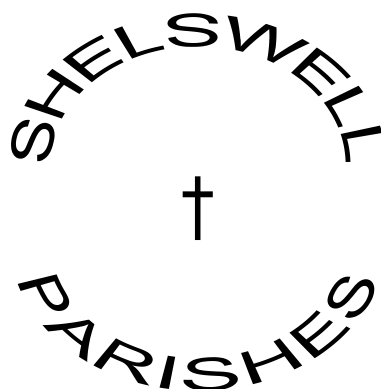


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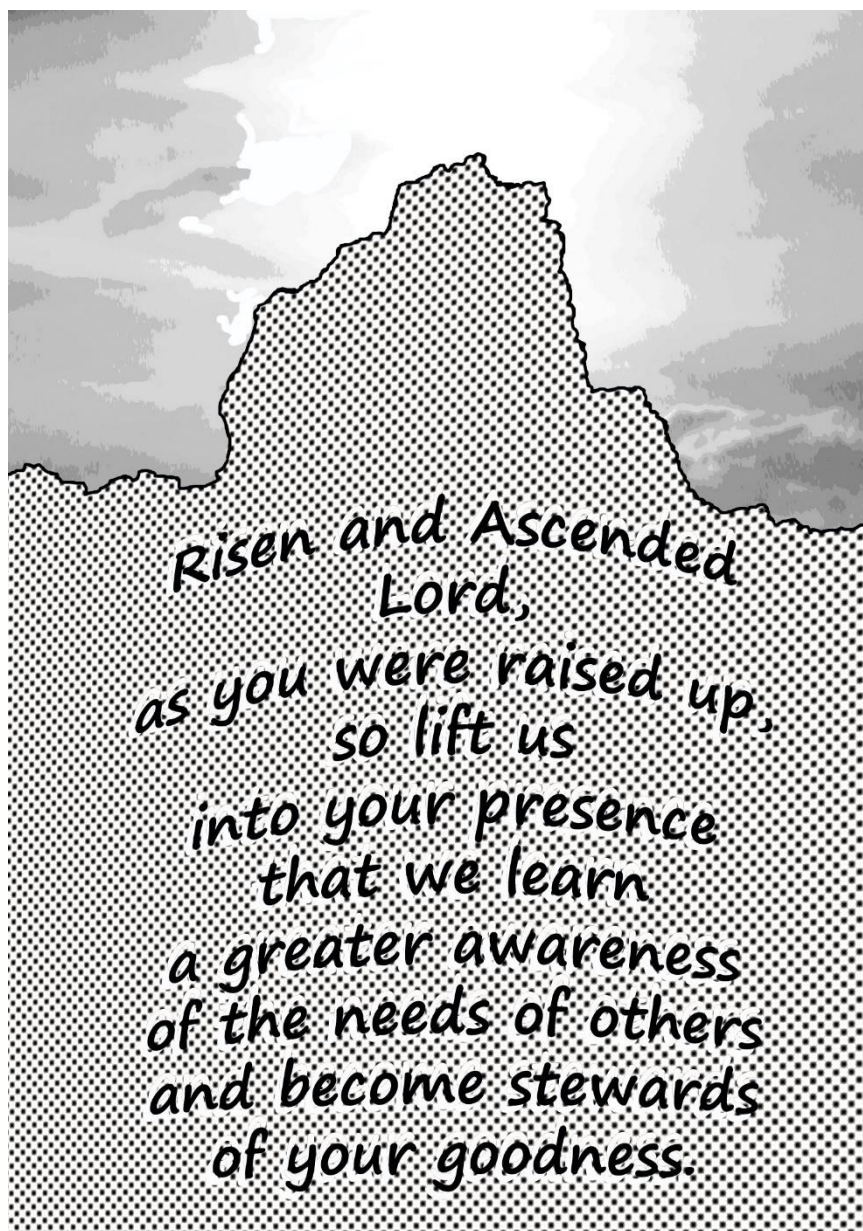
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Many thanks for your cooperation.

## MINISTER'S LETTER

The factsite.com says that “May is a month of transition”. If you live in the northern hemisphere you are moving from cold to warm and if you live in the southern hemisphere you are moving from warm to cold (or colder, anyway). Certainly, ecclesiastically speaking, we are this year in May moving from Eastertide towards Pentecost. Pentecost, the feast marking the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples and the ‘birthday’ of the Church.

In secular Britain today, the first of May is a bank holiday, ‘May Day’. In the past it was sometimes known as ‘Garland Day’, particularly in rural areas, and was celebrated with music, dancing and games.

The first of May is Garland Day  
So please remember the garland  
We don’t come here but once a year  
So please remember the garland.

Primary school children would collect greenery to make garlands in the shape of hoops or crosses, and parade with them in the hope of collecting money. There are still some Garland Ceremonies today, one of them very near to us in Charlton-on-Otmoor. A large wooden cross covered with yew and box leaves stands above the rood screen in the church. On May Day this is taken down and re-decorated with fresh greenery and flowers, and the school children carry small decorated crosses around the village and bring them to a special service.

Years ago, I took a service in that church and can still remember being struck by the greenery cross above the rood screen and wondering if it represented some form of symbiotic relationship between Christianity and paganism, nothing I would ever have seen in the London church where I had been before moving to rural Oxfordshire.

As time passes, as we move from one place to another, one age to another, one experience to another, we leave some things behind and carry others with us. This is what we’ve done in the Church over the past couple of years - worshipping via Zoom, sitting spaced out in church, singing, not singing, mask wearing, worshipping outside; we’ve kept some practices and changed others, we’ve adapted. We are in a time of transition. It’s May-time.

Changes may happen as Pentecosts – birthdays – come and go, but one change won’t happen. May in our hemisphere is **also** the time to celebrate the coming of spring, the blossoming of trees and flowers, the burgeoning of new life, and in this respect the Church is aligned with nature; the Easter experience affirms the power of life over death, light over darkness, hope over despair, love over hatred. The Easter message is as constant as nature’s springtime – “Love”, wrote Shakespeare, “whose month is ever May”.

Penny Wood



## BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 9 v1-6 [7-20] Revelation 5 v11-end John 21 v1-19
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 9 v36-end Revelation 7 v9-end John 10 v22-30
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 11 v1-18 Revelation 21 v1-6 John 13 v31-35
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 16 v9-15 Revelation 21 v10, 22 - 22 v5 John 14 v23-29 <i>or</i> John 5 v1-9
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 16 v16-34 Revelation 22 v12-14, 16-17 & 20-21 John 17 v20-end

## Benefice Service and BBQ at Evenley Wood Garden

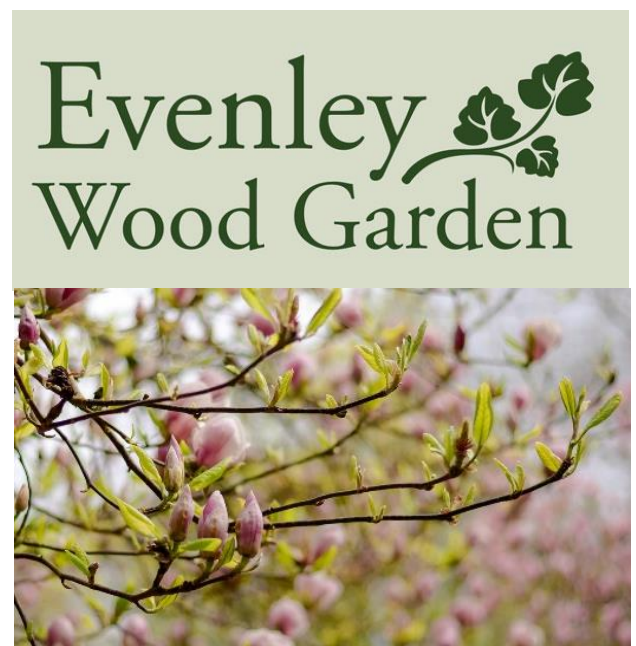
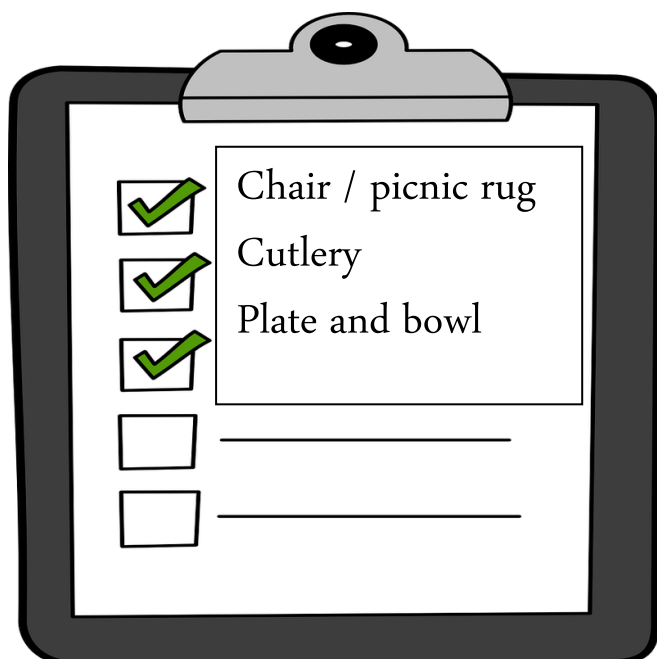
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**11 am**

Please do come and join us as we meet for a service and BBQ in the wonderful surroundings of Evenley Wood Garden on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May!

If you can, bring a folding chair – and if anyone has a gazebo that is easy to put up, we would love to borrow it for the morning!

After the service, we will enjoy a BBQ together - we will provide sausages, burgers and bread, and will be asking each church PCC to provide a salad and a pudding. Can you bring your own plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon. There is no charge for the event and everyone is welcome!





## Thank you

*'And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.'* (Hebrews 13:16)

During the last month or so, you have been remarkably generous – thank you so much. Here is where all those donations have gone.

### Donation from the Benefice to Ukraine –

In response to the awful events unfolding in Ukraine, members of Benefice Council agreed that we should donate £1000 to offer support. After taking advice from Penni Davids-Austin in Fringford, who has considerable experience working with refugees in the field, a transfer was made to a contact known to her. Volunteers from a church in Lviv have been providing food and essential supplies to refugees from Ukraine, for example, taking thermoses of soup and thermal sleeping bags to families waiting at the railway station. We received the following photos with the message 'The donation from Shelswell Churches enabled this. Thank you.'



### Donations of kitchen goods

And a huge thank you to everyone who responded to the call for kitchen goods for the two Afghan families moving into Bicester shortly. There are likely to be further calls for furniture and other goods, so don't throw any decent furniture away without consulting me or Penni Davids-Austin first!

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### Donations from the Lent Lectures

At three of the Lent Lectures, we invited the speaker to nominate a charity for any donations to be sent to.

**Eva Grosman** nominated **Smart Medical Aid** – a non-profit non-governmental organisation (NGO) of experienced health care professionals providing medical aid, training and support to help victims of injury and trauma. They are currently working in Ukraine to help war victims. <https://smartmedicalaid.org/> We donated £115

At the beginning of April, Eva forwarded an update from their director Iryna -

*It was just a walk to the store with his dad, after which four-year-old Dmytry asked his father to play on a swing. But as soon as the boy began to swing, there was a terrible explosion. Dad hugged him as hard as he could and ran to the nearest shelter, the porch. When they reached the shelter, Dmytryk cried out in excruciating pain, and his father noticed blood on the boy's body. He suffered a severe back injury, after which he could not get up on his own.*

*He was taken to Kyiv's Okhmatdyt, where we organized a Transfer for children to Lviv (with the help of ambulances received from the Netherlands) accompanied by Czech medics and a security convoy, so the way to Lviv's Okhmatdyt was as fast and safe as possible. At the moment, we are preparing all the necessary documents to take the children to the Czech clinic, where they will make every effort to cure Dmytryk.*

*At the age of four, Dmytry says his full name at a meeting, likes to talk about his cat and his favourite book, about Leopold the cat. In fact, cartoons with him best distract the boy when he is given drips. After the experience, the boy's gaze became much "older", because he is clearly aware of all the horror he had to go through. He knows that he is Ukrainian and wants to return home as soon as possible.*

*Unfortunately, we have hundreds of similar stories throughout Ukraine.*

**Martin and Margot Hodson** nominated the **John Ray Initiative**, an educational charity with a vision to bring together scientific and Christian understandings of the environment in a way that can be widely communicated and lead to effective action. JRI's mission is to promote responsible environmental stewardship in accordance with Christian principles and the wise use of science and technology. <https://jri.org.uk/> We donated £47

Melissa Coke Smyth nominated Oxfordshire Women's Aid, a grassroots federation working together to provide life-saving services and build a future where domestic abuse is not tolerated. We donated £73

## Sponsor the vicar

Somewhat to my surprise, I successfully completed my Lent Running Challenge on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April without mishap – I even reached the point of quite enjoying it! Over the weeks of Lent I ran 97 km, 1/100<sup>th</sup> of the distance between Shelswell and Wulu in South Sudan. Thank you to everyone for your encouragement, support and donations. In total, £869.23 was raised, half of which will go towards the Girl's Primary School in Wulu and half towards the Shelswell History Festival on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. That is fantastic – thank you!

There are a couple of very short videos of the Girl's Primary School on our YouTube channel – do have a look. You will see that the level of provision is fairly basic. Our donations will go towards school equipment, sports equipment and sanitary protection for the older girls. (Just type 'YouTube – Shelswell Parishes' into your search engine)



## REGISTRY

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

### Baptism:

#### Ada Christine HEATH-CLUNESS

How lovely to see Stratton Audley church full of people all there for Ada's christening!

Ada was born in September 2020, first child of Chloe Heath and Jak Cluness. Chloe is a beauty therapist and Jak has the impressive job title of 'Head of Global Brand Protection'. Chloe and Jak live in Winslow but Jak has a long standing link with Stratton Audley church, and very much wanted Ada's baptism to take place there.

Jak used to go to church with his auntie when he was a child, and it was a significant part of Chloe's life until she left school. As well as wanting to give thanks for Ada's safe arrival, Chloe and Jak hope that her baptism into the Christian faith will give her important tools and resources for life, something to fall back on when she needs it, and the support of the church community. They look forward to helping her on this journey of faith.



Ada has 5 godparents: two of Jake's closest friends, Tom Watson and Tom Miles, and three of Chloe's best friends, Ria Lacobara-Jones, Talulla Rendall, and Amber Stone-Brown. Chloe and Jak chose two hymns for the christening: 'Lord of the Dance' and 'Jerusalem'. There were two readings: some verses from Isaiah 43 read by

**Isaiah 43.1-3a**

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Chloe's aunt, and a short poem 'May you have stars to wish on' read by her brother in law Ben Watson. Everyone wrote prayers for Ada, which were collected and placed into a box for her to keep. Ada seemed to thoroughly enjoy the occasion and was very interested in everything that was going on.

Our prayers are with Jak, Chloe and Ada – may God bless them richly as they journey on, and may Ada discover for herself just how much God loves her.

## Obituaries

### Michael Curtis

See Stoke Lyne village report.

### Audrey Theresa WAKEFIELD

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1930 – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Audrey Theresa Pritchard was born on 22 October 1930 in Smethwick, the youngest of three children. Her brother John began playing the violin, and with her natural curiosity it wasn't long before Audrey picked up his instrument to find out how it worked. John, not best pleased to see his little sister meddling with his violin, insisted that if she was interested, she should take it seriously. And so began her long love affair with the violin and a highly successful career in music.

By Audrey's early teens she and John were competing in festivals and competitions all over the Midlands, almost always taking the top prizes. Not realising that her musical gifts could lead to a career Audrey began training to be a secretary. Her boss, whose wife was fine pianist, heard of Audrey's festival successes and invited her to play duets. With their encouragement Audrey, aged only sixteen, auditioned for the Royal Manchester College of Music where she was awarded a scholarship that lasted five years. In 1952 Audrey graduated as an Associate of the Royal Manchester College of Music,

with diplomas in teaching and performance. In those five years Audrey formed friendships that lasted for the rest of her life.

Audrey's first professional appointment was with the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra in Leeds, where she met, fell in love with and married Maurice Brett, another violinist. Their career in Leeds was cut short when the local authority, refusing to add a half penny to the rates, withdrew its subsidy, resulting in the orchestra's closure. The next step, in what proved to be a distinguished career, was a move to the BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra.

Audrey and Maurice stayed in Belfast for fifteen years, not only as leading players in the orchestra but also as soloists and chamber musicians, including live solo radio broadcasts, which often started very late at night. After five years their daughter Fiona was born, with Audrey perfectly combining motherhood with her busy career.

As the troubles in Northern Ireland intensified Audrey was keen to return to the mainland, and in 1970 she and Maurice joined the BBC Symphony Orchestra. It was there they met up with Jeff, who had studied at the Royal College of Music at the same time as Maurice, and they all became good friends. Audrey was respected as a fine musician and for being fun loving and extremely supportive of younger players who were new to the orchestra. Curiously, Audrey was born on the same day that the BBC Symphony Orchestra gave its first public performance, a remarkable coincidence mentioned on live tv and radio at both the 50<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary concerts.

After her divorce Audrey and Jeff became closer, gradually realising that each had found their soulmate. They married on 21 August 1989 to the delight of family, friends, and colleagues. Their years of international travel with the orchestra inspired a retirement that for ten years combined warm weather cruises with care of Fiona's son George. Their cruises led to many new friendships, particularly with Maria who kept in close touch with Audrey throughout her final years.

Following in Audrey's footsteps Fiona was able to continue her successful career after George was born, because Audrey and Jeff were generous in supporting her with childcare at home and abroad. At that time Fiona's orchestra spent two weeks at the summer festival in the Austrian city of Graz and in common with many of the young parents in the orchestra Fiona took George with her. This was only possible because Audrey and Jeff regularly drove the 2,000 miles return trip, combining holiday with support for Fiona and having the time to enjoy being grandparents.

When they finally retired, Jeff was determined to leave his violin in its case, marking the end of an era so to speak. Audrey, however, quickly missed playing, developed itchy fingers, and resumed playing until a few months before she died! This started a new routine, where Audrey and Jeff combined daily individual practice with playing duets.

In 2006 Audrey and Jeff moved from Chalfont St Peter to Stratton Audley, and when not cruising or child minding threw themselves into village life. Inseparable as always, they shared an enjoyment of choir, tai chi, indoor bowls, and coffee mornings, and attended church regularly. Audrey took great pleasure from visits to Symphony Hall in Birmingham, and village trips to local theatres.

Audrey's health declined over the last couple of years as her heart began to fail, and that combined with the pandemic left her and Jeff housebound for much of that time. Very reluctantly she was eventually taken into hospital where she died on Sunday 6 March.

Her funeral was held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in St Mary and St Edburga's, Stratton Audley, with the committal afterwards at Banbury Crematorium. Among the family and friends present was Clare, who Audrey met on her first day at the Royal Manchester College, and Maria, who Audrey and Jeff had met on the cruises – they had not met each other before, but left having become firm friends.

Audrey will be hugely missed by us all. She always had a smile on her face and a cheery word to say, and her enthusiasm for life shone through. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff, Fiona and George.







**History and Arts Festival**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Newton Purcell (MK18 4AY)  
 An exciting weekend for all the family!

**ARTISTS**  
**IN THE COUNTRYSIDE**  
 An exhibition featuring local artists celebrating  
 the British countryside

The **'Artists in the Countryside'** exhibition will run on both Saturday and Sunday and is a wonderful opportunity to see some fabulous art work by local artists!

The **Shelswell History Festival** will run from 10 – 6 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and this year focuses on **Trade and Transport across the Ages** – come along and enjoy!

Admission free - donations will be divided between Mind, The Woodland Trust, and the Shelswell Group of Churches.



**A visit to Shelswell History Festival 2022**

Look at the vintage and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and other agricultural equipment. See the demonstrations of ancient trades and traditional crafts from bakery to ironmongery, weaving to stone masonry. Check out the Village History Displays. Visit the encampments set up by Hwitmearum (a Saxon living history display), LEG II AVG (a Roman living history group) and the Home Guard. In between, watch the Morris dancers, enjoy the Scots Guard Association pipers and dancers, laugh at the tales of the Canterbury players, and listen to the Bicester Concert Band or the Birmingham Repertory Opera Company whilst trying to decide which of the delicious range of refreshments you might go for – a burger from the BBQ? home baked cake? an Indian snack or two maybe? a pint of something? or some really rather awesome coffee? After that, have a go at the Aunt Sally or bowls, hook a duck or knock a coconut off the coconut shy, and even join one of the Tug of War team! Then spend some money in the market place before having another cup of tea / pint / really awesome coffee as you sit in the sunshine.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Call for volunteers!

Are you free on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July?

We are looking for

- qualified first aiders
- marshalls
- people to rattle donation buckets
- help serving teas
- people to sell raffle tickets on the day

You may even get a voucher for a slice of cake and cup of tea for your troubles!

Please contact Alice on 01280 848192 /

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### Shelswell WI Vintage clothes etc

At the History Festival, Shelswell WI will have a 'vintage' clothes stall plus other pristine items.

We will be looking for clean clothing and accessories to sell. These need to be in excellent condition. Perhaps you have some?

Any leftover items will be passed on to Charities.

Proceeds will go to the Festival Charities and Shelswell WI

In the next Shelswell News we'll be giving locations and dates for delivering your items. Or we may be able to collect.



Remember "vintage" is variable depending on your age!

To find out more, check out our websites:

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

<https://artinthecountryside.co.uk>

## ACTORS NEEDED!

We are looking for five or six local amateur actors who would like to be in a play at the Shelswell History Festival.

### The play: *Some Canterbury Tales*

A group of pilgrims perform four of Chaucer's well known stories around the site of the Shelswell History Festival, for those passing to watch and travel with. Each story will be performed in a different location around the site.

Previous performance experience ideal, even if you feel a bit rusty! The production will be full of energy, with each actor taking on a role (or sometimes several roles) in each story to help to bring it to life. Please note that this will be an outdoor performance so we will perform whatever the weather!! The performance may take place more than once throughout the day.

**Availability:** You will need to be available as much as possible on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, and the 9/10<sup>th</sup> July, as well as on the day of festival on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Does this sound exciting? Then please get in touch with the director, Ellie, on [ellie.goodall27@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.goodall27@gmail.com)



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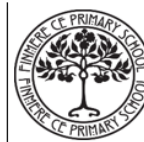


May  
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# Finmere C of E Primary School

Our school values are Kindness, Honesty, and Perseverance.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." Thessalonians 5:11



## Sally Haynes MBE visits Finmere C of E School

### Finmere pupils meet the inspirational gold medalist Paralympian

Finmere School were honored to welcome Sally Haynes MBE: the Paralympic Games gold medalist champion in wheelchair fencing to meet with our pupils this week.

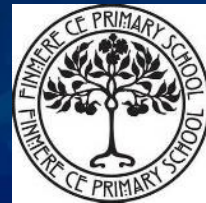
After a fascinating talk and presentation from our special guest the children were able to ask questions and learn more about Finmere's legacy in the enabling of British disabled athletes to attend the Paralympic Games. We also heard all about Sally's trip to Buckingham Palace to receive her MBE and were able to see the award with many of her medals including a Paralympic gold!

During Sally's talk and presentation, our year 6 pupils practiced their note taking skills to prepare them for gathering stories from family and friends to add to the 'Stories from Finmere' project. We are proud to be working on this project with the National Paralympic Heritage Trust. Please let us know if you or your families have any stories to share about the Finmere Show.

This month we will be welcoming the artist and podcaster Kay Ashton MBE to spend the day with us for a NPHT arts workshop. Finmere pupils will be working with Kay to produce digital media including a podcast and videos as a 'living legacy' to our involvement with the NPHT Project.







# Finmere CofE Primary School

Please contact the school office to make an appointment to visit our wonderful school and meet the staff and children.

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# **FUN@4**

## ***Make a joyful noise***

**Join us for fun and games,  
praise and prayer,  
craft, tea, cake and sandwiches  
and make a joyful noise!**

**Sunday 15 May 2022**

**4 - 5.30pm**

**Stoke Lyne Church**

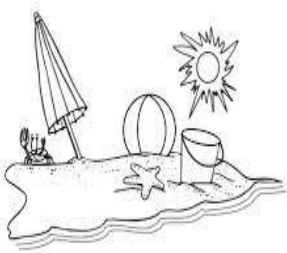
**There is no charge for these activities.**

## **Shelswell Youth Group Friday evenings 7pm-9pm in Fringford**



**7 May Joint gathering with ECB, Bicester  
13 May Youth Group Fringford 7pm  
15 May Fun@4 Stoke Lyne 4pm  
27 May Fringford Village Green 7pm**

**Email: [curate@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:curate@shelswellparishes.info) for venue details.**



### **SHELLOWELL BY THE SEA**

Our 'holiday at home'.

4/5/6 July 2022.

Look out for more information in the  
June edition of *Shelswell News*

### **SHELLOWELL NEWS ARCHIVE.**

Like to look up previous issues of the 'Shelswell News'? Please go to the Benefice website and look at the Archive. If the issue you want to refer to is not there please contact Becky Adams at the Benefice office who may be able to help.



## Holiday Club for 5 – 11s

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**10 am – 3.30 pm**

**Finnere CE Primary School, Mere Road, Finnere, MK18 4AR**

A Christian based holiday club  
welcoming children of all faiths and none.

Sport

Craft

Performing arts

music

### Save the date!

**Children's registration opens in early May**

**- for more info check out**

**[www.lighthousecentral.org](http://www.lighthousecentral.org)**

**Recommended donation of £10 per day. Bursaries available.**

### New Volunteers to help with Lighthouse are very welcome!

If you would like to join our fantastic team of volunteers and help make this the best week of the summer holidays, then we'd love to have you! You could help behind the scenes, sorting out craft materials or keeping the volunteers supplied with coffee. You could help in one of the groups or with drama or sport. You could help with the songs at the beginning of the day. You could help every day or just a couple. Get in touch and we can talk about how we can make best use of your skills. Or go to the website <https://lighthousecentral.org/> and click on 'Get Involved' to find out more.

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### 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.*

### FREE NATIONAL HELPLINE (0808 801 0688)

offering 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.**

To find out more about the Appeal, and to make a donation please visit the #TimeToTalk campaign page here: <https://annerobsontrust.org.uk/christmas-helpline-campaign/>



## Nai's House

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[hello@naishouse.org.uk](mailto:hello@naishouse.org.uk)

[www.naishouse.org.uk](http://www.naishouse.org.uk)

It's been a very busy and yet exciting time for Nai's House since 2022 commenced. We have a lot of people and organisations to thank for their support in donating time, items and money to us. Darren Field at the New Driveway Company has pledged £400 a month to Nai's House and this is helping hugely with being able to secure funded hours for one of our Supporters. A massive thank you to Tecknos the eco friendly paint manufacturers on the new industrial estate, for their donation of paint, in all colours! A huge thank you also to The Highfield Social Club, The Grand Order of Lady Ratlings, 41 Club, Graven Hill Residents Association, The Bicester Market Traders, Orion Medical and all our friends in the community who continue to raise awareness of our service, make personal donations including their time, and nominate us for grants, its overwhelming, your generosity and loyalty is hugely appreciated, thank you. .

This year we are concentrating on building our collaborations with organisations that can ensure we are continually finding new and creative ways to meet the needs of our guests and their families. As part of this, and with covid restrictions lifted, we are developing a range of groups and workshops designed specifically to address particular needs and increase opportunities to receive support. Additionally we are super excited to be hosting Nai's Festival on the 2nd July at Garth Park, for more information or to book a stall or workshop please contact [megan@naishouse.org.uk](mailto:megan@naishouse.org.uk). Please keep an eye on our website for news of other fundraising events, including a conference in October.

Finally, just a reminder....Nai's House is a suicide prevention and holistic mental health support service for under 30's. Our service is run and delivered mostly by volunteers who give up their own time to ensure that our guests are getting the support they need, but you can help too....Suicide is preventable and everyone can play a part however small or big, in preventing loss of life by suicide.

We have partnered with Licensed Livingworks Trainers to deliver lifesaving training. Our first ASIST workshop took place last month at Kingsmere and feedback has been amazing.

Please take a look at our website, [www.naishouse.org.uk](http://www.naishouse.org.uk), for more information on the training we offer so that you can play your part in helping Bicester become a suicide safer community.

## Club news

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





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



Carol Reader's decorated Easter Eggs were voted 3<sup>rd</sup> at the North Ploughley Group Meeting competition on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, held in Stoke Lyne Church, which Christine, Claire and Nicky attended. What a wonderful evening it was, being able to meet again as a group. We were entertained by the Launton Rock Chorus, who performed songs from Abba and The Mamas and Papas, amongst others. Our hosts were Stoke Lyne, who truly did organize an amazing evening of some formal business, entertainment and refreshments, (the cake selection was delicious).

We are collecting empty foil pill cases which can be recycled - Super Drug in Bicester can take them - and plastic milk bottle tops for Pathfinders who train and provide assistance dogs (mostly German Shepherds, at the moment)

Next meetings:

May 5<sup>th</sup> Fringford History Walk.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Garden Party to Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Anniversary.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Seated Zumba.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Walk, with pub stop at the end.

September 1<sup>st</sup> Burlesque.

October 6<sup>th</sup> Autumn Tudor Customs.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Origami.

December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Meal .

The members continue to meet up for coffee and walks.

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.



## **SHELLOWELL GARDEN CLUB**



This issue of the Shelswell News went to print before our meeting on 12 April, when Rosie Hardy was coming to talk. A report on this event can be read in the June issue.

On 10<sup>th</sup> May we are having our first evening visit, an exclusive tour of the garden at **Broughton Grange** with an introduction by the head gardener, Andrew Woodall, and refreshments at the end. Probably plants to buy too. The cost of the evening is £17 of which we ask members to pay £10 and the club will subsidise the rest. However, this visit is **only** open to members, so if you would like to come, maybe you could become a member of the club. The tour will start at 7pm, so slightly earlier than usual but it should give us plenty of time to see the garden before it starts too get dark.

We hope to have another outing for the 14<sup>th</sup> June meeting. This is still being sourced.  
 Any questions, please contact Corrine on 01869 247411

## SHELSWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

At our April meeting we discussed poems on the subject of Music, and found that many poets have tackled the topic in a range of styles.

The poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy, in 'Ode – We are the music makers' wrote of poets being music makers who have influenced the world for centuries via their poems and songs. Another Irish poet, Thomas Moore, in his poem 'On Music' also speaks of the power of music to inspire, comfort and remind us of our past. Walter de la Mare's poem 'Music' describes how music enhances his senses and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, in 'A Musical Instrument', takes us back to a mythical dawning of civilisation and the 'invention' of music.

In 'The Darkling Thrush' by Thomas Hardy a bird is a musician bringing hope and solace to him at a bleak time of year. In another of his poems, 'At the Railway Station, Upway', he describes a scene in which a little boy plays his violin to a man in handcuffs on his way to prison, there being a distinct similarity between the thrush in one poem and the young boy in the other.

Theodore Wratishaw dealt with a popular theme in his 1893 poem 'The Music Hall', writing of his delight in one of the chorus girls. Siegfried Sassoon, on the other hand, writing when his experiences in the trenches during the First World War had made the easy jingoism of the music halls hateful to him, wishes death and destruction on the prancing singers. His contemporary, Robert Graves, in 'Dead Musicians', finds that the German composers he once loved have been tarnished by his war experiences, but that modern popular music offers no comfort either, since it reminds him of all the men who have died.

Phillip Larkin's love of jazz was well known, but in his poem 'Reference Back', he remembers how his mother's attempt at bonding over jazz records annoyed and frustrated him when he was reluctantly at home from university. His poem 'Broadcast' is less gloomy, and describes listening to a radio concert, knowing that a girl he loves is in the audience.

Tennyson's 'Choric Song', part of the longer poem 'The Lotos Eaters' is about the soporific power of slow sweet music, and is hypnotic in its effect, whereas in 'Der Leiermann' ('The Hurdy-Gurdy Man', part of his 'Winterreise' song cycle, Franz Schubert presents 'peasant' music which reinforces the gloomy thoughts of his hero.

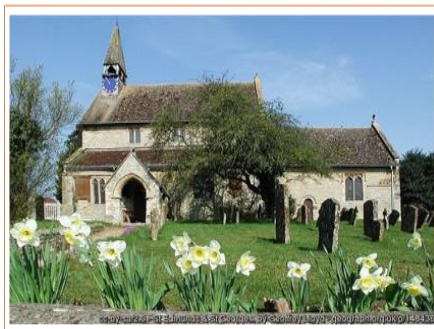
'The Piano' by Gillian Clarke describes the writer as a proud mother of a teenage son who plays the piano, whereas in 'Piano' by DH Lawrence, we hear from an unhappy son who longs for a past in which he would sit at his mother's feet as she played the piano.

At the time this magazine went to press, the date and theme of our May meeting had not been fixed, but if you would like to join us, please contact me on 01869 811994 or at [judith.harvey@live.co.uk](mailto:judith.harvey@live.co.uk)  
Judith Harvey

## SHELSWELL READING GROUP

Our April book was 'The Bell in the Lake' by Lars Mytting. Set in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Norway, it is an intriguing story of life lived under harsh conditions, how religion and folk myth can intertwine in rural communities, and complex human relationships. It is also about tradition versus change, and asks us to evaluate the culture of a community which has similarities with, but also huge differences from, our own. It is also a love story, but very far from the romantic sort!

When this magazine went to press the date and title for the book to be discussed at the May meeting had not been chosen, but if you would like to join the group, please contact our co-ordinator, Jane Birnage on 01280 847455 or at [janebirnage@icloud.com](mailto:janebirnage@icloud.com)



### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Parking available at Hethe Village Hall  
For further information please contact [diana.glover@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.glover@btinternet.com)

## **REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES**

### **Cottisford and Juniper Hill St Mary the Virgin**

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### **COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March was a glorious spring day, and perfect for our tree-planting session. The tree bought by the Committee to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a silver birch, and behind it we planted oak, ash, hazel and maple saplings which we had dug up from our own gardens and reared in pots. We hope that the residents of Cottisford and Juniper Hill will enjoy the little 'glade' we are hoping will develop over the years. We are having a commemorative plaque made to place by the silver birch to mark the Jubilee.

Thanks are due to everyone who took part (ages ranging from 3 to 76) in this worthwhile event.

**DON'T FORGET.....**The Jubilee Beacon in the playing field at Juniper Hill will be lit at 9.30pm. on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Social Committee will provide soft drinks and nibbles, but please bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish.

Come along and celebrate the Jubilee in a sociable and enjoyable way.

## Finmere St Michael and All Angels

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### Finmere's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 9.45 pm, we will be taking part in the National Celebrations and lighting a Beacon-Bonfire on the playing fields. Before the bonfire is lit, we hope to have a piper and to play ceremonial music, including the National Anthem. A glass of something fizzy, and canapes, will be served as we raise a toast to the Queen and thank her for her lifetime of service to the nation. If the weather allows, you are welcome to bring your own refreshments and stay to enjoy the bonfire into the evening.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

On the afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, there will be cream teas being served at the Red Lion pub. You will be welcome to have a go at the 'Aunt Sally' game and we hope to have a face-painter.

The afternoon teas will be followed on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> June by a party at the Red Lion. There will be some covered outdoor seating and a BBQ will be served. Dancing to music from across the Queen's reign will be indoors in the dining room. Everyone will be invited to dress in either 1950s or a royal theme and there will be prizes for the best dressed. We will be taking food orders in advance to help with catering. More details will be available on Facebook and in leaflets that will be delivered to each house soon... watch this space!

#### Bunting

To commemorate the Jubilee, we would like as many village residents as possible to make a piece of bunting out of fabric. Each piece should be personalised – perhaps with your initials, or your house name/number, or decorated with something that identifies you (your hobby/work/interests). Each piece of bunting should be triangular: 20 cm wide across the top, and 25 cm down to the bottom of the point. A tie should be attached to both top corners so the bunting pieces can be tied together to form a chain. Please leave pieces of decorated bunting in the box by Barbara's front door at Woodlea, Mere Road. Further details will be available on Facebook.

The bunting will be used for decoration during the Jubilee weekend, and then saved as an item of memorabilia for the future.

#### Queen's Green Canopy

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, 27 villagers joined the Parish Council at the playing fields to plant 100 native trees, and the commemorative Platinum Jubilee tree (a whitebeam – *Sorbus aria* 'Lutescens'). It was a wonderful afternoon and we thank all those who lent their support. We are grateful to the Woodland Trust for supplying the trees and guards as a Community Tree Pack.



Please save the dates of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Parish Council will be joining those from across our nation and the Commonwealth in lighting a beacon-bonfire on the Playing Field at 9.45 pm. There will be a complimentary glass of fizz to raise a toast to Her Majesty, and thank her for her steadfast and long-standing service.

We will need help to build the bonfire, and perhaps to provide/serve refreshments at the event. Please contact any member of the Parish Council or Jo Brooks on 07974 740312 / [brooks.joanne@btinternet.com](mailto:brooks.joanne@btinternet.com) if you can help in any way.

On the afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> June, we hope to host a childrens' tea party with party games and perhaps a game of rounders. Later that evening, we are planning a "Picnic Supper" party, where people will bring their own picnic to an event with music, dancing, films and prizes for 1950s/Royal costumes (optional). More details will follow. We have a small group of volunteers organising the events on the 4<sup>th</sup>, but if you have any ideas or want to help in any way, we would be delighted to have your support. Please contact Illa Moss on 07749 692476 or Jo Brooks (as above).

### Village Hall

Renovation work on the village hall continues and it is hoped that the hall will be back in operation during July



### Allotments

Spring has arrived ....obviously and the allotments have become a hive of activity.

The Poor's Plot continues to have a small waiting list for allotment plots. There is always a possibility that a few plots may become available shortly, so any aspiring allotment users should visit

[www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot](http://www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot)



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](http://www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere)

Finmere Parish Council website at – [www.finmerepc.org](http://www.finmerepc.org)

Village hall news at – [www.myfinmere.com](http://www.myfinmere.com)

Finmere Primary School - [www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk)

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### St Michael & All Angels, Services & Events

- Sunday 1 May - 10.45am Family Service
- Sunday 8 May – 6.00pm Evening Communion
- Sunday 15 May – 10.45 Holy Communion
- Sunday 29 May – Benefice Service 11am in Evenley Wood, followed by a BBQ.

Please check the noticeboard at the church, or [www.shelswellparishes.info](http://www.shelswellparishes.info) or ring the Benefice office (01280-848192) to find out when and where services are on Sundays when there is not one in Fringford.

### Thank You .....

..... to everyone who helped decorate the church for Easter, and to Carol Reader for organising the beautiful display of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones

**Come and enjoy our fabulous Pudding Evening on Friday 6 May – see poster .**

### 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.
- Take advantage of the Early Bird special offer and get your tickets at Eventbrite. Either search Eventbrite Fringford Beer Festival or got to <https://fringford-beer-festival-2022.eventbrite.co.uk>
- Can you lend a gazebo for use at the festival? – contact Christina McCullagh on 07867 515207
- We need to cover £650 to provide a comprehensive and vital First Aid facility – sponsorship, or partial sponsorship would be extremely welcome – contact Christina McCullagh on 07867 515207

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.

### Fringford Church 100 Club

The winners of the March draw were Penny Wood £51; Ginny Hope £31; and Bob Stevens £20. You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register your involvement **ASAP, on 07867 515207**. Draw takes place monthly at the Village Coffee Morning.



## 'Little Lambs' Baby and Toddler Group

Stratton Audley Church

Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am (Term Time)

Meet new families from the local area.

**Come & join us! Stories, music & toys**

If you'd like more details or to be added to our regular email circulation then please email

[admin@shelswellparishes.info](mailto: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](mailto:neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info)

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

### Fringford Village Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am to 12 noon. Now meeting in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Do drop in. [The Fringford Church 100 Club draw will take place that morning].

Penny Wood

### The Butcher's Arms

To find out the latest news at the Butcher's Arms contact Simon via email: [syeborg2009@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.

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](mailto:mamcs100@gmail.com)



# Fringford Village Pudding Night Friday 6 May 2022

Collection between 6pm and 7pm  
from the church.

Tables spread with puddings,  
bring your own bowl to fill!



Proceeds to go towards the Church Restoration Fund  
Donations of cash or contactless card payments gratefully received.



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### HARDWICK CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY

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#### Hardwick Church

Open Daily: 10 am – 4 pm

Available for :

- Private prayer and quiet contemplation
- Viewing the architecture, memorials and stained-glass windows

**Please make use of this special space**

## 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.

Remember the Pilgrim Path walk on 1<sup>st</sup> May (details below) and the service to follow. Then on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> May we will have a service of Holy Communion starting at 9.15am. See the back page for details of all services.

It has been a busy few weeks with sweet peas on Mothering Sunday, the 'Thank you to our supporters' Tea on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, church spring clean and church yard tidy up on April 9<sup>th</sup>, hot cross buns on Good Friday and Easter Eggs and simnel cake on Easter Sunday. We are looking forwards to combining with the Village Hall committee in order to make something happen on the **Queen's Jubilee weekend** – watch for leaflets coming through your door!



### Church Spring Clean and church yard tidy up

### Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Come any time of day

*Thank you to everyone who took part*

**Many hands make light work!**

Thank you to Mary McCorquodale for volunteering to clean the church and provide flowers this month.

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 [hethpccsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:hethpccsecretary@outlook.com).



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or

## **Bicester and Islip Deanery Pilgrim Paths Project Launch event**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
2.00pm

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

**Starting from St Edmund & St George, Hethe, at 2.00pm**  
**Tea at Hethe Village Hall at around 4.30pm**  
**Followed by a short service in St Edmund & St George**

Parking is available at Hethe Village Hall  
Hardwick Road, OX27 8EY

All Welcome  
For further information please contact [diana.glover@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.glover@btinternet.com)

The PCC are looking at what we can do next to improve biodiversity in the churchyard and in so doing encourage wildlife. Current suggestions are to plant hedge row, make a compost area and install a compost toilet. If you would like 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](mailto:hethenews@outlook.com).



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### **Hethe Lending Library**

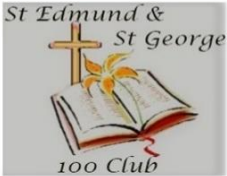
A rich variety of fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles and CDs to browse and borrow, in St Edmund & St George Church.

### **Hethe Community Coffee Morning in the Village Hall**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am to 12.00pm**

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





## St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 39<sup>th</sup> & 40<sup>th</sup> draws held  
on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

1st Prize No 8 Helen Pritchard Family	1st Prize No 19 Mary McCorquodale
2nd Prize No 49 Ali Miller	2nd Prize No 48 Ben & Ali Jones
3rd Prize No 16 Helen Wood	3rd Prize No 28 David Morgan

Many thanks to our members  
Hethe PCC

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.

## HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

### Parish Council

Dates of Meetings for 2022/2023 - all meetings held in Hethe Village Hall starting at 8.00pm

April 26<sup>th</sup> AGM Of The Parish

May 17<sup>th</sup> AGM Of The Parish Council

May 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

July 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

October 25<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Parish Council Meeting

Planning meetings will be called as required.

Candidates for Election as Parish Councillors for Hethe

Jill Elkington  
Sandra Hartwell  
Dean Overton  
Jean Ramsey  
Sam Wallace  
Peter Ward

### Village Hall

Please contact the booking secretary  
[fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk) for availability.



The management committee is going to join forces with church members to put on some community events during the **Queen's Jubilee weekend**. If you would like to be involved in the planning and organising, please be in contact with Flora Skinner on : 277366, 07801 270661, [fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk), thank you.



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### CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be on the third Sunday in the month at 9.15am. On 15<sup>th</sup> May the service will include a baptism.

### MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2022

May	Barbara Mortimer
June	Kate Darby
July	Sue Goodman



### MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

(Revised 2022 – 2023)

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to go on this rota and to everyone who has cleaned and helped maintain the church throughout the past year – it is very much appreciated.

MAY	Alison Bailey, Pam Burrill and Jules Channon
JUNE	Nicola Adams and Anna Howard
JULY	Julie Mitchell and Helen Backon

If anyone else would like to help with cleaning, we would be very grateful for extra volunteers. This would help to lighten the load on otherwise busy people. The job only requires a couple of hours simple cleaning in your allotted month, and if you can find a partner or join a group of two to make groups of three, it can be a pleasant way to involve yourself in the village and familiarise yourself with our beautiful church. For more information please contact - Julie Mitchell on 01280 – 847769

### 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.

**Next date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Des & Giovannas**

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

**Lark Rise Bike Ride    Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**At Fringford Village Hall**  
**Please save the date in your diaries!**

We are proud to run the Lark Rise Bike Ride again, after an absence of two years due to covid, on behalf of 'brainstrust', the Meg Jones brain cancer charity.

The Lark Rise Bike Ride is a well organised, family- friendly cycle ride for charity, mostly off-road, through the lovely countryside that formed the backdrop to Flora Thompson's Lark Rise to Candleford.

Riding through Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire, the route is for cyclists of all abilities, with a choice of 12.5 mile, 25-mile and 40-mile circuits. All ages are welcome and as we cycle on lanes, tracks and bridleways, the riding is safe and ideal for families.

We are pleased to announce that once again Fringford is the venue of the ride (Flora Thompson's Candleford). The ride will start and finish at the village hall.

Please come along and raise as much as you can for 'brainstrust' – you will be very welcome!

Further details regarding registration, entry prices and check-in times are still to be published and will appear in next month's Shelswell News, or you can check for updates online, at:-

[www.brainstrust.org.uk](http://www.brainstrust.org.uk)  
 (Select 'get involved' then 'fund raising events')  
 Or  
[www.larkrisebikeride2020](http://www.larkrisebikeride2020)

We always need plenty of help on the day to run this event, including meeting and greeting riders, car parking, helping with food and drink at drink stops and marshalling. This doesn't mean all-day commitment as most roles require just brief shifts if we have enough helpers.

If anyone would like to get involved in the day please contact either:

Chris Swallow on 01280 848611 Mob:07913 973180

or James Tobin on 01280 848466 Mob:07999 938669

Thank you!

### COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVE



A new plaque has recently appeared outside the church gate regarding the above, Mixbury has one War Grave in the churchyard marking the burial of a member of the RAF Sergeant Robert Dunkley, age 20 and an Air Gunner. The grave receives special attention (eg regular inspection and cleaning) by the War Graves Commission. Roberts' name is also on the War Memorial

### DIARY DATES

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Local Elections

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Mixbury – Venue: Franks Field

## Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

CHURCHWARDENS: Ann von Maltzahn, Home Farm Shelswell Park  
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### Services -

Sunday 1st. May - 9.15 a.m.

### Bonus Ball Lotto -

Recent lucky winners have been Ann von Maltzahn, Aileen Rymer and Michala Pederson.

### Artists in the Countryside -

Please note in your diaries the weekend of the 16th - 18th July when we will once again look forward to welcoming visitors to this very popular event. Starting on the evening of Friday 16th with the Private View and reception and continuing over the weekend. This year promises to be more exciting than ever as Newton Purcell will also be hosting The Shelswell History Festival on Saturday 17th so there will be much to do and see for all the family!

## Stoke Lyne St Peter's

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### St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

See back page for details

### Flower Duty for May - Pippa Elliot

### Stoke Lyne 100 Club – April Results

1st Prize	Membership No 20	Jeanette Smith
2nd Prize	Membership No 12	Hugo Brown
3rd Prize	Membership No 18	Pippa Elliott

It would be great to expand the 100 club, there are still a few membership numbers available. The more membership numbers sold means bigger prize money paid out each month. E-mail [janey@oxford-educational.co.uk](mailto:janey@oxford-educational.co.uk) for details on how to join.

Congratulations to the winners and huge thanks to all those who support the 100 club.

Regards

Janey Poole, Treasurer St Peter's Church PCC

Tel: 01869 346020

## Mothers' Day Flowers

Thank you to the ladies who made up the posies. Pam, Rena, Caroline and Harriet met on Friday afternoon to make up the posies. We made up 61, one to be delivered to every house in the village.

When we did this last year to give a little cheerfulness after a disastrous 2020/21, we had such a marvellous response from people who said it lifted their spirits that we decided to do it again this year. I believe some surrounding villages have done a similar thing.

Thank you to Kelly and family for tying on the labels made by Janey Poole and delivering the posies

This year the response has again been wonderful with messages of thanks on Facebook and email.



Photos from "thank you" posts on the village Facebook page by Sarah-Jane, Brenda, Keryn and Faye.

## Food for Thought - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Our Food for Thought service this time was about Lent. Kelly had produced a sheet with various pictures on and asked us what they signified. We had discussions on each one and it was amazing how the answers differed. One symbol meant giving something up and it was interesting to hear what people had given up for Lent this year including chocolate, biscuits, sugar in tea, sweets and social media and they were all counting the days till Lent ended. Thank you to Flora who kindly played the organ.

Our next service will be on **Sunday 1st May with breakfast from 10.00am**

## Annual Litter Pick 2022 - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Many thanks to those who turned out to help litter pick around our village roads, it makes a huge difference for us all.

Thanks to Karen, Kelly, Sharon, Sauyel, and Nick. Also to Andrew in Bainton and Clive who litter picked a day early too!

Elaine Barnes

## Stoke Lyne Spring Fair

The sun shone on us all as we gathered to celebrate Spring, Easter and finally feeling a lot safer than we did two years ago.

We saw an abundance of stalls selling jewellery, Easter wreaths and gorgeous wall hangings. Our diets were forgotten as Russ bought in a stream of fresh hot baked breads and we sat contentedly eating our scones and cream and sipping tea. Those of us who chose the alternative refreshments were delighted to partake in the Wiggley Monkey beer and the porky scratchings.

The plant and cake stalls along with the tombola, lucky dip and raffle were just a small break from the Easter Egg hunt that delighted all the children and caused adults concern as they tried to sneak the chocolates away from the little ones. The afternoon would not have been complete without a dog show in which the Waggiest tail competition took place, much hilarity as 11 dogs were processed around the church. Congratulations to Nick and Elaine for the waggiest pup and to Nikki, Caroline and Harriet for their runner up waggiest pups.



Although today was more about bringing the village together after such a long time of isolation we were delighted to be able to make a grand total of £605.00 which will help towards urgent funds needed for a new heater in the church.

Thank you to all those who donated their time and those who donated cakes and goods. A special thanks to those who came and laughed and enjoyed the afternoon with us. You are all the best!

Janey Poole

Treasurer, St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne

## North Ploughley W.I. Group Meeting - 23rd March 2022 at 7.30

Stoke Lyne W.I. were the host institute. President Rena Andrews asked us to stand for "Jerusalem" and with approximately 50 plus it sounded amazing.

Rena then gave a warm welcome to all to the meeting and said how nice it was to see how many people had come: the group haven't met since October 2019 because of Covid and lockdowns.

Linda Needle, Group Convenor, led us through the business of the evening and events coming up.

Rena then introduced Steve Webber and the Launton Village Rock Chorus, the entertainment for the evening. There were four musicians and about 12 singers and they gave us about 45 minutes of non-stop music of all kinds from different musicals and after each song they would have a drink of water from their water flasks. This was their first performance to a live audience for over 2 years owing to Covid and cancellations because of lockdown and I think the Chorus really enjoyed themselves and got the audience to join in with some of the songs.

A wonderful array of refreshments were then served which the Chorus really enjoyed after all that non-stop singing. During this time the wonderful selection of raffle prizes was drawn and the winner of the competition of three eggs of different mediums was announced. The winner was the Heyfords W.I.



Photos by Stoke Lyne WI member Celia. The winning competition entry is the one on the left.

Rena thanked the Launton Village Rock Chorus for the wonderful evening of entertainment to which they had a wonderful show of appreciation. Rena then thanked all for coming and hoped all would be back to normal soon. The meeting then closed with the "National Anthem".

An extract from the concert can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsdN3IS9brc>

## Stoke Lyne W.I. – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Report to follow next month as the date of the April meeting fell beyond the magazine submission deadline.

Stoke Lyne W.I. meet on the second Thursday of the month at Hethe Village Hall at 1.00 pm. There is no speaker for the May meeting as members will be discussing W.I. resolutions followed by a social afternoon.

## Michael Curtis (31<sup>st</sup> January 1934 - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022)

Dad - Mike as you knew him, was a fantastic husband, dad, grandad, great grandad and father in law.

As a dad, he was a tough task master, pretty strict, but always fair even though at the time we often didn't think so, as kids do! Ian and I had a lovely and memorable childhood.

We always had pets of some sort and quite often this extended to stray, or injured wildlife - Dad frequently brought home wildlife that needed care and attention and once healed they would be sent on their way. The beautiful barn owl which lived on a branch in our living room window for a few days and another time a whole clutch of duck eggs, which we hatched with a chicken given to us by Uncle Bob and Uncle John! A chicken which very much panicked the first time we put 'her' babies in the bath for a swimming lesson. We have such fond memories and were very lucky to have such a wild and crazy home to grow up in!

Eventually the grandchildren came along - James, Iain, Leanne and Olivia and dad took great pleasure in spending time with them, every moment spent with them brought lots of fun and laughter to all involved. When Mason, his first great grandchild came along, dad was so happy - he loved holding him and spending time with him. Dad was further into dementia when Marnie and Harrison came along, but he still managed to hold them and he would have a fantastic sparkle in his eyes. On top of that he was a great father figure to Iain and Olivia, as they were growing up. I was a single parent for most of their childhood and I couldn't have done it without him and mum.

Despite the early ravages of dementia, Dad still had a great sense of humour and as a family unit we had lots of fun together - he would tell Marion that she was his favourite daughter-in-law and Marion would say 'but I'm your only daughter in law Mike' which always made him chuckle. Us girls would often have a little dance in the kitchen with him, poor dad, whilst trying not to fall over, as his balance wasn't great.

At dinner times he would steal food from our plates even when we were looking and he'd just look at us with that twinkle in his eyes and a massive grin - he totally knew what he was doing.



Food shopping at Tesco was another source of fun, we would attach the special wheelchair trolley to his wheelchair - it was a big contraption - it took up the whole aisle and was difficult to steer - you get the picture - everyone gave us a wide berth. Dad especially loved this because he was able to grab things off the shelves as we went down the aisles, when mum wasn't looking. Chocolate often figured in this and we would hide it amongst the other shopping because once at checkout it was too late for mum to put it back - Dad was supposed to be watching his weight - but actually mum was trying to do that.

Dad was mums rock and she was his - during their 65 years together they had some great times. In later years he gave mum a few shocks, once at the age of 84 when he decided to climb into the big green garden waste bin to pack it down and it tipped over with him inside it - this resulted in very bruised ribs and a telling off from mum who then proceeded to feed him a large stiff whisky, much to the horror of the paramedics once they got there! Another time dad decided it would be a good idea to drive himself

to the doctor surgery after he had suffered a small stroke - he didn't tell mum because she was in the garden. Instead he just got in his car and drove himself there. The first thing she knew about it was when the surgery called her to say they were taking him to the JR by ambulance. Poor mum was horrified and dad got more than an earful when he got home that night.

Throughout his last few years, dad was first cared for at home by Jonny a live in carer and then later at Lake House Care Home. We would like to thank them all so much for taking good care of dad when we no longer could.

Eventually - after time dad lost his ability to communicate but it didn't stop him from having the most wicked sense of humour and the biggest smile, which was always lovely to see. This is how we will remember him, always smiling.

Gail Girvan

## A LOOK BACK AT QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN 1887

Stoke Lyne's celebrations were held at Swift's House and it a great deal of time and effort went into ensuring a most enjoyable day was had by all. Here is the report of the event from the Bicester Herald, 15<sup>th</sup> July 1887.

### 'JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

#### STOKE LYNE, FEWCOTT, BAINTON, AND CAVERSFIELD

*Held their united festival on Thursday last, July 14, in the park connected with Swift's House As to situation, convenience, and beauty no better place could have been selected, and the kindness of Sir Thomas Peyton in this respect was, we believe, thoroughly appreciated. For the purposes of the dinner and tea, the capacious Turveston tent had been requisitioned, and had been made to look attractive by the ladies comprising the committee given below. A handsome motto was conspicuous, bearing in black letters on a white ground "God save the Queen," and at the side were the letters "V.R." A festoon of greenery ran down the centre of the tent, and portraits of Her Majesty and numerous flags completed the adornment. It is computed that about 200 sat down to dinner, which was given to all the working men and youths in the villages named. The repast was excellent in quality, unlimited in quantity, and heartily partaken of. Some of the cooking was done at the House. Unfortunately Sir Thomas, who had returned from Malvern on Tuesday evening, was by indisposition prevented from presiding over the spread. The Rev. C. D. B. Marsham (vicar of Stoke Lyne and Caversfield) accordingly occupied the chair. The carvers included the Chairman and Messrs. W. May, W. Godwin, W. Horwood, H. King, J. Tubb, T. Baughan, A. Tanner, T. May, J. Stuchbury, J. Stanley, H. Parrott, H. May, and E. J. Damant. Each carver was supposed to have two waiters, and among these latter were Mrs. Marsham, Miss Peyton, Mrs. W. May, Mrs. Horwood (Caversfield), Miss Tanner (Baynard's Green), and Messrs. T. White, W. Ayris, J. Dickinson, F. North, J. Hickman, W. North, &c., &c. - The Chairman, in an appropriate speech, proposed the health of the Queen, commenting on her many good qualities, and he hoped she might long live to reign over them (Enthusiastic cheers were given, and the Bicester Volunteer Band played the National Anthem. Cheers were likewise given for the rest of the Royal Family.) - The Chairman then said Sir Thomas Peyton was sorry he could not attend that dinner to-day; but he not well enough. He (the chairman) hoped this day might be one of social enjoyment, and that nothing to-morrow would make them regret what they had done to-day. (Applause) - Later in the afternoon the women and children were regaled with an excellent tea, about 300 sitting down. Mr. R. Hudson, of Bicester, was the experienced "brewer" of the refreshing beverage. After dinner, tickets entitling the holders to four glasses of beer, or four bottles of spruce were distributed. With regard to the committees, who carried out the arrangements so admirably, the management of the tea and the decoration of the tent devolved upon Mrs. Marsham, Mrs. A. Tanner, Mrs. W. May, Mrs. Howard, and Miss Tanner. Dinner Committee: - Rev. C. D. B. Marsham, secretary and chairman, Rev. M. J. Rice (Fewcott), Messrs. T. May, Tanner, Horwood, Baughan, T. White, Beesly, and T. James. Besides the large tent, there were several smaller ones, and these were erected and arranged by Messrs. T. May and J. Beesly. Flags were kindly lent by Messrs. T. C. Finch, T. Sulston, J. Campin, W. Grimsley, W. Hyde, and Thomas (gentlemen of Bicester). During the course of the afternoon Sir Thomas and Lady Peyton appeared in the park, and took a lively interest in the enjoyment of the company. We also noticed Mr. Henry (from the Isle of Wight, who is on a visit to the House), The Rev. E., Mrs., and Miss Withington, and the Misses Webster. The sports were held immediately after the tea, and excited great interest and much amusement. They were ably managed by Messrs. Godwin, Tanner, James, and W. Horwood, to whom much credit is due. We append a detailed list of events:"*

The "detailed list" includes the names of the events, the three prize winners and the amount of prize money won ranging from between 1s. and 3s for individuals and 5s for the tug-of-war team.

As space is limited, here are just the event titles, some of which might raise an eyebrow or two today!



Flat Race (for boys over 12 and under 16)  
 Flat Race (for girls between 12 and 16)  
 Sack Race (80 yards)  
 100 Yards (married women)  
 150 Yards (men over 30)  
 100 Yards Siamese Race  
 100 Yards (boys under 12)  
 100 Yards (girls under 12)  
 Second Race

Tilting in the Ring  
 150 Yards (girls over 16)  
 150 Yards (men over 50)  
 Cock Fight  
 Obstacle Race  
 Siamese Race (under 16)  
 Tug of War (10 a-side)  
 Donkey Tournament  
 Donkey Race

The newspaper report continues:

*"In the children's races, ties, handkerchiefs, pencil cases, &c., were awarded. Of all the items the donkey tournament was the most mirth provoking, and proved to be a splendid innovation to the ordinary catalogue of sports. The prizes are to be given away either to-day or to-morrow. There were other amusements in plenty, including cricket, cocoa-nut throwing, roundabouts, a good show, and other things, and not a few availed themselves of the kind permission given to have a look over the grounds and gardens of Swift's House. There was a very pretty triumphal arch at the chief entrance to that portion of the park where the festivities were held. It was decorated with various kinds of flags, and was the work of Mr. Parrott, gardener at Swift's House. The Bicester Volunteer Band gave every satisfaction, and an enjoyable dance was engaged in to their music. Amongst the large number of people present, were many from Bicester, including the members of the Bicester Cycling Club. Everybody appeared to be highly pleased and to have immensely enjoyed the Stoke Lyne Jubilee Festival."*

Brenda Hazell

## Stratton Audley and Godington St Mary and St Edburga; Holy Trinity

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**Services:** - Please see back page

### Thanks ...

Thank you to all those who ensure the Church is clean and beautifully presented to everyone in the village and visitors. They are the unsung heroes who also arrange the flowers prior to services (apart from during Lent when there are no floral arrangements). And a round of thanks to all those who volunteer to mow the churchyard during the summer/autumnal months, we know it takes a couple of hours. Thank you!

## Annual Church Meeting

It is hoped many of the Stratton Audley residents attended the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday 27th April in support of the Church; if you did, thank you.

## Vacancies in St Mary & St Edburga

At the April Open Parish Meeting in the Church, Sarah Noujaim asked those attending for volunteers to help run the Church or if they could encourage neighbours/friends in the village. The roles are not onerous but all of them, put together for one person working elsewhere full time, is a challenge. If you would like to put yourself up for any of the following roles, contact Sarah (number above), Becky [admin@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:admin@shelswellparishes.info) or Alice the Rector at [rector@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:rector@shelswellparishes.info).

### Official Vacancies required for St Mary and St Edburga:

1 x Churchwarden

1 x Secretary to the Stratton Audley and Godington Parochial Church Council (PCC)

1 x Deanery Synod Representative

We fortunately have a very capable Treasurer in Fai Li. She also looks after Newton Purcell.

### For the 'Shelswell News', Stratton Audley needs:

1 x Stratton Audley Magazine Correspondent for the Shelswell Parish News - this can be many people with at least one collating all the news etc into one entry for the magazine to be sent to Editor (Rosemary Farmery) once a month.

### And finally .....

It would be lovely to see more villagers come to church services now and then as coffee/tea with cake and biscuits are served at the end of morning services allowing those attending to catch up with others. If you need to "know someone who does..." or who knows someone who can, you may find them at the end of a morning service!

**Children are very welcome;** the church has a small table and benches with a good supply of paper/crayons for young children during services.



**'Little Lambs'** baby and toddler group continues in Stratton Audley Church every Wednesday in term time (9.30am - 11.30am)

## Queens Platinum Jubilee – Save the date

A community wide street party will be held to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon to 5pm** is our day of celebration.

If you want to help or want further details, please email Abbey Short [Abbey.Short@olympia.london](mailto:Abbey.Short@olympia.london)

### Stratton Audley 100 club

The draw takes place at coffee morning in the Red Lion on the first Wednesday in the month. The winners in the 100 Club draw for the month of April 2022 are:

£30	Malachy O'Neill (128)
£20	Fran Hill (44)
£10	Debbie & Martin Moroney (39)
£10	Phoebe & Tom Lowe (159)

### Defibrillator Training – Date to be confirmed

Nine people have so far asked to participate in Defibrillator training which will take place in the Church building on a Saturday morning (likely 10-12noon). The PC are arranging for South Central Ambulance to run the training session and there are still a few places remaining. Please email [jhonsinger@btconnect.com](mailto:jhonsinger@btconnect.com) if you want your name added to the list.

### Parish Council Newsletter

The newsletter is regularly circulated by email. This keeps you up to date on charity fundraising for the Ukraine, EWR road works, and other items of village interest. Please support all local business. Please email [jhonsinger@btconnect.com](mailto:jhonsinger@btconnect.com) if you want your name added to the list.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Stratton Audley 2022 Boules Cup Competition

**Fri 10th June 6pm for 6.30pm start at  
Stratton Audley Park**

*Kind Courtesy of Emma & Mark ter Haar*

**Entry £15 per person, £5 children under 5 includes Supper & Drinks (Wine, Lager, Softies)**

- Please bring a Boules set with you (if you have one!)
- Don't worry if you're on your own, a partner will be found for you to pair up with!
- Play with your partner or child(ren) or mix up with friends!
- Play to win prestigious "Stratton Audley Boules cup" & the "Plate" competition for those knocked out in the first round!

**Tickets to competition & catering, please contact Emma at [emmaterhaar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emmaterhaar@yahoo.co.uk) or 07867 783938**

All ticket proceeds will go to Stratton Audley Church (all food and drink very generously sponsored by Emma & Mark ter Haar)

Non-participants very welcome to come along for fun but still £15/£5 per head for food and drinks



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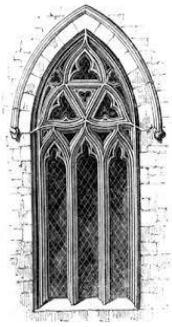
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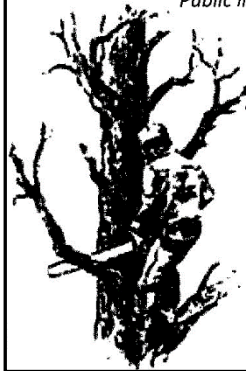
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