it puts its mind to it, and the minds of our scientists and industrialists and politicians and folk from the business world. Things may be fairly critical and the time for action is now, but I don't think it's too late. Not if we all play our part.

Anyway, Joe tells me that the song is probably about the endings of a relationship, and it seems that Google concurs. But bear with me – thinking, as I was, that it was about climate change, it seemed to be addressing the question of how we live when it seems as if thing can only get worse. I am losing count of all the crises that surround us at the moment – not just climate change, but the pandemic, the tensions around the Ukraine, economic challenges and rising fuel prices to name but a few. It's a lot to cope with. How do we live in the face of it all?

Part of Smith and Burrows' 'Too late'
Please, we don't have forever
Play a song, play a song that keeps this
together
It's too late now
Don't be hard on yourself, just 'cause
everything's over
It's too late now
Don't be hard on your brothers or hard
on your sisters...

Smith and Burrows in their song urge us to 'play a song that keeps this together' and not to be hard on our brothers and sisters. And it does seem really important at the moment that we come together, that we are kind to one another, do what we can to understand our varied viewpoints, tolerate one another. Both within our local communities and on the wider world stage.

We are so good at being intolerant and falling out with one another! Admittedly it is often easier than the painful work of trying to really listen to each other, of negotiating a way through that respects all, of possibly having to acknowledge that we got it wrong. But the reality is that none of us do have forever, so doesn't it have to be worth trying to get along!

I wonder what different song we could sing? I guess the song that Jesus would urge us to sing would be one about loving one another – that takes awareness of each other, mutual respect, dollops of thought and generosity, and above all a willingness to sometimes put ourselves to one side for the good of someone else. We can't always agree, but we can be kind to one another.

Someone was telling me of the kindness they experienced when going through a course of hospital treatment – of the understanding of staff who listened, the mutual support from other patients going through the same experience, the thoughtfulness of their family, the phone calls, the small gifts – they were bowled over by it all, and it made a real difference.

It is never too late to be kind.

Alice



BIBLE READINGS



Wednesday 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2 v1-2 and 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58 v1-12 2 Corinthians 5 v20b - 6 v10 Matthew 6 v1-6 and 16-21 <i>or</i> John 8 v1-11
Sunday 6 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26 v1-11 Romans 10 v8b-13 Luke 4 v1-13
Sunday 13 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15 v1-12 and 17-18 Philippians 3 v17 – 4 v1 Luke 13 v31-end
Sunday 20 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55 v1-9 1 Corinthians 10 v1-13 Luke 13 v1-9
Sunday 27 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday	Joshua 5 v9-12 2 Corinthians 5 v16-end Luke 15 v1-3 and 11b-end

(Alternative readings may be used at Mothering Sunday services)

PLOUGH SUNDAY

Thank you to Jo and Jonnie Brooks for hosting our Plough Sunday service on 30th January. The amazing collection of agricultural machinery with ploughs both great and small, together with a small mouse providing entertainment by scuttling around during the service (which thankfully I was unaware of at the time) enhanced the setting of the wonderful grain barn. The weather was kind to us, and people had come appropriately dressed! And there were pasties galore, biscuits, sausages, beer, tea and coffee. Robert Hawes's lovely dog hoovered up any bits that got dropped. And a good time was had by all! Fabulous!

Thanks to those who brought pasties, sausages etc, to Pam Morgan and the choir, and to everyone who took part.

Alice



DON'T FORGET THE LENT LECTURES!

All at Stoke Lyne church

7 pm – meet for a light supper (no need to book) or just come at 7.30 pm for the talk!

We have a fabulous line up of speakers, people who are experts in their field talking on some important topics. Please do come along and invite others who may be interested. Everyone is welcome, church goers or not!

Thursday 10th March – John Alderdice - 'Pilgrimages to Holy Places'.



John Alderdice is a psychiatrist by profession, but as Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland, he played a significant role in the Talks on Northern Ireland including the negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and was then the first Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Since 1996 he has sat as a Liberal Democrat life member of the House of Lords, and is currently Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, a Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College (Oxford) and Presidente d'Honneur of Liberal International. Lord Alderdice has spent a life-time working on understanding and addressing religious fundamentalism, radicalization, terrorism and violent political conflict in various parts of the world. More recently he has also been working on the problems of indigenous peoples and their conflicts with the incomers. In February he will be travelling to Israel (COVID allowing) to work on the conflict over the Holy Places in Jerusalem

Thursday 17th March – Eva Grosman - 'A St Patrick's Day Reflection on Peace-Building in Ireland'.

Eva is Co-founder and CEO of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building, based on Belfast. Polish by background and a very thoughtful and committed Catholic Christian, she also curates TEDxStormont and is an Advisor to RISING Global Peace Forum in Coventry and Director for Public Affairs at the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, Harris Manchester College, Oxford.



Thursday 24th March – Martin and Margot Hodson - Climate Change: a Christian Response

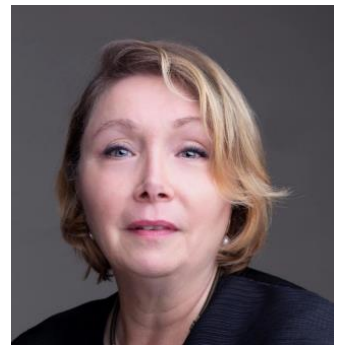


Dr Martin J Hodson is a plant scientist and environmental biologist. He is Operations Director for the John Ray Initiative (JRI). Revd Margot R Hodson is JRI's Director of Theology and Education and vicar in the Shill Valley and Broadshire Benefice in Oxfordshire. She is on the boards of A Rocha UK and Grove Ethics Editorial Group. The Hodsons have numerous publications between them and regularly speak on the environment to Christian audiences.



Thursday 31st March – Melissa Morbeck - The power of God to change lives

Melissa Morbeck (Coke-Smyth) is CEO of The Corporate Alliance, as well as Global Director of Partnerships at The NO MORE Foundation. Her work in the field of Gender Based Violence includes work in domestic and sexual violence with multilaterals such as UN Women, The World Health Organisation, The IMF and World Bank Group. Her work with businesses responding to domestic abuse started in 1992, has included Google, Santander, The Body Shop, British Airways, Rio Tinto, and thousands of others, and ultimately led to a global movement for employers throughout the world to support employees and families affected by abuse. Melissa is an Advisor on Gender Based Violence, on the White House Gender Policy Council, as well as an Advisor on the International Labour Organisation Employer GBV Task Force. Melissa also supports individuals, families and employers on how to access public services and NGOs globally to save lives and keep people safe. Melissa will share her personal experiences as a resilient survivor, how the grace of God has guided her life and work and how the season of lent is an opportunity to reflect on a life serving a higher purpose.



Coffee Morning



Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale with Raffle

In aid of Shelswell History Festival

At

Waterloo Farm

Friday 25th March 9.30am till 12.30pm

Save the date!

Further details to follow

Phillippa Taylor



Save the date

Benefice Service and BBQ at Evenley Wood Garden

Sunday 29th May

We are delighted to be able, once again, to meet for a service and BBQ in the wonderful surroundings of Evenley Wood Garden on Sunday 29th May. Further details to come, but put it in your diary / on your calendar / in your phone now!



Evenley
Wood Garden



AFTER EASTER: CLIMATE CONCERN

A discussion group springing from ‘The future we choose’ by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac

‘A cautionary but optimistic book about the world’s changing climate and the fate of humanity, from Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac—who led negotiations for the United Nations during the historic Paris Agreement of 2015.

The authors outline two possible scenarios for our planet. In one, they describe what life on Earth will be like by 2050 if we fail to meet the Paris Agreement’s climate targets. In the other, they lay out what it will be like to live in a regenerative world that has net-zero emissions. They argue for confronting the climate crisis head-on, with determination and optimism. *The Future We Choose* presents our options and tells us what governments, corporations, and each of us can, and must, do to fend off disaster.’

I have found this book an inspiring and challenging read – rather than just feeling overwhelmed by the climate crisis, I am now fired up to do my bit!

The focus of the group will be to think about practical and positive steps that we can take as individuals and as communities, and to encourage one another in doing this.

Contact me now to register your interest. alicegoodall313@gmail.com / 01280 848192

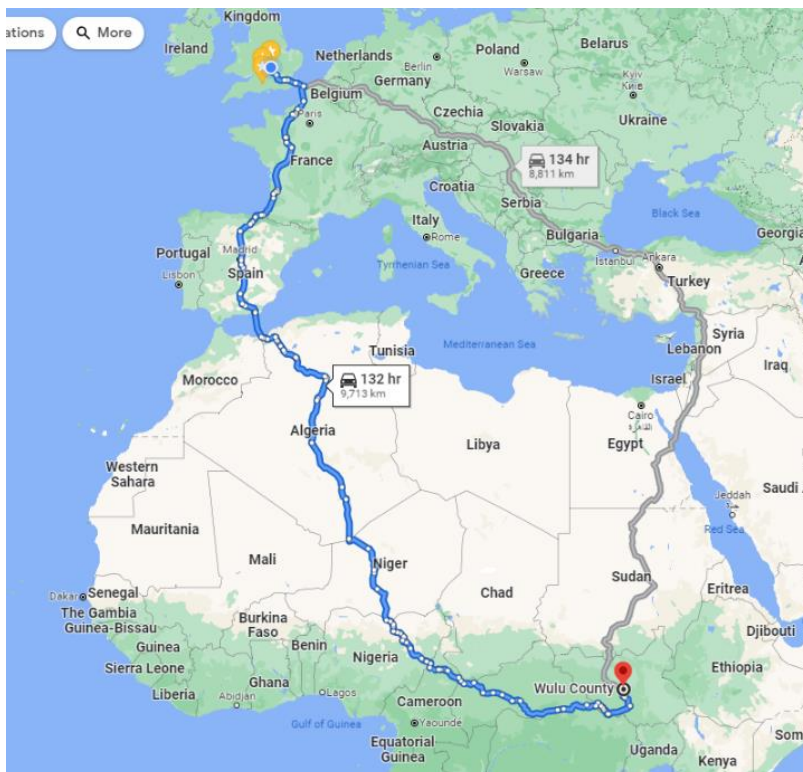


Sponsor the Vicar!

During Lent, I plan to run 97 km (just over 60 miles) – not in one go, but spread over the weeks. I use the term ‘run’ loosely – ‘jog slowly, stagger or lurch’ might be more appropriate descriptions of what I do when pretending to run. The reason for 97 miles? Well, Google maps tells me it is 9713 km (6031 miles) between Shelswell and Wulu in South Sudan. Obviously I can’t run that far but there is a possibility that with a lot of discipline, an absence of injuries or illness, and a good prevailing wind that I might manage a hundredth of this. Anyway, that’s the plan.

I am hoping that you might sponsor me. Any money I raise will be divided between the Girls’ Primary School in Wulu and the Shelswell History Festival to take place on 16th July.

You can email or message me to pledge money, or go to**insert required**



News from Wulu



The lady in the colourful dress is the programme leader, Eunice. You can see some of the sorghum crop grown by the Women's Farming Project on the raised platform.

We have made the sixth and final donation towards the Ox plough project. Bishop Zechariah has asked that I convey to you 'millions of appreciation' from himself and the women. He has sent us a short video clip which shows us the cows and some of the crops that the women have grown. It includes brief interviews with two of the women involved, one of whom tells us that the farming project has enabled her to send her three children to school. The sound quality is not perfect, and I have added some subtitles to help you follow it, but it gives a bit more of a window into life in Wulu and the difference that our donations have made. You can find the clip on YouTube, on the Shelswell Parishes channel. (Go onto YouTube and just type 'Shelswell Parishes' in the search bar. Then click on 'Women's Farming Project')



We will now be supporting

the Girls' Primary School by making a donation of 500 USD every six months towards recreational materials, sanitary pads for the older girls, and sports equipment. Bishop Zechariah has sent us a short video tour of the girls' school, and once again I have done my best to add subtitles, with an additional short snippet of a group of girls from the school. The school has six forms with 40 – 60 girls in each. The school is fortunate in having buildings for the classrooms. The tour of the staff room shows their stock of books piled on one unit, and donations for the girls on a mat. There is a toilet block with five 'cubicles' – one for the teachers, the other for the girls, and the teacher doing the tour proudly draws our attention to the sign telling them to wash their hands after using the toilet.



Bishop Zechariah has also sent us a photograph of the car that was given to Wulu Diocese on 26/1/2022 by General Solomon Mahmoud, one of their members, the National Minister of Interior. This will make getting about the Diocese much easier.

Sadly, we have learnt this month that even if Bishop Zechariah is able to come to the Lambeth Conference this summer, due to Covid, no 'pre-conference hospitality' is being organised, which means we will be unable to meet him in person. I am hopeful, though, that he will continue to send us more 'WhatsApp' videos, and I will send him some of us here in Shelswell.

Alice

OPEN THE BOOK

Are you free on a Thursday afternoon at 2.45 – 3 pm, and would you be up for helping me present a Bible story to the children in Finmere School?

I would like to set up an 'Open the Book' team and am looking for 3 or 4 other people to join me. We could do it every Thursday, or just once a month, depending on what the time wanted to do.

'Open the Book' is a well established scheme where a group of volunteers go into a school and, using some 'scripts' written by Bob Hartman, act out one of the stories from the Bible for the children. 'Acting' is used rather loosely here – we will read from the scripts, and you don't need to have any great acting skills, just not mind donning a vaguely biblical costume and making a bit of an idiot of yourself. So if we were doing the story of the lost sheep, one person would be the narrator, another would be Jesus, another the shepherd and another the lost sheep. We would get the children to join in with sheep noises

I was involved with an 'Open the Book' team during my curacy and know just how much the children enjoy it. And it's a really fun way of giving them some familiarity with stories from the Bible. You can find out more on <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

If you would be up for helping, then contact me on 01280 848192 or alicegoodall313@gmail.com.

Thanks. Alice



REGISTRY

This section will announce any baptisms, marriages and funerals that have recently taken place within the Shelswell benefice

Baptisms

Paul Donald HARTWELL

At 12 noon on Sunday 23rd January, Paul had arrived at Hethe church ready for his special day, as had all his family and friends, but where was the vicar? At short notice she had had to cover for another member of the ministry team isolating with Covid in the family. She arrived with not a minute to spare, together with the organist, both having dashed over from another service in Stoke Lyne.

Paul was just five months old, younger brother to Charlotte, now aged 4 ½ - indeed Paul's birthday is the day after Charlotte's! Paul is second child to Kim and Martin Hartwell. Kim and Martin live in Syresham, but Martin's family are from Hethe. Kim and Martin were married in Hethe church, and Charlotte was christened there too.



Wishes for Paul

May you always be brave
And walk your own path
Love from the heart
And have a good laugh

May you always have patience
A listening ear
Be loyal, courageous
And always sincere

May you always love nature
The wind in the trees
The song of the blackbird
A warm summer breeze

Always be curious
Ask questions, explore
Seek out adventures
And love the outdoors

Above all be happy
Shine bright like the sun
Follow your dreams
And have lots of fun.

Paul has three godparents: Lindsay Harper who was one of Kim's school friends, David Hazel and Adam Spencer, both friends of Martin. Kim's sister Jen read a lovely poem for Paul, and Martin's brother Christopher read the passage from the Bible about Jesus saying 'Let the little children come to me' (Mark 10: 13 – 16). Then we made 'baptingles' – a bit like christingles but specially for baptisms! There was an apple to represent the world, a blue ribbon to represent the water of baptism, some sweets to represent God's blessings, a jelly baby to represent a baby, Paul's name, a little picture of his godparents and a candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world, the light we trust that Paul will walk in. There were three hymns: Lord of all hopefulness, One more step along the world I go (during which we lit the baptingles) and Lord of the dance. The organist was Flora Skinner.

After the service, the christening party went down to Hethe Village Hall to continue the celebrations.

Our prayers are with Paul and his family – we pray that God will richly bless him and that he will discover for himself just how much God loves him.

Alice Goodall

Obituaries

David Barrie MORRIS

13.06.1926 – 27.12.2021

David was born on a farm in St. Mellons, South Wales. on 13th June 1926. Unusually for this time, his birth was by Caesarean Section, which may be why he had no siblings. He was named David Barrie after the surgeon who delivered him.

David attended Bassaleg Grammar School in Cardiff, and went on to Aberystwyth University where he obtained a BSc in Botany. After graduating he was offered a job on a tea plantation in Darjeeling, India but was talked out of going by his mother, possibly because she was worried about the effects on his health.

David went into the Navy and was seconded into the Fleet Air Arm where he did his pilot training in Middle Wallop, Wiltshire, although the war came to an end before he could get his license. In travelling with the Navy he spent time in Ceylon and Singapore. At the end of the war he demobbed himself in Skegness.

He then came to Oxfordshire to work on a farm for Twyford Seeds at Cottisford and Adderbury, and lived at Manor Farm in Cottisford and also in Croughton. Which is how he met Jean, who became his wife, at Juniper Hill. They married at Cottisford and lived at The Fox Inn, which they later bought from the Hook Norton Brewery

During the 1960's they extended the Fox on several occasions to accommodate their five children: Nigel, Owen, Elaine, Martin and James.

David gained a job in teaching at Buckingham Senior School, and went on to teach at Silverstone and Towcester.



Some time after retiring David and Jean finally left the Fox to move to Brackley in 2000. They enjoyed numerous cruises, possibly 14 in all, and joined several clubs including the Over 50's Club and the Saints Community Project at Brackley Football Club. David regularly met for lunch with former colleagues, and continued to drive a car and played golf until he was 90. On one occasion he had a fall at Cherwell Edge Golf Club who called for an Ambulance, and it turned out that the driver was a former pupil of his. David had an active social life and was a keen ornithologist.

He looked after Jean until she went into the nursing Home, where he joined her 32 days later. His own health then rapidly deteriorated, and after a fall he was admitted to hospital where he died two weeks later on 27th December.

David's funeral took place at Banbury Crematorium on Friday 4th February. The coffin went into the chapel to the sound of the dawn chorus, reflecting David's love of birds. We sang 'Jerusalem', and one of David's brothers, Martin, read the poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling, a poem that David liked and did seem to reflect something of the sort of person he had been. David's grandson Ellis read Psalm 23, and there was a time of reflection as we listened to the Welsh National Anthem. David was a great rugby supporter – Wales, of course, and indeed used to play rugby for the first 15 at school. We left the chapel to Myfanwy sung by the Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

After the service, everyone went back to Brackley Football Club to share more memories and to catch up with one another.

Our prayers are with David's family as they come to terms with his loss.

Joan Doreen Hawes 22 May 1930 - 29 December 2021

A tribute written by her daughters Michele, Yvonne, Denise and Sharon.

Joan was born on the 22nd of May 1930 at the Old Radcliff in Oxford to Oliver and Kate Smith. She had a brother Leslie and the family lived in Bletchington. They then moved into a little thatched cottage in Rectory Lane in Fringford. Joan attended Fringford School from the age of 5 years to 13 years. She had very fond memories of going to Bletchington to visit her grandfather Thomas Abel Green when she was a child. He used to take her to see the canal boats that were docked at the mill and they would then go to the Rock of Gibraltar pub to get a bottle of pop and a packet of crisps.



When Joan was 13 she went to work as a cleaner for Mrs Thompson in Fringford until the age of 17. After that she got a job at Herrings Grocery Store in Bicester, driving the delivery van and stocking the shelves. She then went to work for Cherry's furniture store and then when she was 19 Joan went to work in the library at Arncott as a Librarian. It was there, at the age of 21, that Joan met Harry David Hawes who worked in the accounts department in the Arncott Army Depot. Harry shouted from a window to arrange a date with Joan for a cup of tea.

They courted and then got married on the 8th of March 1952 when Joan was 22 years old. Harry and Joan lived at number 21 Stratton Audley Road, Fringford. Joan continued to work in the library until she was 26 years old when she and Harry welcomed their first daughter, Denise Joan, born in January 1956. Two years later in March 1958 Michele Ann was born and in January 1960 Michael David arrived. In October 1964 twin girls Yvonne Joy and Sharon Elizabeth were born and Joan's family was complete, but they needed a bigger house so they moved from their bungalow in Stratton Audley Rd to number 4, The Green in Fringford. As her children got older Joan worked at Cherry's furniture shop in Bicester and did potato picking at Cottisford and Newton Purcell. She also did private cleaning for the Siddle's in Godington and Mr Stanton in Fringford. The children recall their mum as a hard grafter - she even found time to knit all the cardigans, scarves, mitts and blankets.

Joan always kept a clean house. She was often seen outside standing on a crate cleaning her windows or doing the garden - planting bulbs in the autumn and winter ready for her family to enjoy daffodils or tulips in the spring.

Joan used to go to the village hall to play bingo and she was part of the Derby and Joan group which organised day trips out. The children have fond memories of going to Blackpool in 1974 and the whole family going to Clovelly in Devon to see extended family members.

Joan had a sweet tooth - she loved her marzipan and lardycakes and she always did her own cooking. As soon as the children came home from school it was a case of shoes off change out of school uniform and dinner was served in the dining room. The children also recall going to the Speedway in Oxford as Joan liked motorbikes and speed.

In 1981 Joan became a widow after nearly 40 years of marriage. Her children made sure over the years that she always had support and care and love and that she didn't need for anything. She also got to visit her daughters Denise and Sharon in America a few times.

In 1987 Joan started work at the Croughton Air Force Base serving food to the American troops during the Gulf War. In June 1992 Joan went to work at Heyford Air Force Base until 1994. At the age of 65 she retired from work with a certificate from the Air Force for her years of service.

Joan moved from 4 The Green Fringford, to 3 The Green Fringford just next door and got a couple of cats. She then moved to Flat 5 The Willows in Bicester but she couldn't take her cats with her and so they went to a good home and she would often inquire about them. Joan settled into her flat and made it home. Every Thursday she and Yvonne went to town to do their shopping and everyday Michelle and Yvonne would call in to see Joan for a cup of tea and a catch up. Joan got to see Denise and Sharon regularly on Messenger videos and she would also have regular visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who would pop in to see her often.

Joan loved watching Formula One on television and had also started to watch football - supporting Manchester United and enjoying a bit of banter about the other teams that people supported. In the evenings Joan would settle down to watch her two favourite programmes Coronation Street and Emmerdale. Last year in August Michele and Yvonne took Joan to the Donkey Sanctuary in Wallingford as Joan loved them and she had a wonderful day there. In early December she enjoyed a great shopping trip to Aylesbury.

Joan was a hard-worker, a grafter, an animal lover, a keen shopper, a TV soap addict, and was always up for a laugh. She was all of those things, but above all she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and all her family celebrate the love that they shared everyday!

The Anne Robson Trust

The Anne Robson Trust is a pre-bereavement charity that passionately believes that **No one deserves to die alone**. We work alongside NHS hospitals to train Butterfly Volunteers, who sit with end-of-life patients in order to provide company and comfort to people in their last days and hours of life. However, due to COVID restrictions the volunteers were forced to withdraw from the hospitals, and in response to this, we decided to set up a free, **National Helpline** so that we could continue to offer comfort and support where needed.

The helpline is for anyone who is struggling to cope with a **terminal diagnosis or the imminent death of someone they care about**. Whether they are family members, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, or even a member of the care staff who may just need someone to talk to; we understand the pressures of working and caring for people who are end of life. We are fully committed to ensuring that people facing end of life and their families have access to as many layers of support as possible.

The Anne Robson Trust is funded entirely by donations from their supporters.

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which offers vital support, advice, and a 'listening ear' to those facing the end of their life, or the loss of a loved one.

We believe having somewhere to turn to can be a lifeline to many people when they need help.

| No one deserves to face dying alone |

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Exciting announcement:



Shelswell
History Festival

joins with



Artists in the
Countryside

This year the Shelswell History Festival and 'Artists in the Countryside' have agreed to join forces and run alongside, each other guaranteeing an even more exciting weekend for you and all the family!

Put it in your diary now!
Saturday 16th July / Sunday 17th July 2022

As well as the opportunity to see some fabulous art work by local artists, there will be some wonderful classic cars and tractors, local history displays, some pipers, morris dancers, some wandering players, historical re-enactment groups, a variety of food and drink outlets, and who knows what else!

If you would like to help or are interested in finding out more
please email Mike at shelswellhistory@outlook.com
or Alice Goodall at rector@shelswellparishes.info

<http://shelswellhistoryfestival.org.uk/>

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This is an excellent opportunity to play an influential role in a respected and long-standing environmental charity, applying your experience to make a real difference and to be part of a friendly group that is passionate about the Oxfordshire countryside.

Application deadline is **31 March 2022** in the first instance, but we are happy to receive expressions of interest on an ongoing basis.

For further info, please contact our Branch Secretary Dorian Grier.

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See our website for more information: www.cpreoxon.org.uk



**Finmere C of E School's Christian Values which underpin all of our learning are:
Kindness, Honesty and Perseverance.**

Generosity has meant an amazing start, to the new year, for Finmere C of E School.

First, we were delighted when Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team kindly gifted the school with 8 Microsoft touchscreen laptops. These are a fantastic resource for the children to be able to use and as you can see; they were very excited to try them out. Thank you to Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team. We are absolutely thrilled to be able to add their generous gift to our ever-expanding IT provision, which will soon also include new iPads funded by the hard work of our amazing parent's association - FoFSA!



Then it was time to say thank you to CT Plastering Services for their kind donation of A LOT of basketballs and the bags to keep them tidy, to our PE provision. The children were very excited and it didn't take long for them to try them out. Thank you again CT Plastering Services – we foresee many games of basketball happening in our future!



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and who ever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8





Finmere CofE Primary School

We have places in reception for September 2022
Please contact the school office to make an appointment
to visit our wonderful school and meet the staff and
children.

Email: office.3090@finmere.oxon.sch.uk

Phone: 01280 848459



FUN@4



Let's get ready for Mother's Day

**Join us for fun and games,
craft, tea, cake and sandwiches
and make gifts for the mother in your life!**



**Sunday 20 March
4 - 5.30pm
Stoke Lyne Church**

Shelswell Youth Group

We continue to meet twice a month on Friday evenings for fun and games. Most recently we had the Shelswell Winter Olympics with the teens going up against each other in Figure skating, Bobsleigh and Ski jumps.

We also joined the teenagers from ECB for an afternoon at Banbury Bowling which was great fun.

We have developed a new pattern of gathering joining in with the Youth from Emmanuel Church, Bicester and the Zion Way ministry. This pattern give us the opportunity to meet up each week.



1st Saturday Afternoon - Meet with ECB Youth and join in their activities.

2nd Friday evening 7pm – 9pm - Meet at Rev'd Yvonne's for fun and games.

3rd Sunday Fun@4 4pm in Stoke Lyne - Come and chat, join in craft activities and enjoy tea and cake.

4th Friday Meet at Rev'd Yvonne's for fun and games.

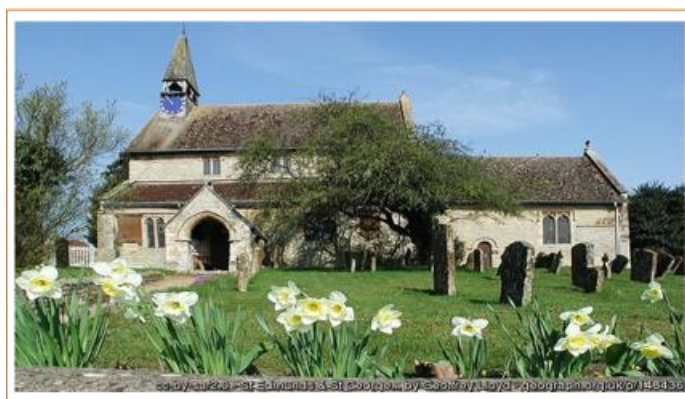
We will continue with this pattern until the end of March when it will be lighter and warmer (we hope) and then we plan to meet up on the green in Fringford for outdoor fun and games followed by refreshments either at Rev'd Yvonne or at Hall farm.

All Secondary school aged teens are most welcome. Please contact Revd Yvonne for further information.

Rev'd Yvonne Mullins

Bicester and Islip Deanery Pilgrim Paths Project

Launch event
Sunday 1st May 2022 – 2pm



You are warmly invited to the launch of Bicester and Islip Deanery's first Pilgrim Path circular walk from Hethe via Hardwick and Cottisford

Starting from St Edmund and St George, Hethe at 2pm Tea at Hethe village hall at around 4.30pm
Followed by a short service in St Edmund and St George

All welcome

For further information please contact diana.glover@btinternet.com

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. **Walking in Oxfordshire** (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE AS TECHNOLOGY PROGRESSES....

The Ultrafast Broadband rollout is progressing across the UK, and many of our villages are now really getting onto the information superhighway, with FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) connection available up to 900Mb/s.

There are some aspects of this rollout that are hidden from the general fanfare of faster speeds.

When signing up for Ultrafast, you can opt to:-

Keep your landline and number (e.g. 01869 27xxxx, 01280 84xxxx)

- a) Move the number to "Digital Voice" - the copper line is removed, and your number is ported to a VOIP service. VOIP (Voice over IP) provides the same functionality as the traditional copper wire/exchange service, but does it over your fibre only service instead.
- b) Ditch the landline and traditional number altogether, and use free inclusive calls on mobile number packages.

Keeping the landline means that as well as paying for your high-speed internet connection, you will also be paying line rental (~£17/month) and a call package to keep the old PSTN phone working over the copper lines.

You will however only be able to keep landlines going for a few more years, as the **PSTN landline service is being demised by the end of 2025.**

Property alarms and Personal/Fall alarm services (such as Lifeline and Age Co) that rely on landlines will need upgrading. Alarm Service Providers can advise.

Another drawback is that unlike a traditional landline, VOIP telephone services will stop working in a power cut.

The old landlines were powered over the copper lines from the exchange, and would continue to work when mains power was disrupted.

Digital Voice however will only work as long as there is power at the premises to keep the router and any digital (e.g. DECT) phones working.

Those with elderly or vulnerable friends and relatives will know how they often are resistant to change, and they may not understand why they have to change, what the choices are, and why the phone won't work anymore when it used to in a power cut.

They may need reassurance and advice, and that if they need to keep a lifeline open in a power cut, they may need battery backup, or UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) for the router.

These are available in various sizes, from small ones the size of a paperback to keep just the router alive (around £35), larger units which will power up to 4 devices (such as DECT phones) at 240v for up to an hour up to systems that will run Home Office systems for around an hour.

To replace a traditional landline phone, you can combine the familiar phone with mobile technology and buy a GSM desk phone which uses a SIM card and gives a usage time of 2-3 hours on battery.

There is no one solution for everyone, and I'm happy to discuss requirements and options if needed.

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Here's an article from BT describing the forthcoming demise of the old PSTN network. The UK's PSTN network will switch off in 2025

<https://business.bt.com/insights/digital-transformation/uk-pstn-switch-off/>

What's happening? We're moving all our customers from the old analogue public switched telephone network (PSTN) to a fully digital network. We've already started. We plan to have moved everyone over before Openreach stop the PSTN (and ISDN) service in 2025. By then, every phone line in the UK will be digital, routing calls over IP (Internet Protocol) rather than the traditional PSTN.

BEWARE FLYTIPPING/Litter/Dog Fouling

Can you help? YES Without putting yourself at risk.

- If you see fly tipping taking place, please take the vehicle make and number plate details date and time
- Do not drop litter yourself and place in appropriate bins.
- Take a bag with you and a picker-up and collect rubbish when on walks.
- Encourage others to do the same
- Most dog owners clean up after their pets, CDC provide bags and bins. Public footpaths in fields are often where cattle/sheep/horses graze – would you like your animals eating faeces or children running and falling into the mess? Amenity areas, sports fields etc. should be kept clean.
- ALL dog walkers should clean up, whether on a field path or village street. and put in dog bins. Please report those who do not to the Dog Warden so they can be educated.
- **Cherwell District Council webpage has forms to complete so reports can be made quickly by computer or their telephone number 01295 277 001 (office hours)**

Club news

**Due to the current Coronavirus protective restrictions many events are cancelled for the time being:
Please watch this space.**

KNIT FOR PEACE



The photo shows a very small selection of the items knitted for knit for peace. The charity would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made a contribution. The amount of knitting that Marion passed on was fantastic.

Any further contributions to be left at 2 Church Close, Fringford. Please ring Marion Crowther on 01869 277404 prior to dropping anything off.



SHELSWELL WALKERS

Please also see John Harris' article re Walking In Oxfordshire.

Please contact the walking group direct for next venue. New walkers are welcome, just turn up. Dogs must be on leads. Tea or coffee after.



SHELSWELL GARDEN CLUB



Michael Holland was our speaker on February 8th. His talk was entitled '**5 Plants that Changed the World**'. Michael trained as an Ecologist and started his career at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London, latterly as Head of Education for over 17 years. He has taught tens of thousands of people, aged 2 to 92, about the natural world. His first book, 'I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast' was published in April 2020 providing an inspiring introduction to the wonderful world of plants and how they are relevant to our lives.

His illustrated talk focused on just a few of the hundreds of worthy candidates for the auspicious title of 'World Changing'. Michael chose species which have benefited humankind from prehistory and into the future and without which our planet would not be the same.

The five plants he chose were: blue green algae-a living fossil from which land plants evolved, the opium poppy which has medicinal properties, the pea which was used by Mendel to discover genetics, maize - a valuable source of sugars and used extensively in food and more recently bio-degradable products and nutmeg and other herbs and spices- used in medicines, flavourings, dyes and for trade.

Our next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 in Hethe Village Hall. Our speaker is Andrew Woodall , the Head Gardener from Broughton Grange.



SHELSWELL WI
 If you're going to join, then join in - a warm welcome
 awaits.



Come and join us on Thursday, March 3rd, at 7.30pm in Fringford Village Hall for Shelswell WI's Annual General Meeting. We shall have an overall update from Beryl Mann, our WI Adviser, on Denman and the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Beryl is also the President of Langford Village WI. Three of the present committee are standing down after serving two years and we will have three new committee members to join the team. There will be time for a catch up with others over tea and cake.

February's meeting was very well attended once more, with twenty two members and two guests. Alistair Lack gave an interesting talk on his time with the BBC World Service, the many famous people he met over the years, including Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan and both the Presidents Bush.

April 7th A talk by Oxford based Crime writer Peter 'Tickler', 'Blood on the Key Board'.

May 5th Fringford History Walk

June 9th Garden Party to Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Anniversary.

The members continue to meet up for coffee, when able. Two walks have taken place so far this year. Graven Hill and The Elmsbrook Eco Town are both quite amazing with many homes being built in different styles. The new homes have open green spaces, play areas, walking and cycle paths.

The benefits of being a member of Shelswell WI:- we are part of a national membership organisation, receiving the monthly newsletter and Oxfordshire Inspires magazine and the bi-monthly WI Life magazine. Also, to attend group meetings, access the 'my WI' website, make new friends, gain knowledge, take part in new activities, as well as campaigning, and access to the Shelswell coffee club and Facebook page. And to take part in the monthly walks.

For more information on Shelswell WI, please contact President Elaine Whittaker 07917 453224 or Nicky Lane 07814 796171.

SHELSWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

We chose to study a group of poems about early spring at our February meeting for two reasons: with global warming, spring seems to start earlier every year, and in February, looking ahead to what we traditionally think of as spring gives hope and cheer in what can be a treacherous month.

The traditional rhyme 'If Candlemas be fair and bright' sums up old beliefs about the weather which can prove to be surprisingly accurate.

John Clare's 'Early Spring' is a lengthy description of how February can promise spring, only to then revert to winter and his 'Young Lambs' describes the signs of spring as experienced by sheep. 'Last Snow' by Andrew Young and 'Early Spring' by Rainer Maria Rilke both describe the transition between winter and spring and Wordsworth, in 'Lines Written in Early Spring', contrasts man and nature.

'Snowdrop' by Ted Hughes, 'The Snowdrop' by Anna Laetitia Barbauld and Louise Gluck's 'Snowdrops' all describe one of the earliest flowers to bloom in our gardens and a reminder that Snowdrop Sundays are held by churches across the country in February.

Rudyard Kipling's 'Harp Song of the Dane Women' is a haunting lament of women who watch their menfolk set off a-viking as spring arrives.

Frogs and their frogspawn feature in Seamus Heaney's 'Death of a Naturalist' in a dark and threatening way. By way of contrast, light relief is provided by W.S. Gilbert's 'The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring', from his collaboration with Arthur Sullivan in the comic opera 'The Mikado'.

Thomas Hardy, in 'A Backward Spring' records how cold and gloom are replaced by the earliest flowers, year after year, and Ted Hughes, in his 'Spring Nature Notes' creates a realistic blend of hope, excitement and lingering winter threats. Of all the poets we chose, A E Houseman, author of 'A Shropshire Lad', is the one who sounds his characteristic note of unrequited human love and impending disillusion in his poem 'Spring Morning'.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March, at 10.30 am, and the theme will be The Moon. If you would like to join us, contact me on 01869 811994 or at judith.harvey@live.co.uk
Judith Harvey

SHELLOWELL READING GROUP

Andy Weir's Sci-Fi novel 'The Martian' was discussed at the group's February meeting. The book is set in the future, when travel to Mars may be viable, and details the trials, tribulations and resourcefulness of a crew member accidentally left behind when the mission to the 'red planet' has to abort. It is full of scientific detail, challenging to some readers, but enjoyed by others. It is also an exploration of human nature in desperate straits. It is interesting to compare it with the film made of the novel.

Books read individually over the last month, and recommended are :

Gun Love by Jennifer Clements

On the Beach by Nevil Shute

Restoration by Rose Tremain

The Boy from Aleppo who Painted the War by Sumia Sukkar

Rush On by Shirley Bennett

Bell in the Lakes by Lars Mytting

Crossing to Safety by Lars Stegner

The Outsider by Albert Camus

Our next meeting is on Monday March 7th at 7.30, and the book chosen for discussion is 'We Are Not Them', by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza.

If you would like to join us, please contact Jane Birnage on 01280 847455 or at janebirnage@icloud.com

Can you write an article or have any ideas for an article on the local area, hobby, activity, changes in lifestyle or ????

Please do not be shy – contact me if you have ideas?

Editor: rosemary.farmery@btinternet.com

Shelswell by the Sea 'Winter Quiz' Answers

1. "Now is the winter of our discontent," is the opening line from the William Shakespeare play, **Richard III**
2. The Winter Palace can be visited in which city? c. **Saint Petersburg**
3. Which fruit has a variety called 'Winter Banana'? a. **Apple**
4. Which country has won the most medals throughout Winter Olympic history? b. **Norway**
5. 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents!' is the opening line of which novel? a. **Little Women**
6. In fiction, where is the land of talking animals and mythical creatures that one White Witch has ruled for 100 years of deep winter? **Narnia** (in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*)
7. The Winter of Discontent was a winter in the UK of strikes by public sector trade unions demanding larger pay rises; who was Prime Minister at the time? **James Callaghan**
8. 'A Winter's Tale' is a song that reached number 2 in the UK singles chart in January 1983 for **David Essex**
9. Chionophobia is the extreme dislike or fear of what? a. **Snow**
10. Which Christmas carol is based on a poem by English poet Christina Rossetti? **In the Bleak Midwinter**
11. The eruption of which country's Mount Tambora volcano in April 1815 created a 'Year without Summer' in the Northern Hemisphere? a. **Indonesia**
12. Name the three British mammals that hibernate through winter? **Hedgehog, dormouse, bat**
13. Why do we put salt on icy roads in the winter? b. **Salt can reduce the freezing point of water**
14. In the winter of 1620 when the River Thames in London became frozen, a fair was held on the water. What was its name? c. **Frost Fair**
15. Where do slugs go during the winter when the temperature goes below the freezing? a. **Underground**
16. Which type of bird turns its brown features into white in the winter? c. **Ptarmigan**
17. Chilblains are the same as frostbite. **False** (They're a different kind of cold injury, brought on by non-freezing temperatures.)
18. How much money can a policeman find a driver for driving a car with snow on the roof in the United Kingdom? b. **£60**
19. "People do not notice whether it is winter or summer when they are happy." Which famous writer said that? c. **Anton Chekhov**
20. What does a chinook mean? a. **A type of winter wind**

REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

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COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Snowdrop Sunday, on the 13th February was a great success, in spite of the pouring rain. Lots of people from Cottisford and other parishes turned up, refusing to let the weather put them off. The profits of £330 were divided between The Friends of Cottisford Church, the PCC and the Cottisford and Juniper Hill Social Committee. It was good to feel that traditional events are re-establishing themselves after the Covid-occasioned layoff.

Finmere St Michael and All Angels

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Village Hall



The surveyors appointed (at the insistence of the insurance company) are shortly due to appoint the contractors that will carry out the renovation following the arson attack related damage, and with a bit of luck, the hall will be back in service by late spring.

Allotments

The Poor's Plot currently has a small waiting list for allotment plots in the village. There is a possibility that a few plots may become available shortly, so any aspiring allotment users should visit www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot



Floral arrangements

I was very pleased to hear the article on the World at One regarding the proposed ban on imported flowers and floral foam in funeral flowers and arrangements, in the Church of England.

With Spring nearly upon us, please think about our planet and how we can all be more sustainable with the flowers we use and how we arrange them. Even now, at the end of February and beginning of March, Mother Nature is providing all sorts of interesting material. Ok so it is not the big blowsy blooms which are so readily available in the supermarkets, but the seasonal and often unusual 'greenery' in so many shades, together with the sparks of interest of grasses and budding twigs. Hazel stems adorned with catkins, forsythia budding branches, Horse-Chestnut 'sticky buds', ferns, dried grasses, honesty, dried hydrangea heads, Sarcococca (Christmas Box), rosemary, hellebore, Lonicera fragrantissima (winter honeysuckle), to name just a few.

Flowers and all things floral have always been my passion and I would urge everyone to help our planet by using local and buying British.

As for floral foam, the Archdeacon of Sunderland called the topic "interesting" and one that has not yet been considered on a national level, as individual parishes set policy. However, he said there was mounting popularity for churches to source alternatives to floral foam. I could not agree more.

Buzzy Lepper

Need some local help

<http://www.shelswellparishes.info/documents/corona/communitynetworks.pdf>

Village facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

Shelswell Parishes website at – www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere

Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Finmere Primary School - www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

Services and Events

- Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday – 12 noon Holy Communion and Soup Lunch in Stratton Audley Church. 7.30pm Evening Communion in Finmere Church.
- Sunday 6th March – 10.45 Morning Service
- Sunday 13th March – 6.00pm Evening Communion. Preacher – John Alderdice
- Sunday 20th March – 10.45 Holy Communion

Thursday 10th March – Lent Lectures start at Stoke Lyne Church. 7.00pm meal, 7.30pm
For details see the 'General Section'

Saturday 26th March – Dads and Children come to Fringford Church any time from
10.00am to 12 noon to make a gift to give to Mum the next day, 27th March, which is Mothering
Sunday. All materials, and instructions, FREE.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Carol Reader either on email: carol.reader@btinternet.com or by telephone: 01869 277057. A stem will cost £5. The lilies will be on display in church over the Easter season.

Fringford Church 100 Club

The winners of the January draw were Judi Old £51; Sandra Meaney £31; and John Alderdice £20. You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register your involvement **ASAP, on 07867 515207.**

Fringford Beer Festival in 2022

Looking ahead, the Church Restoration Fund-raising Committee is busy making plans for the Beer Festival. All being well, this will take place on **18 June** on the cricket field next to the Butcher's Arms.

- If you would like to sponsor a barrel, cost £100, please contact Simon Knight on 07598 104444.
- If you can help in some way – put up tents in advance, serve on the bar, help prepare the site on the day, clear up afterwards – contact Penny Wood on 277310.

Colin Tilley will be running a Book Stall again in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you have books to donate, Colin can store them (and collect them if that helps). Please message him, on 07966 275763, to arrange a time when you can drop off your books, or when he could pick them up from you.

Little Lambs Babies & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time in Stratton Audley Church, from 10.00 to 11.30am.

[Not during holidays and half term.] Just come along, but if you need information in the meantime, email admin@shelswellparishes.info

SUPPORT DURING THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS, AND AFTERWARDS

Support is always available from the **Fringford Friends, Neighbourhood Support Group** :

- Telephone: 07704 756840
- Email neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info

To join Fringford's **What's App Group** ring or email Christine Underwood: 07961 972388 or christine@avalon23.plus.com

FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning will be on Monday 21st March 10.30am to 12 noon. Now meeting in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Do drop in. [The March Fringford Church 100 Club draw will take place that morning
Penny Wood

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THE BUTCHER'S ARMS

To find out the latest news at the Butcher's Arms contact Simon via email: syeborg2009@yahoo.co.uk or mobile; 07850 415189. Alternatively, contact Stuart on 07952 445468.

COME & JOIN US AT SEWCIAL



We enjoy any type of craft and a natter getting together to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Some of us knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew or create craft albums.

We get together once a month either on a Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon. Our next sessions are

Wednesday 16 March at 7pm

Sunday 10 April at 3pm

Sessions are **£2.00**

Chinnery Room at Fringford Village Hall.

No need to book – just come and join us!

If you would like information, please email Melissa at mamcs100@gmail.com

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HARDWICK CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY

St Mary's Church, Hardwick is open for private prayer and reflection every day between 10 am until 4 pm.
 Please visit this charming building.

Hethe St Edmund and St George

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If you have any news or a local event to publicise, please send the details to me, where possible with a photo, and if suitable I will add them to next month's news and include them on the village web site. The deadline for this publication is on Page 2.

The village web site contains up to date information affecting the village - planning applications, agreed PCC minutes and notices of meetings, HS2 and other road works and much more.

Many thanks, Mike.

ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH

Church Services and Events



The church is open every day for visitors and private prayer. Please take care, think of others and continue to follow any guidance on how to safely access and use the church.

Our services this month are on Sunday the 13th, starting at 9.15am, and Sunday the 27th, starting at 8.00am. The latter is also Mothering Sunday when "there will be a table outside the church with potted Spring bulbs to take away and give to your own special person(s) with love on this special day."

Thank you to everyone who came to our first lay led service in February. The next will be on 24th April, starting at 9.30am and followed by refreshments.

Hethe Community Coffee Morning in the Village Hall



Monday 14th March 10am - 12 noon

Friends, neighbours, dog walkers, pram pushers: an opportunity to meet during the daytime – there's great cake too!

Eco Church



We have won a bronze award for our efforts towards caring for the natural environment in and around the church. Eco Church is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. All diocese in the country are registered under this scheme.

The PCC are now looking at what we can do next to improve biodiversity in the churchyard and in so doing encourage wildlife. If you would like to be involved in any way in how the church and village can help to alleviate the effects of climate change, please let us know – hethenews@outlook.com.

Church Giving

If you wish to contribute to the running costs of the church, please see the village web site, use one of the QR Codes below or contact hethepccsecretary@outlook.com.



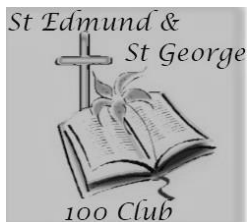
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100 Club Results



The 38th draw - results next month.

There are still plenty of numbers if you wish to join! Please contact Mike or one of the other PCC members for an application form. The form and full details of the scheme are on the village website.

Church Cleaning and Flowers

Thank you to Linda Cotton for volunteering to clean the church and provide the church flowers this month.

Looking ahead....

Thankyou Tea Sunday 3rd April at 3.30pm

Afternoon tea in the village hall to say thank you to the supporters of the church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Wednesday 27th April

A joint meeting with other parishes in the benefice.

The venue is Stratton Audley Church, start time 7.30pm.

Pilgrims Paths Sunday 1st May

Pilgrim Paths is a series of walks around the villages of the Bicester and Islip Deanery, linking groups of two, three or four churches. This is due to be launched on 1st May starting at our church. Watch out for details in future news.

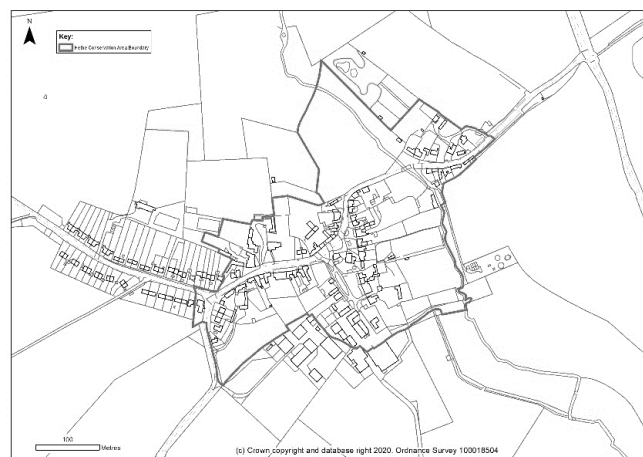
HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The Conservation Area

The revision of Hethe Conservation Area by Cherwell District Council is now complete.

Villagers had the opportunity in 2018 to view and comment on the planned changes and these have been taken into consideration. The delay in issuing the revisions has been due to “a reprioritisation of resources during the Covid 19 pandemic”.

There are some significant changes to the boundary and the conditions - please see the full report via our web site.



Parish Council

Chris Sharpe has retired from the Parish Council. We are all thankful to Chris for his work as a Parish Councillor and Chair to the Council. The Council may choose to fill the vacancy for the period until the next election on 5th May.

Village Hall

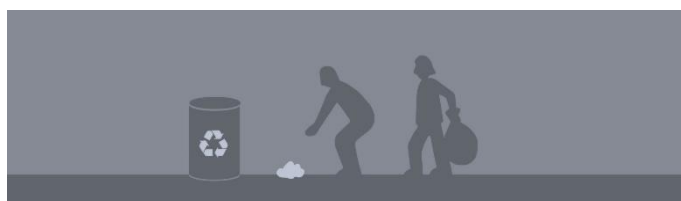
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Hethe Lending Library

Thank you to everyone who has given books, puzzles and CDs and thanks to Flora for reorganising and professionally displaying them all in the church. A wonderful opportunity to browse and borrow!

Litter - a problem



A timely reminder to please put litter in the appropriate bins. One villager recently picked up at least two carrier bags of plastic bottles and other recyclable stuff for two consecutive days near the village hall and bottle bank. It filled her recycle bin. I am sure that other residents in Hethe also do their bit in collecting crisp packets, etc.

We know that people from outside the village use the area. If you see evidence of fly-tipping, please report it to Cherwell District Council - <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/7/environment/374/fly-tipping>. Any rural crimes should be reported to Thames Valley Police by calling 101 or on-line <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>.

Finally, please use the bins provided for dog waste - not the open litter bins.

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Church Services

Services will be on the third Sunday in the month at 9.15am.

Mixbury Church flower Rota 2022

March

Emma Bray

April

Easter 17th April – Everyone

May

Barbara Mortimer

It's Spring Time



The Snowdrop by Alfred Lord Tennyson

*Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid,
Ever as of old time,
Solitary firstlings
Coming in the cold time,
Prophet of the gay time,
Prophet of the May time,
Prophet of the roses,
Many, many welcomes,
February fair maid.*

Garden Waste Collections are Changing

Between September 2021 and January 2022 Cherwell District Council will be delivering a free 23 litre silver outdoor caddy to all households in the district. They will let us know when to expect our caddy delivery by putting a bin hanger on one of our bins a week before delivery. Once received, please start to use your caddy for food waste instead of the brown bin. They will also supply a roll of compostable caddy liners to help us get started. The food waste caddy will be collected weekly.

From 1st March 2022 garden waste collections will change to a paid-for opt-in service at a cost of £40 per year. We will be able to sign up from December 2021 and those registering before 1st February 2022 will be charged a reduced rate of £36. From March please do not put food waste in your brown garden waste bin, use your outdoor food waste caddy. Further information can be found on the Cherwell District Council recycling website along with a bin collection calendar.

Mixbury Pop Up Pub Nights

The Mixbury Pop Up Pub has been a tradition in the village for many years now and is a lovely way to socialise and make friends. The hosts provide the venue, glasses and a few nibbles and the guests arrive with their own drinks. Here are the planned dates for the year.

1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July
5th August
2th September
7th October
4th November
2nd December

If you are interested in hosting a pub night please contact Tanya – email: markandtanya@yahoo.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th May 2022 – Local Elections

Saturday 5th June 2022 – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Mixbury

All Our Yesterdays – A presentation about HS2's archaeology investigations in Mixbury

Thanks from Mixbury History Group to the 25 or so people who came along to All Saints church, on January 19th. Iain Williamson, who joined Fusion (HS2's "enabling" arm) just over a year ago, gave a talk (with slides) about the geophysical surveys and trial trench evaluations their archaeologists had done in the last 5 years, on the track alignment between the A422 in the north and the A421 in the south, which at this point is mostly through Mixbury. We should bear in mind that the area they investigated was a relatively narrow strip of land, much of which had previously been disturbed when the Great Central railway was built in the 19th century.

The geophysics to the east of Mixbury found no definite archaeological features, although the trial trenching in the same areas confirmed a low density of dispersed archaeological remains. It was not possible to date many of the features, but Iron Age (about 750 BC to 43 AD) and Romano-British (43 AD to 410 AD) pottery was discovered in the field north of Mossy Corner. These dates do not surprise us: our own research has come across 14 sites spread throughout the parish which have been identified as Iron Age or Romano-British from cropmarks or pottery sherds. And our working hypothesis is that the site of Beaumont Castle was once an Iron Age Hillfort, subsequently used by the Romans.

Further information came from Iain about the area as a whole, in particular Widmore Farm, just off the A421 to the east of the parish; and Grovehill Farm/Oatleys farm across the border into Westbury. At Widmore the site had been investigated by archaeologists some time before HS2, but the HS2's archaeologists were able to better define the extent of late prehistoric (before the Romans) remains which were there.

Iain showed diagrams of where 4 Iron Age round houses had been located, together with associated features such as an enclosure and a cooking pit or oven; and some photographs of the elusive post holes which had held the wooden posts on which the round houses were built.

At Grovehill Farm trial trenching uncovered a number of furrows and post-medieval field boundaries, but the most exciting find was an alignment of 100 pre-historic pits, measuring 253 metres in length. Most pits were about one metre wide and one metre deep, mainly round or oval in shape. Pottery recovered in the area dated from the Late Bronze Age (about 1200 BC) to the Early Iron Age (about 750 BC). At Oatley's Farm a shorter alignment of pits was found, at 90 degrees to those at Grovehill. Individual pits of this nature near to dwellings would often have been used for storing food, but pit alignments on the scale of those found here are thought to be linear boundaries of some sort.

Although we would all have preferred not to have had HS2 at all, the archaeology reported above has helped further to set Mixbury in time and history

Bruce Epps

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Just a quick note to say SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday 5th June Mixbury will join in the fun to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be new village bunting to make, music, dancing, children's competitions and much much more! More details to follow.

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Services -

Sunday 6th March at 9.15 a.m. - Holy Communion

Churchyard Clear Up -

Please try to come along to help us with our Churchyard Spring Clear up on **Saturday 5th March. 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.** All welcome and 'many hands make light work'!

Bonus Ball Lotto -

Our recent lucky winner was Fay Harris.

For just £1 each week you too could have the chance of a weekly cash prize and help us maintain our very special church. For details please contact Ann von Maltzahn.

A Date for Your Diary – Easter Sunday this year falls on **Sunday 17th April** and our service will be at **10.45 a.m.** followed by refreshments, 'Buck's Fizz' and a special Easter Raffle.

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Flower Duty for March

Jane Webb

Stoke Lyne 100 Club – February Results

1st Prize	No 2	Mrs D Read	£36.50
2nd Prize	No 54	H Poole	£21.90
3rd Prize	No 57	Bob Wheatcroft	£14.60

We have now completed a year of the 100 club and a total of £696.25 has been awarded in prize money throughout the year. Thank you all so much for your support. It would be great to attract more members so that the prize money may be increased so please spread the word to your neighbours.

Thanks again and best of luck next month.

Janey Poole Treasurer

St Peter's Church PCC

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Shelswell Benefice Monthly Communion and Soup Lunch – 3rd February

Yvonne led the service and talked about how to feel inspired and about helping others who are sometimes in a difficult situation and don't want to talk about it.

We then enjoyed a lovely lunch of soup followed by pudding tea/coffee.

Food for thought Sunday – 6th February

We gathered to enjoy delicious croissants and celebrated an 80th birthday too. Happy birthday again Peter!

We talked about our calling - a general calling or a specific one - and the difficulties we sometimes experience in following them.

Our next Food for Thought service will be on Sunday 6th March at 10am, please come along.

Kelly Holden-White

Spring has arrived in the Churchyard

There are carpets of snowdrops and a few daffodils out, the wonderful show of daffodils will soon be out round the Church wall, and down past the Peyton Arms both sides of the road.

St. Peter's Church and Churchyard spring clean
Saturday 5th March from 11.30am, with bacon
sandwiches included!
Many hands make light work...
Please come along to give our beautiful Church and
Churchyard a spring clean.

Stoke Lyne W.I. – Thursday, 10th February

We met at Hethe Village hall at 1.00. Rena, the President, welcomed all to the meeting and we also had one guest, we started the meeting with Jerusalem.

Then Bronwyn Morgan our speaker was introduced who was going to talk about chair Yoga and how it helps you to relax if you are stressed or worried and also to sleep better. Bronwyn then proceeded with showing us how to breathe properly so that you expand your lungs correctly, then went on getting us to do the stretching exercises while sitting in a chair that make your muscles stronger, everyone joined in and said how it made them feel better. Bronwyn gave us a little bit of history about how she turned to Yoga and became a YOGI to teach professionally.

We then went on to discuss the business and future events coming up. Tea was then served by tea hostesses Celia and Anne. The competition was a Valentine card and was won by Celia.

The raffle was won by Beryl. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Stoke Lyne W.I. meet on the second Thursday of the month at Hethe Village Hall at 1.00 pm. For the March meeting the speaker will be giving a talk on computer safety. All visitors welcome.

A Look at Baynard's Green

The area of Stoke Lyne parish known today as Baynard's Green has probably featured quite a lot in recent village conversations, the reasons for which I won't go into here. These days we perhaps mostly associate the name with the extremely busy roundabout where the B4100 and the A43 cross each other but it has an interesting history. When I first read that Baynard's Green/Bayard's Green ("bayard" meaning "horse") was so called because tournaments used to be held there I pictured the area as a large manicured village green or jousting ground rather like that at Dartington Hall in Devon, but in reality Baynard's Green was much larger. On the Davis map of the Ploughley Hundred published in 1797 one can see that Baynard's Green occupied quite a sizeable expanse to the north west of Stoke Lyne but it appears that the name originally referred to land stretching all the way to Brackley.



The full extent of the Green is revealed in accounts of troop movements during the English Civil War. Richard Symonds wrote the following in his *"Diary of the marches of the Royal army during the great civil war"*:

"The King and the army marched from Buckingham to Brackley. His majestie lay there that night. Before you come to Brackley, is a large greene or downe called Bayards Greene, where often is horse-racing, six myle long."

Alfred Beesley in his *History of Banbury* quotes from the postscript to a 1645 letter Sir Samuel Luke wrote dated “Newport June 6th”:

“A country neighbour sent mee word that the King’s Engineers wth 100 horse were all yesterday upon Bayards Greene and about Brackley viewing the ground wth must needs bee eyther for an intrenchment or a fight”.

“The History and Antiquities of the County of Northampton” by George Baker published in 1822 refers to Brackley’s tournament ground as “Bayard’s Green” and connects it with the village of Evenley.

“The scene of the tournaments was Bayard’s green, corruptly called Bear’s green, an elevated spot of table land on the south bank of the Ouse, near the mill in the parish of Evenley. It retained its name, which is synonymous with Horses’ green, within memory, and was not improbably so denominated from these exhibitions of military horsemanship”.

The website “Survey of English Place Names” similarly links the name Baynard’s Green with Evenley and states that:

“The Northamptonshire place is not marked on the O.S. maps, but the Vicar of Evenley informs us that a field called Bayard’s Green is shown on a map of 1780, lying along the north boundaries of Cottisford and Mixbury, and the Victoria County History places it (“now known as Bear’s Green”) where the Bicester and Banbury roads divide.”

It would therefore appear that the Green was so large in former times that it that it gave rise to place/field names at both its eastern and western ends.

It had not hitherto occurred to me that the word “Bear” could be a corruption of “Bayard” but now I wonder if the name of the now defunct pub “The Bear” on the B4100 above Souldern at the uppermost corner of Baynard’s Green on the 1797 Davis map has the same derivation? Interestingly back in 1798 “The Bear” was described as being located at “Baynard’s Green” rather than Souldern or Fritwell:

Oxford Journal, 22nd December 1798

UNDERWOOD.

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On Saturday next the 29th Day of December, 1798, at Mr. Williams’s, the Sign of the Bear, on Baynard’s Green, in the County of Oxford, - Twenty-eight Lots of fine UNDERWOOD, standing in the Great Wood at Stoke Lyne, near Baynard’s Green aforesaid, under the usual Conditions of Sale, which will begin at Eleven o’Clock in the Forenoon. – Samuel Bonner, of Ardley, the Woodman, will shew the Lots.

However, the name “The Bear” more usually refers to the cruel and now illegal sport of bear-baiting or derives from a detail on a local landowner’s coat of arms.

What do we know about the tournaments which occurred at Baynard’s Green? The Bicester Herald of 7th February 1879 published a feature on Stoke Lyne entitled “*Papers on the Bicester Poor Law Union (No 46) Stoke Lyne*” which contains the following extract:

It was memorable in ages bygone for splendid gatherings. On the high table-land known as Baynard’s or Bayard’s Green, that is Horse Green, “England’s stout Lord, the lion-hearted King” Richard, the first of his name, had in 1194, one of his grand tournaments; one is also recorded in the 33rd of Henry III, 1249. The custom of these tilting games or feats-at-arms, was brought into England by King Stephen, and, by his martial people, managed with much spirit, and much blood. These, of which the gathering at Baynard’s Green was one, appear to be the first that were publicly authorized. The occasion of them was pretended to be to make English subjects more expert in arms, and that they might not be insulted over by the French, who, in such feats, did much excel them. But, says Kennett, one more ingenious reason was, no doubt, to increase the royal revenue, the following rates being imposed – An Earl, for license of tilting, twenty marks of silver; a Baron, ten marks; every Knight, possessed of land, four marks; a Knight, who had no land, two marks, &c. The mischief of these sports became so great, that three Popes, and two English Monarchs fulminated edicts for their suppression, the last of whom, Edward the Third, succeeded in finally putting them down

(NB. The Kennett referred to in the text above must be the bishop and antiquarian White Kennett, 1660-1728)

Baynard's Green/the Brackley tournament ground also was a key location in the run up to the signing of the Magna Carta. The disgruntled barons together with a large body of men on foot and horseback had marched to the tournament ground at Northampton to meet King John but he didn't turn up so they continued on to the Brackley tournament ground where they met the King's representatives. The website of the "*Northamptonshire Battlefields Society*" claims that there "*The barons send John a list of demands which becomes the basis of the Magna Carta*".

Of the races George Baker writes in 1822 in his "*The History and Antiquities of the County of Northampton*

"The following agreement for a match between two gentlemen of the same family is dated 13 July 1612: 'It is agreed on between Henry Throgm'ton (Throgmorton) and Thomas Thogm'ton, the daye and yeare above written, that the above named are to meete together the Twesday after Michelmas next at Brackley Cwoorse, and thether to bringe a graye mare and a gray shorne mane nadgge, and each of them to ridde the same course upon equal wate in there one parsones, for x quarter of oates'. (Signed) 'Henry Throckm'ton, Thomas Throckmorton.' The friend who furnished me with this curious notice pertinently remarks that 'there is something appropriate and characteristic in riding a horse race for ten quarters of oats, and if the horses themselves could have been conscious of the nature of the prize it would certainly have rendered whip and spur unnecessary.'"

Today the dualled A43 makes an impenetrable barrier for pedestrians wishing to walk between the modern Baynard's Green and our village centre but in days gone by people such as lacemaker Mary Ann Hickman would walk from her home there to church on a Sunday. In the 1890s/1900s Thomas May lived and farmed at Baynard's Green and was Rural District Councillor for Stoke Lyne. Two of his sons, Howard Stanley May and William Clarence May are commemorated on the WW1 memorial plaque in our church as is William Mervyn Golder, who was one of Mr May's employees.

Brenda Hazel



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Queens Platinum Jubilee – Save the date

A community wide street party will be held to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. National celebrations will take place from 2-5th June 2022 and we have pencilled in **Sunday 5th June** as our day of celebration. If you want to help or join the committee please let John Honsinger know.

Stratton Audley 100 club

The draw takes place at coffee morning in the Red Lion on the first Wednesday in the month, results are posted on the village, pub and Church noticeboards and are published in the Shelswell News and the village newsletter. If you missed your collector and wish to join the “club” please get in touch with Maggie and, if you wish to know your allocated number please ask your collector. Good luck to you all.

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners in the 100 Club draw for the month of February 2022 are:

£30	Mhairi Smith (87)
£20	Davies family (121)
£10	John James (126)
£10	Hook family (111)

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Conservation Area Review

Some of you may remember that a consultation and review of our Conservation Area was undertaken in Autumn 2018 and by now you will have received a letter from CDC advising that the report has finally been adopted and published.

The public consultation on the document was undertaken from 9th April 2019 to 17th May 2019 and the responses and comments received were subsequently taken into account when the Conservation Area boundary and the appraisal document were finalised. The final document can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/directory/34/conservation-area-appraisals>. Hard copies of the document can be viewed at Bodicote House as well as Banbury and Bicester Libraries

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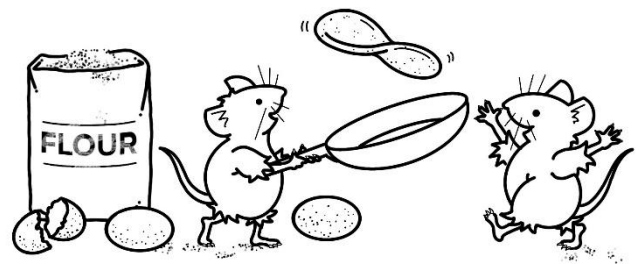
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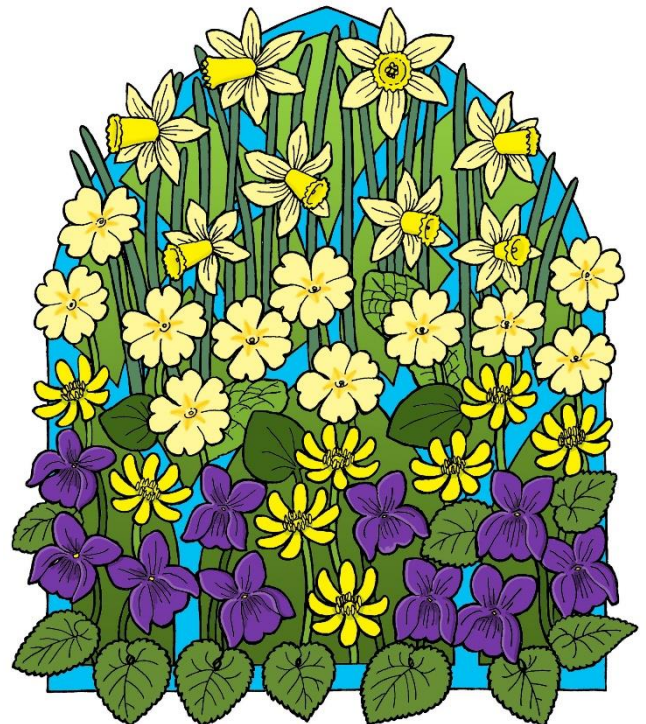
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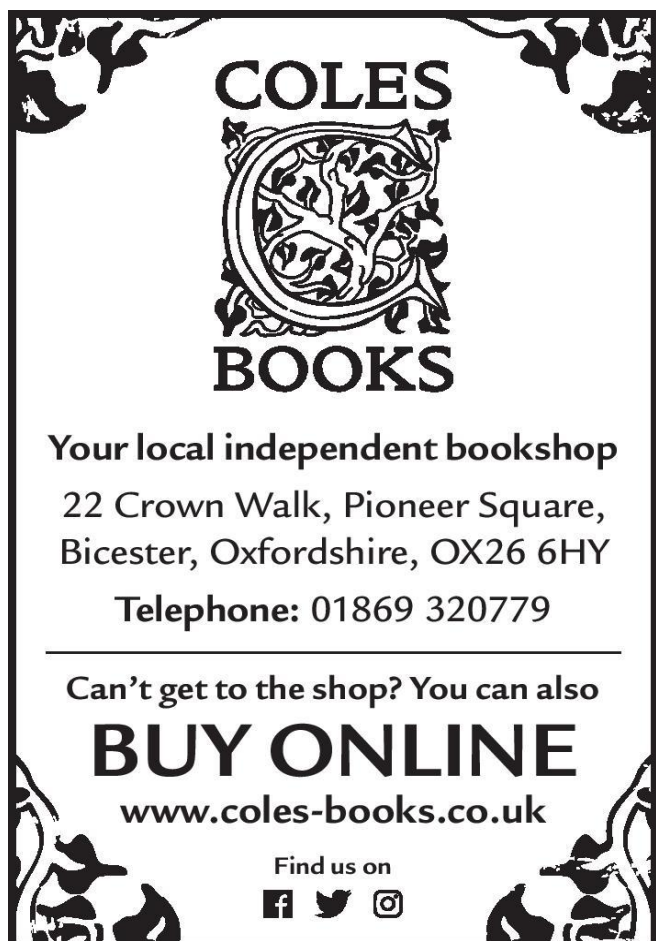
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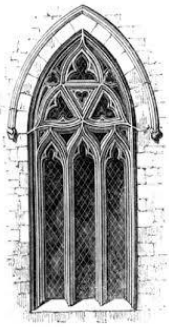
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| DATE                                                                                                                                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>Ash Wednesday                         | 6 <sup>th</sup> March<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                                                   | 13 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> March<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                           | 27 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Mothering Sunday                                                                                       |
| ALTAR                                                                                                                                                  | Purple                                                         | Purple                                                                                                                                    | Purple                                                                                                                | Purple                                                                                                             | Purple                                                                                                                           |
| 8.00 am                                                                                                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    | Holy Communion<br>(BCP)<br>HETHE<br>YM                                                                                           |
| 9.15 am                                                                                                                                                |                                                                | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HARDWICK<br>YM<br><br>9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL<br>AG | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>AG/John Alderdice                                                       | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>YM                                                                 | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>AG<br><br>Mixbury Half Hour<br>PW<br><br>Morning Prayer<br>FINMERE<br>YM |
| 10.45 am                                                                                                                                               | 12 noon<br>Holy Communion<br>and Soup Lunch<br>STRATTON AUDLEY | 10am<br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led<br><br>10.45am<br>Morning Service<br>FRINGFORD<br>PW                                  | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>COTTISFORD<br>YM<br><br>Morning Service<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>LW/John Alderdice | 10.45am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FRINGFORD<br>AG/PW<br><br>4pm<br>'Fun at Four'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>YM | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW) for<br>Mothering Sunday<br>STOKE LYNE<br>LW                                                    |
| 6.00 pm                                                                                                                                                | 7.30pm<br>Holy Communion<br>FINMERE                            | Compline<br>GODINGTON<br>AG                                                                                                               | Evening Communion<br>FRINGFORD<br>YM/John Alderdice                                                                   |                                                                                                                    | Evensong with the Shelswell<br>Group Choir<br>HARDWICK<br>PW                                                                     |
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