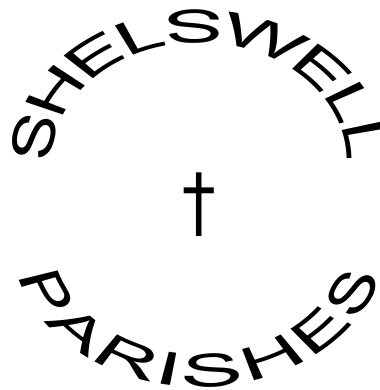


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MINISTER'S LETTER

COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY – REALLY?

Every five years or so, Finmere and Fringford Primary Schools, along with other Church of England Primary Schools, have a SIAMS inspection. SIAMS stands for Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, and it is designed to assess the impact of the school's Christian vision on all that it does. In recent years, the inspection framework has been revised twice, in 2018 and in 2023, and 2018 saw the introduction of a new term: courageous advocacy. I don't know what images that evokes for you, but my mind is filled with Emily Wilding Davison throwing herself in front of the King's horse at the Epsom Derby in 1913. Or supporters of the 'Just Stop Oil' gluing themselves to significant paintings in the National Gallery in 2022. climate protesters people sticking themselves to the M25. Or Greta Thunberg absenting herself from school as a call for more action against climate change. Certainly courageous acts of advocacy, but I am not entirely sure that these are the sort of actions the SIAMS inspectors have in mind!



Maybe not, but we probably do want our children to be able to speak out against issues of injustice, especially on behalf of those whose voice is not generally heard. We do want them to be informed about issues of injustice in the world, and to be able to move beyond simply knowing to saying and doing. We do want them to be able to become agents of change in the world, bringing about transformations in our communities, both locally and globally.



In fact, it would be quite good if we as adults were better able to do that too! The problem is that it does require effort on our part if we are to find out about the facts behind an issue, rather than sticking with our often ill-informed opinions. It does require courage on our part if we are to risk speaking out, especially if our opinion does not match that of other people that we meet. And it does require sustained persistence on our part to think of and follow through with actions that will make a difference. Added to which, there are just so many things in the world that need changing. A lot of the time it can feel easier not to bother!

So what can help us be courageous advocates?

- many Christians, trying to reflect God's love within our communities and follow Jesus's teaching to love God and love our neighbour, believe that God wants us to be agents of change in the world. And at times when we feel discouraged or like giving up, we will look to God for the strength and inspiration to carry. I wonder what your own world view is, and how it inspires you to make a difference?
- who around you shares your passion? It is much easier to keep energised with the support of others.
- small steps make a difference – they all add up. How do you celebrate the small steps you make?

The church communities in Shelswell do a little bit of (fairly timid) advocacy.

- we think that it is not right that many people in Bicester, Brackley and Buckingham are struggling to afford to eat, or that NHS staff working in the John Radcliffe are having to rely on food vouchers to feed their families. And so we are trying to support the local Foodbanks through the donation points in our churches. And a couple of our church community are regularly volunteering with one of the Foodbanks.
- we think it is not right that girls in so many parts of the world are minimally educated, especially as there is good evidence that educating girls saves lives and builds stronger families, communities and economies. It is one of the things that can make a real difference in the developing world. And so we are supporting the girl's primary school in Wulu, South Sudan.
- we are ashamed of the way we have used and continue to use the earth's resources, causing such devastation to our planet and impacting big time of the lives of so many in the developing world. And so we are trying to change some of our own habits, raise awareness in some of our services and other events, allowing parts of our churchyards to grow wild, and having a 'cream tea for trees' on 6th August to raise money to support the Woodland Trust's Atlantic Rainforest Restoration Appeal and Tree Aid's Great Green Wall Appeal to plant trees and restore lands across the Sahel.

And I also know of individuals who are passionate about other issues such as mental health or supporting refugees.

I wonder what injustices you see in the world, both locally and globally? What issue do you feel passionately about? Help us to share your passion and celebrate the actions you have taken by writing a short article for the Shelswell News.

Alice Goodall



BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 2 nd July	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28 v5-9 Romans 6 v12-end Matthew 10 v40-end
Sunday 9 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity	Zechariah 9 v9-12 Romans 7 v15-25a Matthew 11 v16-19 & 25-end
Sunday 16 th July	6 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55 v10-13 Romans 8 v1-11 Matthew 13 v1-9 and 18-23
Sunday 23 rd July	7 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 44 v6-8 Romans 8 v12-25 Matthew 13 v24-30 and 36-43
Sunday 30 th July	8 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 3 v5-12 Romans 8 v26-end Matthew 13 v31-33 and 44-52

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION AND SOUP LUNCH

Thursday 6th July

12noon

Stoke Lyne Church

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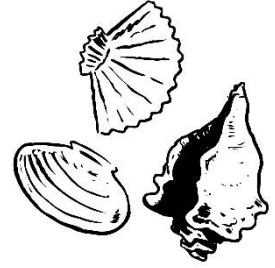
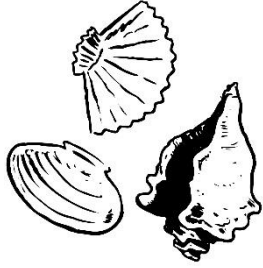
NEW MAGAZINE EDITOR NEEDED



We would love to hear from anyone interested in taking over the role of 'Shelswell News' editor. All the advertising is handled from the Benefice Office so you do not need to deal with this, and you would rarely need to draft any material yourself. Your role would be to receive the material from parish correspondents and the representatives of clubs and societies (by email) and collate this to fit the page layout of the magazine. New ideas for articles, features or series are always welcome. For an informal chat about what might be involved please call Alice on 01280 848192.

Shelswell By The Sea

A break from routine
run by the Shelswell Group of Churches



10 July 2023
in Hethe Village Hall,
from 10.30am to 3.30pm,
and on 11th July a trip to visit Revd. Yvonne Mullins
in the Five Parish Benefice

Cost: £7.00 a day (includes all meals)

Give yourself time to chat, read newspapers, play board games, or do a jigsaw. Coffee, lunch and tea provided. We can give lifts to and from Hethe, and a minibus will take us to Mursley. Pick up a Booking Form in one of our churches, or ring or email Penny Wood [01869-277310] penelope.wood@btopenworld.com

'FUN @ FOUR' does ICE CREAM SUNDAY!



The story Jesus told about the Great Banquet

Sunday 16th July

4 pm

Stoke Lyne Church

Activities, Prayer and Praise, sandwiches and cake, and, of course, ice cream for all!

Come and join in the fun and craziness of 'Lighthouse Shelswell' – the best week of the summer holidays!

10am – 3.30pm

Monday 24th July – Friday 28th July

Finmere School

There are still some places available for 4 – 11 year olds – go to <https://lighthousecentral.org/> to sign up.

We would also value a few more teenagers to help out as 'Lamplighters' – loads of fun, as well as being good on your

c.v. Contact me on alicegoodall313@gmail.com / 01280 848192 if you'd like to know more, or register on <https://lighthousecentral.org/> as a volunteer.

Alice Goodall



HELPERS NEEDED FOR 'LITTLE LAMBS' TODDLER GROUP



We have a band of regular helpers at our 'Little Lambs' baby and toddler group, but one or two more people are needed to help at sessions – offering refreshments to the mums/carers, chatting, preparing for the 'snack time', and helping Liz (the organiser) to tidy up at the end. Time involvement is about two and a half hours, on one or two mornings a term. You would need to have a DBS check. Please consider volunteering, and contact Penny [01869-277310]



**BRACKLEY
FOODBANK**



News from Mixbury

Mixbury got their donation box set up in the Church porch in April. Since then, Mixbury folk have responded in true Mixbury style, and James Tobin has made three trips to the Brackley Food Bank, each time to deliver a full box of food! Fantastic!

James sent an email round Mixbury:

'I was able to drop off the food you have donated at Brackley food bank last week and met the manager and a few of the volunteers, who thank us greatly for our support. I was able to chat about their work, and sadly they really need all the donations they can get right now as demand continues to be high. They also support a local primary school in providing for a 'breakfast club'. Yes, just on our doorstep there are many children from troubled backgrounds who don't get fed before they go off to school. Although it doesn't solve the background problems it at least gives the children a fighting chance to learn.



So, thank you all, please keep your food donations coming!

BICESTER FOODBANK	BRACKLEY FOODBANK
DONATION POINT IN THE CHURCHES AT COTTISFORD, FINMERE, FRINGFORD, HETHE, HARDWICK, STOKE LYNE, STRATTON AUDLEY (EITHER IN THE PORCH OR JUST INSIDE THE DOOR)	DONATION POINT IN MIXBURY CHURCH PORCH
PARTICULARLY ASKING FOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRUIT JUICE • JAM • LONG LIFE MILK • TINNED FRUIT • TINNED MEAT MEALS • TINNED SOUPS • TINNED VEGETARIAN-SUITABLE MEALS • TINNED FISH • COFFEE 	PARTICULARLY ASKING FOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TINS OF FRUIT • CUSTARD • RICE PUDDING • PACKETS OF MICROWAVE RICE
CHECK IT OUT AT: https://bicester.foodbank.org.uk/	CHECK IT OUT AT: https://www.brackleyfoodbank.org/

Local volunteers: Sally Evans from Cottisford, Jacqueline Chelin from Finmere, and now Christina McCullagh from Fringford all help out at one of our Foodbanks – who else do you know who volunteers there?

KEEP DONATING!



A Great Big Green Week Event

CREAM TEAS for TREES

Sunday 6th August, 3-5pm, in Stratton Audley Church

Woods and trees are essential for people, for wildlife, for life on earth,
and are a powerful weapon in the fight against climate change.

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** ♥

Enjoy scrumptious cream teas and cakes while finding out more about:

► **BRITAIN'S ATLANTIC RAINFOREST** – isolated patches of this temperate rainforest remain in parts of N.W. Scotland, North & West Wales, Devon, Cornwall, Cumbria, and Northern Ireland.

This incredibly rare habitat has conditions which are perfect for scarce plants, lichens and fungi, and remarkable birds and mammals. It is thought to be more under threat than tropical rainforests.

► **THE GREAT GREEN WALL** – a community focused, African led programme to grow a vast belt of trees, vegetation and fertile land across the drylands of the Sahel. This will lead to increased biodiversity and food security, create jobs for millions of people, especially women, and help stop the spread of the Sahara Desert, thus enabling people to stay on their land.

► **TREE PLANTING** – how can we help to provide more tree cover locally?

Donations for Teas will go to support the **WOODLAND TRUST**'s Atlantic Rainforest Restoration Appeal and **TREE AID**'s Great Green Wall Appeal to plant trees and restore lands across the Sahel.

For more information see

Woodland Trust: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/habitats/temperate-rainforest/
<https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/garden-trees>

Tree Aid: www.treeaid.org/blogs-updates/great-green-wall/



*Among their demands were bourbon
biscuits, double fees for weddings, and
Sundays off*

GOD IN THE ARTS

Editor: Michael Burgess looks at great works of Christian art. You can see the image described by googling 'Herdsman with Cows by a River' by Albert Cuyp or going to <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/albert-cuyp-a-herdsman-with-five-cows-by-a-river>. The low-res image here is offered by the National Gallery under a Creative Commons Agreement, for use in non-profit publications.

'He gave us eyes to see them': 'Herdsman with Cows by a River' by Albert Cuyp 1650

'What is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?' W H Davies

It is a very ordinary scene of nature. Yet there is a radiance and a tranquillity that strike us as we see the herd of cows standing in the still waters. Around them there is a lot of movement: birds fly in the sky, boats are sailing off into the sunset and two fishermen are busy at their work to the left of the canvas. But the cows and their herdsman are quiet and contented, relishing this moment of the day closing, and contemplating the world going by. And two of those cows seem to be looking out into our own world. In many of Albert Cuyp's paintings the sun bathes each scene in a golden light. Here the clouds are gathering in the sky as the sun sinks down in the west, but there is still a glowing calmness brought by the light of the sky above.

In this month of July we are probably planning holidays. Some holidays can be a frenetic rush, others are those occasions when we simply sit back and relax, letting what we see around us bring refreshment and renewal. It is the way we are encouraged to savour the joy and delight of Scripture in what is called *lectio divina*. Monastic teachers compared it to cows grazing in the field. They pointed to four stages: *Lectio* – we take a bite of scripture; *Meditatio* – we chew on that word; *Oratio* – we savour its flavour and nourishment; and *Contemplatio* – we digest its goodness to feed body and soul.

The herd of cows in Albert Cuyp's painting have spent the day doing just that – grazing and ruminating in the fields nearby. The herdsman has brought them to the river to relax in the water. Soon they will take the journey home to the farm and the safety of the cowshed. Tomorrow will bring them the opportunity to graze anew in the gift of another day. Walt Whitman wrote in one of his poems, 'I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contain'd, I stand and look at them long and long.' As we stand and look at the cows in this painting, perhaps we may realise that whether at work or on holiday, in Sunday worship or Bible reading at home, God can feed us through His world around and in His word in Scripture. As long as we take the time and the care to savour the delights that He offers us.



REGISTRY

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

Baptisms

Matilda Rose WILSON

Saturday 27th May

St Edmund and St George, Hethe

Various people were stuck in traffic, so we got off to a bit of a late start, but it was lovely to welcome Matilda and all her family and friends into Hethe church for her christening. They were dressed in their best summer outfits but it was Matilda who was star of the show in her lovely christening gown!

Matilda is over nine months old now, daughter of Leanne and Adam who moved to Hethe about three years ago. She joins a large and busy family with Leanne's three older children: Mia, aged 20 years, Anais, aged 16 years and Leo, aged 9 years, and Adam's three: Isla, aged 8 years, Callum, aged 6 years and Kieron, aged 2 years. They were all there to celebrate her christening!

Leanne and Adam had chosen three hymns for the christening: 'Lord of the dance', 'He's got the whole world in his hands' and 'One more step along the world I go'. Mia read the Bible reading – Isaiah 43: 1 – 3a, and there were a couple of poems as well. To help us think about the meaning of baptism, we made 'baptingles', and we lit them as we sang our middle hymn.

Matilda has seven godparents: Ellie Bradford, who is Leanne's sister; Vanessa Clayton-Bradford – another family member; Joe Wilson and Holly Wilson, who are Adam's brother and sister; Garfield Baugh, Joanne Spittle, and Lisa Garner who are good friends. That has to be a lot of presents on birthdays!

Our prayers are with Matilda and her family – we hope that as she grows up, she discovers more about just how much God loves her.



William Robert Bradbury HARPER

Sunday 28th May 2023

St Mary and St Edburga, Stratton Audley

William was born in July 2021, and was due to be christened in December 2021. That unfortunately got shifted because of Covid. Just as we were beginning to think about another date, William's mum got poorly. But finally, on Sunday 28th May 2023, we met in Stratton Audley church to do the deed. As William's dad said, 'we want to get him done before the harvest'.

William is the first child of Adam and Catherine Harper. Adam and Catherine live in Poundon. Adam farms at Hill View Farm and is a mindfulness teacher. Catherine is both a social worker and also manages Poundon Pastures, the secure dog walking park.

Now that William is nearly two years old, he is full of energy and has a passion for bright yellow tractors. He also knows his own mind, and wasn't entirely sure about the whole notion of being christened. However, with much cajoling and bribery, he was just about persuaded.

Catherine and Adam had chosen two hymns for his christening: 'Lord of all hopefulness' and 'One more step along the world I go'. But we also made baptingles, and had a third song, 'He's got the whole world in his hands' as we held our lit baptingles. There were two readings, Mark 10: 13 – 16 read by one grandmother, Gill Harper, and a Celtic Blessing read by the other grandmother, Angela Rowe.

William's godparents are: Eilidh Millar, Catherine's friend since she was 9 years old; Tom Sheppard, Adam's best man, and Tom Deeley, also a farmer and an usher at Adam and Catherine's wedding.

We pray that his baptism will be just the start of William's journey of faith, and we look forward to seeing much more of him in the coming years as he finds his place within the church.

Lucy Jane NAYLOR

Sunday 4th June 2023

St Michael and All Angels, Fringford

It was lovely to be able to welcome Lucy with her mum and dad Katie and Mark and her big brother Joey to a Family Service at Fringford Church on Sunday 4th June. And they had brought lots of their family and friends with them, so, with the regular congregation as well, the church was nicely full.

Katie and Mark have lived in Fringford for over five years now, and Katie has brought both her children along to the Little Lambs Toddler Group. Katie works as an Age Debt Manager and Mark as a Business Analyst. Just to make things easier, they choose the same godparents for Lucy as they had for Joey: Rachael and Harry Grabham (Rachael is Katie's sister), Ruth Naylor – Mark's sister, and Nicola Forest, Katie's friend from school.

The first reading for that Sunday was from Isaiah chapter 40 – a lovely reminder to some rather grumpy Israelites that God hadn't forgotten them and that God is always there for them. That one was read by Martin Greenwood. The second reading for that Sunday was Matthew 28: 16 – end, and was read by Mark's mum Jane. Appropriately it was the passage where Jesus sends his disciples out to make disciples, and to baptise them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We made baptingles to help us think about the meaning of baptism – Lucy was entranced by hers as you can see in the photograph. And we had four hymns: 'All things bright and beautiful' which had been chosen by Katie and Mark, 'He's got the whole world in his hands' as we held our lit baptingles, 'Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us' and 'Be thou my vision'. At the end of the service, Joey held the baptism candle for his sister.

After the service and photographs in the churchyard, the baptism party went back to the Village Hall for lunch – lasagne. And the celebrations continued.

We pray for Lucy and her family that God will bless her richly as she grows up.



Margot Phoebe Willow COX and William Wilfred Cox

Sunday 4th June 2023

St Edmund and St George, Hethe

Margot Cox was born in July 2019, so is now four years old. She was due to be baptised on 15th March 2020, but at that time Covid was just beginning to make its presence felt and the decision was made to postpone it. Then in October 2022, Wilfred made his appearance, and plans began for a double christening on Sunday 4th June.

Margot and Wilf's parents are Jemima and David Cox who have lived in Hethe for some years now. Jemima is a teacher at Beachborough and David works as a Sales and Business Development Manager. Jemima's dad is a regular churchgoer, and her grandfather was a vicar, and church was very much a part of her life when she was growing up. It also happens that one of her dad's best friends from when he was 13 years of age is a retired bishop: the Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, now an honorary Associate Bishop in the Oxford Diocese, so Jonathan was persuaded to come and baptise Margot and Wilf which everyone was really pleased about.

Jemima and David had chosen two hymns for the christening: 'Lord of the dance' and 'Tell out my soul', but we also had 'He's got the whole world in his hands' which we sang whilst holding our lit baptingles. Bishop Jonathan had not come across baptingles before, so we were pleased to induct him into the art of baptingle making. There were two readings, a poem by Hilaire Belloc, 'The Early Morning', which was read by David's aunt, and the passage from Mark 10: 13 – 16 where Jesus welcomes the children and blesses them, which was read by Jemima's dad Barnabas.



Margot has five godparents: Alice Hay, a cousin and best friend; Jemima Tulloch and Sophie Turnbull, friends of Jemima from school; Henry Kay, David's best friend, and Harry Cormack, a friend from University. Wilfred had four godparents: Flora Kay, Alice Edwards, Rosie Hufton and Reggie Nole. At the end of the service, Gus, who is Margot and Wilf's cousin, together with Ted and Lily, lit their baptism candles for them.

After the service and lots of photographs, everyone went back to the Village Hall for a lovely afternoon of fun and celebrations. Our prayers are with Margot and Wilf as they start their Christian journey – may it be one in which they discover amazing things about God!

Molly Alexandra ASTLEY

Sunday 11th June 2023

All Saints, Mixbury

It was another gloriously sunny day and the Mixbury Half Hour service was rather busier than usual as Molly brought all her family and friends along to see her christened.

Molly's mum and dad are Joanna and Andrew Astley. They met whilst travelling the world, and are now settled in Stratford on Avon where they both work as teachers. They were married in Mixbury Church in August 2021, and Joanna's family have a long association with it. In the Mixbury Baptism Register we were able to find the record of the christening of her mum Frances in September 1957, as well as the christening of her aunt and uncle, Angela and Robert Hawes in August 1954. So it was very fitting that Molly was also christened there.



Molly had three hymns at her christening: 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven', 'All things bright and beautiful' which had been chosen by Joanna and Andy, 'Father, hear the prayer we offer', and 'He who would valiant be'. The reading for that Sunday was Matthew 9: 9 – 13 where Jesus calls Matthew the tax collector to follow him – it was read by Andy's sister Ell Astley. Penny Wood spoke to us about baptism, and after the baptism had happened, we all wrote prayers for Molly.

Molly has three godparents: Nicholas Astley, Andy's brother; Charlotte Younghusband, Joanna's sister; Amanda Wheen, who is a good friend of Joanna's. At the end of the service, her baptism candle was lit by Max, Andy's 13 year old brother.

After the service, everyone was invited back to Monks House Farm for bacon butties (among other things!) and an opportunity to catch up with one another in the sunshine. Molly snoozed in her pram in a shady spot and seemed very happy with the proceedings. We pray that God will richly bless Molly throughout her life and that she will come to understand just how broad and long and high and deep is his love for her.



Marriages

Andrew Thomas STEPHENS and Christina Jade Anne SCOTT-JAMES

Thursday 1st June 2023

St Michael and All Angels, Finmere



It wasn't quite as warm as you might have hoped for 1st June, and the five bridesmaids huddled in the porch out of the rather nippy breeze as they waited for the camper van that was bringing Chrissie. The bridegroom with his best man and ushers had been there for some time. Button holes had been pinned on. Clothing had been adjusted. All the guests were there, and finally so was Chrissie.

Andrew and Chrissie met online just before the first Covid lockdown, but it wasn't until August 2020 that they first met in person. It would have been sooner, but Andrew had got bored during lockdown so experimented with dying his hair, and he wasn't going to meet Chrissie until he'd been able to get to a hairdressers to put things right!

Chrissie works as a nurse and Andrew is a transport planner. They live in High Wycombe, and we have enjoyed having them join us at services in the Benefice as they established the qualifying connection they needed to allow them to be married in Finmere.

Chrissie followed her bridesmaids down the aisle on her dad's arm to 'A thousand years' sung by Christina Perri. There were three hymns: 'Lord of the dance', 'Give me joy in my heart' and 'Shine Jesus shine'. Whilst we were signing the marriage document, everyone listened to 'You've got the Love' and

'Heaven'. And when the newly weds walked out of the church, they did so to 'Accidentally in Love' by Counting Crows.

There were three readings: Song of Solomon 2: 10 – 13 and 8: 6 - 7 read by Ellie Fisher, Ecclesiastes 4: 9 – 12 read by Chrissie's mum Edyta and The Art of Marriage by Wilferd Arlan Peterson read by Jack Biggs. The witnesses were Aaron Brock and Evie Clephan. There was a retiring collection that was divided between the church and St Margaret's Hospice Care. At the end of the service the bells rang out, everyone blew bubbles as Chrissie and Andrew walked down the path before travelling back to Stratton Court Barn for further festivities, dinner and dancing.

We wish Chrissie and Andrew every happiness in their marriage together.

Jackson Timothy CURTIS and Kalisha Kranti PATEL

Saturday 3rd June 2023

St Mary the Virgin, Hardwick

Hardwick church had been polished until it was shining and beautifully decorated with a lovely arch of flowers around the porch. There were commemorative pencils for the guests, which they could use if they were bored to complete the word search on the back of the order of service, cunningly disguised as a newspaper. Kalisha's dad had promised that she would be on time, and at exactly on schedule at 2.30 pm, the car drew up outside of the church gates.

Kalisha and Jackson met 9 years ago when they were both working together at Bicester Village for the summer. The following summer, Kalisha instigated their first date to go and see a horror film at the cinema. She reasoned that a horror film would be the perfect excuse to have to hold Jackson's hand when she got scared. Which seemed to work very well as a plan.

Jackson grew up in Hardwick, one of the sons of Tim and Sharon Curtis. Indeed he lived there until January last year. The area was not unknown to Kalisha who used to live with her family in Brackley. The couple now live in London where Jackson works as a recruitment manager and Kalisha as a civil servant with the Foreign Office. Jackson and Kalisha are actually having two wedding ceremonies, this one, and another Hindu ceremony in September.

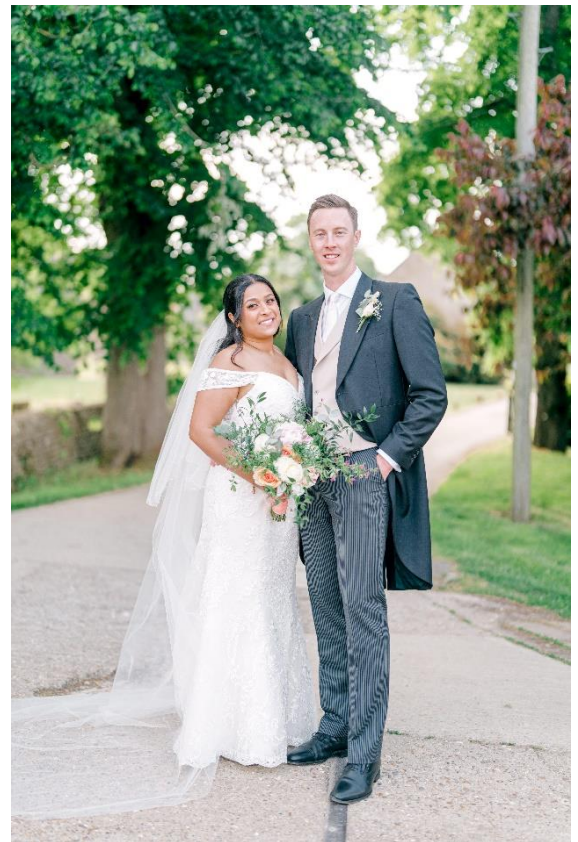
Kalisha walked down the aisle on her dad's arm to 'Here comes the sun' played on the organ by Pam Morgan. She was preceded by her flower girl, Ishani, and her two bridesmaids Amy and Sophie. Jackson had his two brothers Freddie and Redford as his best men.

There were two readings: 1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 1, read by Cheryl Hutchinson, and 'Love in colour' by Bolu Babalola read by Cassia Wright. There were three hymns: 'All things bright and beautiful', 'Lord of all hopefulness' and 'Jerusalem'. There were four witnesses to the signing of the marriage document: Eileen Kuester, Jean Curtis and Kalisha's grandparents Raman and Sushila Patel.

There was a retiring collection that was to be divided between the church and The Woodland Trust.

The newly weds left the church to Natalie Cole's 'This will be'. They didn't have far to travel as the reception was being held in the grounds of Sycamore House in Hardwick.

We wish them every happiness in their marriage together – may it be a blessing to them, to their families and to all who know them.



Funerals

Richard Beaumont

15th September 1948 – 30th January 2023

See the entry in the Mixbury village section.

Rosemary Farmery

10th December 1945 – 15th May 2023

Rosemary was born near York in 1945. Her early schooling was in Pocklington, south of York. She spent holidays in Scarborough, amongst other places, in the company of her cousin Jean, now 91 and sadly unable to attend the funeral from Yorkshire.

Rosemary's father was in business as a cobbler but died when she was under 5 while her mother Mary lived to 82 having taken on the business until she decided to sell up and move both of them south, eventually, via Bletchley, to Stratton Audley in 1971.

At that time Rosemary, having already having secured her 80 words per minute typing speed, quite a feat on the old swing ping typewriters, and 100wpm Pitman Shorthand, continued to work in the Civil Service, the MoD no less, in the buying and selling of munitions which briefly took her across the pond to work in Washington DC for a while, before returning back to the UK to MoD Procurement Executive in London. The latter was something she rarely wished to discuss, having signed the Official Secrets Act.



Years later, she began keeping the books for a number of farmers and various organisations of which the Bucknell Grain Stores Syndicate was one. This led to her being the civvy “bean counter”. She then kept the accounts for the estate of the late Andrew Dalton. Fortunately, she was based locally at Fritwell Manor (great for exercising the dogs). Rosemary was very fond of all the family and had the luxury to enjoy the Scottish estate for short stays. The latter is where the broken shoulder débâcle occurred with the ever patient, kind Mike Haddon et al coming to the rescue to collect her XC70 Volvo estate with the canine entourage. Meanwhile, Rosemary, despite the pain, was lording it in the hospital! Thanks go to the Daltons for hosting the rescue team.

Animals were a great passion for Rosemary, having owned a horse, kept locally back in the 1970's who according to Rosemary, “could be quite an exciting ride!” She would delight in recounting how a farmer, on what is now Southfields, came to the rescue when said horse took umbridge at a new double decker bus passing by on the A421.

The main loves of her life post MoD, were ... canine! She started with a Pekingese (inherited from a cousin) followed by Sheba the Poodle. Her love affair with the Labrador Retriever began with Rosie a Fox Red and Mandy, a yellow. Enjoying dog agility and dog training. Rosemary, despite some early disability showing, decided to put docile Mandy into pup. Unfortunately, there were only two yellow puppies... so, guess what, Rosemary...HAD... to keep them both! She still had command of the pack now including Dee and Dilly, save the rare wanderer in Cavendish, using her direct booming voice as required.

As her pack reduced down to none, Rosemary was at a loss, made worse that now retired, she had more time for her dogs. All told, a puppy was out of the question which she eventually came to terms with. So, after a word with her vet, off she went to Blenheim Palace to view a particular Labrador in trial which was the result of a recommendation. She was shocked at the submissiveness of said black dog...then she said YES, I'll have her. And there started the love affair of Rosemary and Cricket.

Rosemary's patience around dogs brought Cricket out of her past and into a new life as a cheeky, but a highly loyal companion. After some daily fitness walks during lockdown on Seven Springs, thanks to permission from the late John O'Neil, Cricket was ready to be Rosemary's new scooter's outrunner after gentle encouragement from Rosemary.

Rosemary enjoyed the independence that her scooter brought her once again, with freedom to go where she wanted locally with a smile and kindly interaction with those she and Cricket met. They could happily potter along on the scooter at 2mph or up to 6mph, they enjoyed pub lunches in Fringford, rides/trots to the Stratton Audley Mill, up to Stratton Audley Park, then enjoyed coffees at the Howson's West Farm Barn, where she had also arranged ladies' breakfasts in opposite to the village Men's breakfasts - Ever the early feminist!

On top of all this, she had also previously helped out with the Parish Council, and regularly continued to really support *Save The Children*, the *Guide Dogs for the Blind*, *Dogs for the Disabled*, *Royal British Legion* and numerous other charities.

Latterly, Rosemary had also edited the Shelswell's News bringing her into regular contact with many in the Benefice she had known for years and meeting those new to the Benefice. In this period, when reliant on dog walkers and morning carers, one particular carer, with whom she clicked, left, so Rosemary tracked her down. Anna with her happy disposition, would come to clean, cook, be the helper to sort the never-ending boxes into piles of ... charity shop, discard or to keep but also to after "booked time" to just chat and laugh. Anna was helping Rosemary with decluttering until just very recently.

Rosemary should be remembered for her lunch parties in her redesigned garden, her moving the garden room (only twice!) and latterly her pre-Christmas prosecco fueled evening. The latter just in December 2022 started by one of Rosemary's famous "if you don't mind, could you "just russell up" a few drinks and nibbles" that turned into a lot of Prosecco and many canapés for a long evening full of laughter. She loved it. She then decided when directing others on tidying up, that she would like to have a summer "do" outside, perhaps to be planned at the end of May once she had her new joystick scooter; sadly, she left us all a few weeks prior.

In brief, Rosemary was a good friend to all her friends, to her own and visiting dogs, but in particular, her last faithful companion, lost only just 3 months prior... Cricket. We trust that they are now once again, The Team.

Rosemary's funeral was arranged by Mike Haddon, her executor, with help from Sarah Noujaim. It took place in Stratton Audley Church on Thursday 15th June. The church and porch were filled with an amazing number of flowers donated by villagers, an indication of how much she will be missed. Rosemary was then taken to Banbury Crematorium before everyone returned to Garden House for some rather wonderful refreshments and time to exchange memories in the sunshine.

Rest in peace, Rosemary.

Club News



SHELLOWELL WI



June's WI meeting saw us back in the hall at Fringford, not learning about kimonos, as was planned, due to the speaker having to cancel, but instead we had a very enjoyable and fun evening led by Elizabeth Wilson, of 'Elizabeth's Cards'. We had the opportunity to make a gift bag and decoration for adding to your gift wrap, using wrapping paper. It was very straightforward, and explained very well by Elizabeth, resulting in some products we could use, a new skill for many of us and an opportunity to chat and catch up as we did it. Many members commented on what a fun evening it was. We followed the craft session with a special cake, decorated with various fruits to represent the Union flag, and with a drink we toasted King Charles and managed quite a good rendition of 'God Save the King', in celebration of the coronation, which we had not been able to mark in May.

Our president is leading a walk in June (14th) around Bucknell and hopefully the weather will be kind for what could otherwise be a bit of a muddy walk.

Our July meeting, on Thursday 7th July sounds very interesting – we have Ashley Foster coming along to talk about his work with stunt dogs and animals, which have appeared on various TV shows and films. Hopefully he will have a dog or two with him, which may even perform a stunt or two. Anyone who thinks this sounds interesting and would like to come along we will be meeting as usual at 7.30pm in Fringford Village Hall and you would be most welcome.

The Oxfordshire Federation of WIs also has several 'new' opportunities for members, ranging from trips out to places such as The Forest of Dean and 'Historic Portsmouth', and holidays – this year to Thursford.

In July there is a 'WI Day' planned for members to get together and learn more about the WI as an organisation, and later in the year a day for members focusing on well-being. All the activities are outlined in the monthly magazine called 'Oxfordshire Inspires' which all members are entitled to, and then the National Federation of WIs also produce a magazine - 'WI Life' - with news, craft ideas and activities for members, on a bi-monthly basis.

Coming Up: (Why not try a meeting? – newcomers are always welcome).

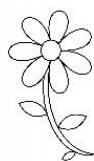
Meetings are usually in Fringford Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

July 7th– Stunt dogs and animals

August 3rd – our summer walk which this year is taking in the beautiful village of Evenley

We continue to collect plastic bottle tops for Pathfinders.

For more information on Shelswell WI, please contact the president Lesley Beagent on 07729 605670



SHELLOW GARDEN CLUB



A perfect Spring evening was spent when we visited a real treat at Chivel Farm Garden in Heythrop, Chipping Norton in May.

It has been in the current owner's family since 1800's. Originally a working farm. The house itself is situated near some trees which were planted at that time including an enormous sky high Wellingtonia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) There is a wide range of ornamental trees including the beautiful colouring of Acer Brilliantissimum, Cedrus deodara and many varieties of Magnolia, particularly a gorgeous upright called Yellow River, covered with unusual yellow flowers. The borders are colour schemed with a charming visual smorgasbord with unexpected treasures such as white Veronica, a dark red Astringia, with a selection of Peonies including 'Molly the Witch' The area which used to be a tennis court is now an exciting wildflower meadow with orchids. The enchanting garden looks over the breath-taking undulating vistas of the Oxfordshire countryside and makes full use of the landscape.

A week later, we had an opportunity to visit Swallows Nursery at Mixbury with the new owner, Anna Allen. She has taken on this good nursery and made it her own, with new show gardens, a fabulous wooden pergola for seating, and an excellent range of trees and shrubs with herbaceous plants galore. Members receive a 10% discount and will thoroughly enjoy looking for that perfect plant in this wonderful nursery.

June should have seen us visiting The Grange at Chalgrove but the owner asked if we could delay the visit till autumn, so instead we had a lovely evening in the garden of member, Buzzy Lepper.

Buzzy runs her own business, Flowers Naturally, and has a large area given over to flowers for her arrangements. It was lovely to see such a range of flowers and there were many that caught our attention, in particular, a white Corncockle, with the most delightful markings. After some searching online, we identified it as *Agrostemma 'Bianca'* and Secretary agreed to order some for the members. While we enjoyed some refreshments, Buzzy demonstrated how she makes her hand-held bouquets, making it look so easy. Many thanks to her for allowing us to visit at short notice.

Next month we have a day trip to Hampshire to the Open gardens at West Dean and Ordnance House then later in July, members are invited to the Ardley Refuse Facility to see what happens there.

For more information, email shelswellgardenclub@gmail.com.

SHELSWELL READING GROUP

The book discussed at our June meeting was 'Small Things Like These' by Claire Keegan. This story of Irish life was universally enjoyed. Although relatively short it covered many themes and presented us with characters who engaged the reader's interest and empathy. 'Distilled', 'nutshell' and 'snapshot' were all used to describe the style, and the wide range of subjects given fictional treatment included Catholicism, guilt, poverty and the infamous Magdalen Laundries.

Our July meeting will be on Wednesday 19th at 7.30 pm, in Fringford. The book we will discuss is 'Home Fires' by Kamila Shamsie.

Personal recommendations:

Other Keegan novels – 'Foster', 'Walk the Blue Fields', 'Antarctica'.

'I Leap Over the Wall' by Monica Boardman

'The Heart's Invisible Furies' by John Boyne

'Kick' by Paula Byrne

'Spies' by Michael Frayne

'Revolutionary Road' by Richard Yates

'Lifting the Latch' by Sheila Stewart

'The Things They Carried' by Tim O'Brien

'Sacred Thames' by Peter Ackroyd

'The Covenant of Water' by Abraham Verghese

SHELSWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

Our June meeting was centred on the theme of Emblems – flags, badges and symbols.

Poems about flags and what they can represent were: *The Red Flag*, composed by Jim Connel in 1889; *Flag* by John Agard, a contemporary poet from the Caribbean; *The Bonnie Blue Flag*, a Confederate song from the American Civil War, and another favourite in the Southern States, *Dixie*, read in its two versions- the Union one being a skit on the original version, which was written by Daniel Decatur Emmett. The *Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Keys, and *The Maple Leaf Forever* (in its original and 1975 versions) focused on America and Canada respectively.

Two extracts from Shakespeare's play *Henry V* employ symbolism in the form of bees, eagles, weasels, mice, cats and music. In *The Sick Rose* by William Blake the rose symbolises healthy and fulfilling love which, in Blake's opinion was being laid waste by the 'invisible worm' of sexual diseases. *Daisies are our Silver*, a children's hymn written by Jan Struther, equates the beauties of the natural world with jewels. Langston Hughes, a poet of the Harlem Renaissance in America, depicts a mother telling her son that her life has been "no crystal stair" in *Mother to Son*.

The Red Cross Nurses by Thomas Lansing Masson, a lesser-known poet of the First World War, makes clear what a wonderful organisation that was and is. *The Crown* by Carol Ann Duffy pays a reverent yet clear-sighted homage to the late Queen, and an Australian poet, CJ Dennis, has fun with heraldry in *Our Rampant Coat-of-Arms*. Similarly tongue-in-cheek is *Emblematic* by an anonymous amateur poet from Wales. *The First Badge* by AP Herbert, and written in 1945 gently mocks a Wren who has gained a Good Conduct medal. *Hail to the Chief*, inspired by a poem by Walter Scott is played to honour a current President.

A 2011 poetry competition in Canada called Totems in the Sky received one entry entitled

Symbols of Pride by Carolyn Devonshire. It looks at totem poles as symbols of Native American culture and history. In *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou, the poet uses dust as a symbol of the oppression of non-whites in America, but also of her ability to rise above the negative side of life.

In *Metaphors* Sylvia Plath poses a riddle worthy of the Anglo-Saxon poets, finding a string of images to symbolise being pregnant. The metaphysical poet John Donne uses a pair of compasses to symbolise the closeness between him and his wife in *A Valediction:Forbidding Mourning*.

Lastly, a poem loved by our hostess Jane, is Edward Thomas's iconic poem *Adlestrop*, written before his death in the First World War. It symbolises the glories of the English countryside and the peace and tranquility lost during that conflict.

Two poems held over and to be included in our July meeting (the 4th) are *Ragged Old Flag* by Johnny Cash and *Flower of Liberty* by Oliver Wendell Holmes. The theme for the 4th is Freedom.

If you would like to join us, contact me on 01869 811994 or at judith.harvey@live.co.uk

HETHE & DISTRICT DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Our first day trip of the year was by coach to the seaside town of Swanage in May.

As seen in the photograph, a good time was had by Club members and non-members enjoying a meal by the sea. We were lucky with the weather as the day was warm and sunny, in fact some of us got sunburnt.

The seaside trip went down so well that we have arranged another one to Bournemouth on the 18th of July. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee of £22. We have pick-up points in Fringford, Hethe and Bicester. Other day trips will be announced later. Further details from tony.marshall18@gmail.com.

Many thanks to the members who run a tombola stall at the fantastic Fringford Beer Festival in order to raise funds for the Club.

Note that the club will be holding an **Open Coffee Morning** at **Fringford Village Hall** on **Sat 5th August** between **9.30am and 12.30pm**. All welcome.



Bicester and Islip Deanery

Pilgrim Paths

Bletchington Kirtlington Circular Walk



Sunday 16th July, 2:00pm

Distance: 3.9 miles

You are warmly invited to join Bicester and Islip Deanery's fourth Pilgrim Paths community walk.

Meet at the Church of St Giles Bletchington
There will be tea and a short service at the end of the walk.

Parking is available at the church

Further information from Nigel Walton:
nigglegw@aol.com

SAVE THE DATES FOR FUTURE WALKS:
Saturday 30th September Bicester

LAUNTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

LVP proudly present their 2023 summer variety show "Come Rain or Shine" – a family friendly show, featuring popular songs (from West End musicals to modern pop songs), dancing, sketches and comedy skits, celebrating everything about the Great British Weather!

Suitable for all ages, tickets cost £10 for Adults and £5 for Children and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp or by calling 07864 715708. Refreshments can be pre-ordered or purchased on the day and contactless payments are available. All profits will be donated to UNICEF and the Bicester Food Bank.

This is an open-air show, held at the Mayflower Garden Theatre at Hare Leys Farm, just over a mile outside of Launton (postcode OX26 5AB). Parking and toilet facilities are available, and the garden is accessible for those with mobility restrictions.

Bring a chair or picnic blanket and come and enjoy an afternoon's entertainment in a beautiful garden, and help us raise money for two very important charities!



Launton Village Players present

Come Rain or Shine



All profits donated to:



and





An outdoor family variety show, featuring songs, music, comedy and fun, to celebrate the Great British Weather!

Suitable for all ages!

Mayflower Garden Theatre,
Hare Leys Farm,
Launton,
OX26 5AB

Saturday 15th July & Sunday 16th July at 2:30pm

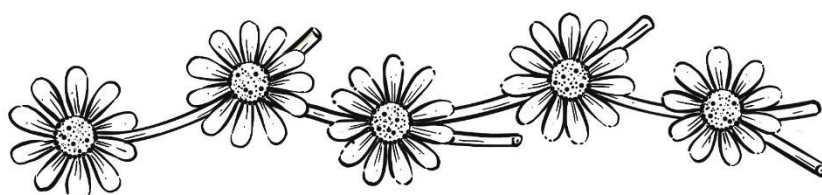
Adults £10, Child £5

www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp or 07864 715708

(card payments - booking fees apply) (cash payments)

www.launtonvillageplayers.org.uk







We're looking for more foster carers in Oxfordshire to provide a safe and secure home to a child when they are unable to live with their parents. It may be for a short period of time, or they may stay with a foster family long term.

Our foster carers receive:

- A welcome payment of £1,500, to help the transition to foster carer.
- Generous fees, paid in addition to the child's allowance.
- Dedicated social worker support.
- Access to professionals involved with the child, support groups and specialised training.

Make an enquiry here: <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fosteringenquiry>

Michelle and William Hunter from Oxford are new to fostering. Michelle said: "There are so many reasons to choose Oxfordshire County Council to begin your fostering journey.

"The council gave us lots of help, including having access to a social worker and a host of other support services. We feel part of a fostering community, making a positive difference to local children by helping them reach their full potential.

"Our advice to anyone thinking of fostering is to take your time to research and really think about it. There are lots of foster carers who would love to answer your questions, offering a realistic perspective of what fostering is like."

Would you consider being a foster parent?

We understand you will have some questions, www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/fostering

REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

Cottisford and Juniper Hill

St Mary the Virgin

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Vacancy

MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT: Judith Harvey, Lark Rise Cottage, Juniper Hill Email: judith.harvey@live.co.uk

COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Coming in July – 'Pop-up Pub'. Watch the notice boards and social media for the exact date and venue.

If you would like to host a pop-up pub or coffee morning let me know by e mailing

sandramickmore@gmail.com

Finmere St Michael and All Angels

CHURCHWARDEN: Steven Myers, 4 White Houses, Mere Rd, Finmere

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VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is now fully back in use and most of the regular users have resumed their scheduled events.



Since the arson attack last year, the hall has been completely re-decorated with a number of improved facilities added, including updated AV facilities with a new projector and large screen, new flooring and front and fire exit doors and enlarged storage spaces for regular users.

WiFi facilities have also been added.



For all bookings enquiries, please visit www.myfinmere.com/villagehall

Allotments

The new season has started and most allotment holders are digging, weeding, and planting (in the hope that danger of any late frosts has passed). Also considering a 'no-dig' allotment 😊 [No-Dig Gardening Guide | BBC Gardeners World Magazine](#)

A reminder to those allotment holders who have not yet paid their fees 😞 **Come on – pay up!** The Poor's Plot continues to have a small waiting list for allotment plots and there is always a possibility that a few plots may become available shortly, so any aspiring allotment users should visit

www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot



Some Finmere related links:

Finmere facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

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

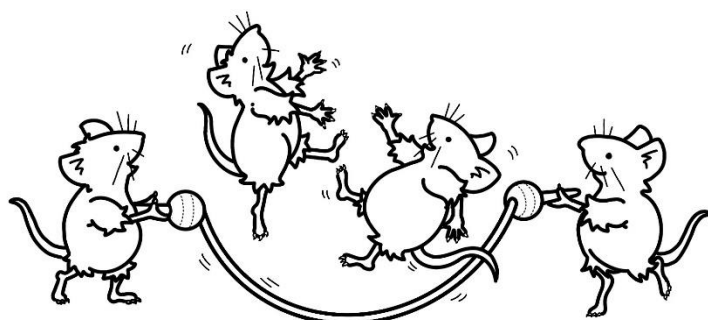
Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Old Finmere history website – www.myfinmere.com/history

Finmere on Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finmereikipedia>

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



Fringford St Michael and All Angels

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WEBSITE www.fringford.info	

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

Services

- Sunday 2 July – at 10.45am – Morning Service
- Sunday 16 July – 10.45am - Holy Communion

To find out the times and places of services on other Sundays, please check the back cover of this magazine, the Benefice website www.shelswellparishes.info, the noticeboard at the church, or ring the Benefice office (01280-848192). You will always be welcome in our other parishes.

Fringford Beer Festival – Saturday 10th June

A stunning day – perfect weather – never seen so many cars parked on the green – masses of people enjoying themselves and drinking 92% of all the beer – cider cleaned out - delicious food outlets – wonderful bands and entertainment – great stalls – and a splendid result financially:

- Church Restoration Fund 9k +
- Katherine House Hospice c 1k
- Motor Neuron Disease Association £900
- Cricket Club £1900

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event – the sponsors, the punters, the wonderful volunteers [too many to name] who put up tents, put down tents, cleared up, served on the Bar, sold tickets and glasses, transported equipment around, and made it all possible.

Greetings Cards

Packs of greeting cards (6 cards for £3) available for purchase. They feature 6 photographs of the church both in and outside. Ring Christina McCullagh on 07867 515207.

Fringford Church 100 Club

The 100 Club winners in June were: No. 38 Marion Crowther £61; No. 59 Rachel Barber £37; No. 4 David McCullagh £25.

You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register your involvement on **07867 515207**. The draw takes place monthly at the Village Coffee Morning.

Little Lambs Babies & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time in Stratton Audley Church, from 9.30am to 11.00am.

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

NOTE: One or two more people are needed to help at sessions – offering refreshments to the mums/carers, chatting, preparing for the ‘snack time’, and helping Liz (the organiser) to tidy up at the end. Time involvement is about two and a half hours, on one or two mornings a term. You would need to have a DBS check. Please consider volunteering, and contact Penny [01869-277310]

Regular Activities held in Fringford Village Hall

Details of regular activities taking place in Fringford Village Hall. To find out more or book a place, please contact the hirer direct.	
Weekly Activities	Monthly Activities
<p style="text-align: center;">FS Dance Monday & Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Village Coffee Morning All ages welcome Third Monday in the month - Chinnery Room Drop in anytime between 10.30 am and noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penny Wood 01869 277310</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Puppy Stars Dog Training Tuesday evening – various classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Nick 07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Council Meeting All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fringford Yoga Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carolyn White 01869 277161</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bicester Sound Bath Meditation First Sunday of the month from 7.45 pm Sonia - contact@holisticaxis.com Please text - 07709634847</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Just Puppies Puppy Training Wednesday evening – various classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shelswell WI First Thursday of the month 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Lesley Beagent on 07729605670</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pilates (new class) Thursday at 10.00am natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mindfulness Meditation Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Village Hall Meeting Every 6 weeks – 7.30pm Open meetings – all welcome fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat! Alternate monthly Wednesday from 7pm & Sunday from 3pm Contact Melissa at mamcs100@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">To book the hall for your own event, please go to fringford.info, village hall, how to book Here you will find all the information you will need to book on-line. For any other queries please phone or text 07936 879175 or email: fringford.hall@gmail.com</p>	

FRINGFORD FRIENDS NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUP

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 email silvercb1@outlook.com



FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING will take place on Monday 17th July from 10.30am to 12 noon, in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Just drop by any time for a coffee and a chat.

Hardwick St Mary the Virgin

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Hardwick Church New Guidebook

The new 2022 guidebook for Hardwick church and the parish of Hardwick with Tusmore is now available. This 44-page booklet has over 20 colour photos and provides a fascinating insight into the features and history of Hardwick church, the village and the Tusmore Estate. You can collect a copy from the church or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you. We ask that you make a minimum donation of £5 to church funds.

Pilgrim Pathways

Why not walk the Hethe to Hardwick to Cottisford to Hethe "Pilgrim Pathway". This is the first of what will be a network of walks between local religious sites being organised by the Bicester and Islip Deanery. This 4 mile circular route takes in the C of E churches of each of these villages as well as Holy Trinity, Hethe's RC church. You can start and end your walk at any point on the route, which takes in some glorious North Oxfordshire countryside. Pick up a free brochure outlining the route from any of the three C of E churches or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you.

HARDWICK CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY

Visit **Hardwick Church**

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If you have any news or a village 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 the next edition of the Shelswell News is on Page 2.

ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH

Church Services and Events

See the back page for details of services in our church. You will be welcome at any of these services and in other churches in the benefice, or if you are away from the Shelswell area, you can find a nearby service through the web site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>.



The church is open every day for visits and private prayer.



Many thanks to Pauline for volunteering to clean the church and provide flowers this month and Jenny for August.

How the parish pays to keep the church open and available....Regular giving is the best source of income for the church. There is now a feature in Parish Giving to make a one-off gift through a single transaction using a debit or credit card, or Apple or Google Pay, using the secure PGS website. If you wish to give specifically to maintain the rear part of the churchyard, you can give through this facility or pass your donation to Flora or Mike.



⇐ Scan here to make a one-off donation or to set up regular giving by direct debit

100 Club. 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.

The picture is of a Common Spotted Orchid which is flowering again this year in the churchyard. Apparently "orchids reproduce not only through pollination but also through offshoots. In nature, they do this especially when they are in a bad way and they want to quickly ensure the continued existence of their species". More to come then if we treat it mean!



HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Hethe Community Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Monday 10th July from 10.00am to 12.00pm

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



Parish Council. Please note that all meetings are held in the Village Hall starting at 8.00pm and that Planning Meetings will be called as required. The next full council meeting will be held on July 11th. The latest audit report for the council is available on the web site.



The Village Hall Management Committee are proud to announce that they now have **Full Fibre Broadband inclusive of the hire fee.** For bookings, please contact Flora, the village hall booking secretary fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk.

Cherwell Cats Protection League. “I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of Cherwell Cats Protection League to show our appreciation to all those people who came and supported our charity, held in the Village Hall on Saturday May 13th. The event was very successful taking just over £400. In addition to this we also received a substantial amount of cat food donations, for which we are extremely grateful.

“Everyone seemed so cheerful and there was a lovely atmosphere in the Hall.

“All proceeds go directly to our veterinary costs and cat care.

“Many thanks once again”

Janet (CCPL)



The **Stay & Play Group** contact is Jess, email: jessicablamb@yahoo.co.uk.

The Hardwick Road Allotments. Please note that the contact for the allotments off the Hardwick Road is now Yvonne Thomas, 3 Wilson Way, Caversfield, OX27 8FB, tel 243536 or 07773065890. The agents are Carter Jonas for the Oxford Diocese.

And another photo from the Coronation Big Lunch, courtesy of Gary.....



Mixbury All Saints

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If you have any news articles for the Parish Magazine please do not forget to let your Magazine Correspondent know in good time – deadline dates are normally found on the inside cover of the Shelswell News. Sue Goodman; email: pasgoodman551@gmail.com or telephone: 01280 848002.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2023

If anyone would like to be added to the rota or removed, please contact Eryl Tobin on 07840 464541 or 848466. Thank you to all those who decorate our church with beautiful flowers. It's always appreciated.

July	Sue Goodman
August	Helen Backon
September	Philippa Brown

MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (Revised 2023 - 2024)



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to go on this rota in order to clean and to help maintain the church throughout the year. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

July	Julie Mitchell and Helen Backon
August	Rebecca Ayres and Eryl Tobin
September	Giovanna Holdcroft and Tanya Howroyd

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

SWALLOWS NURSERY

Mixbury was invited to a Special Pre-view of the new Show Gardens at the Nursery – it was a beautiful sunny evening when Anna and her staff showed us around, it was such a beautiful setting – there were complimentary drinks and a bbq. The Grand Opening is on 1st July 2023 so if you missed the preview don't miss the "Grand Opening" – normal opening hours will apply (10.00am to 4pm). Please go along and support this local business there will be a Pie Man, Coffee, Ice Creams, entertainment for children, a String Quartet and of course the fantastic Show Gardens and lots of lovely plants available to buy.

DOG POO BIN

A new bin has been ordered to be located near the bus shelter – so please watch out for this and no longer use the standard waste bin as it gets very smelly in the hot weather.

MIXBURY PARISH MEETING CHAIRMAN

At the last Mixbury Parish Meeting Ray Brunton retired as Chairman after carrying out the role since 2006, firstly with his late wife Adrienne as Clerk then in later years Barbara Mortimer took on the role as Clerk. Barbara also retired. Mixbury is extremely grateful to Ray and Barbara for all their service to the Parish and a presentation of something involving whisky was given to Ray and a beautiful bouquet of flowers for Barbara. The new Chairman is Nigel Gorman who can be contacted by email: nigegorman@btinternet.com, Ray is staying on as Clerk for a while to help Nigel.

RICHARD BEAUMONT**15.09.1948 – 30.01.2023**

Mixbury All Saints Church was packed with relatives, friends and neighbours of Richards on Saturday 20th May 2023 for the Service of Thanks Giving for his life. The opening music was “With A Little Help From My Friends” (Joe Cocker) which set the theme for the rest of the service with many of Richards friends and neighbours sharing their memories of him. There was a special tribute from Peter Howarth, Lead Singer of The Hollies, as Richard worked for the band for many years. There were many amusing tributes like the one from Matt Wethey about cricket scores, Richard always wanted to know the latest scores and his sense of humour was shown when he requested the Rev Alice Goodall to share her archery hobby with us all. There was also a beautifully moving musical tribute of “A Thousand Years” by Amelia Berrie and later in the day Richards’ ashes were scattered in accordance with his wishes with close friends and relatives present.

Save The Date



***Mxbury Village Fete : Saturday 2nd September 2023
At Mixbury Hall, courtesy of Gemma and Nigel Harris
(thank you) More information to follow!***

And finally.....A poem for summer.....

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight by Emily Jane Bronte

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair,
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A Shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers,
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

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Services -

Sunday 2nd July - 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Artists in the Countryside -

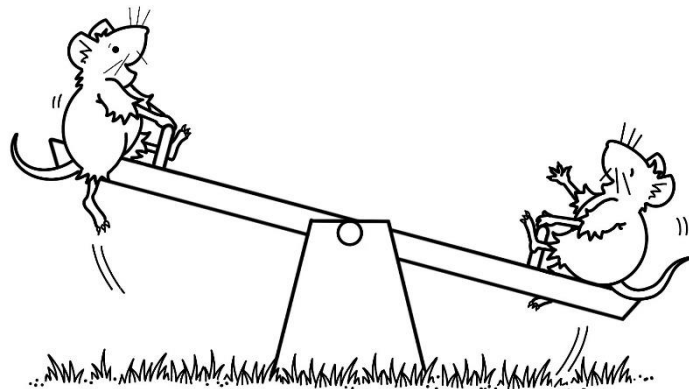
This year's exhibition was better than ever on probably the hottest weekend we have had so far this year and only when doors closed on Sunday afternoon did the heavens open to give us much needed rain! Altogether perfect.

Too many to name, but a BIG thank you to all who worked so hard to organise and run the event, made cakes, served refreshments and manned the stalls and games.

Our huge thanks also go to all the exhibitors and all who came to support and enjoy the event.

Bonus Ball Lotto -

Our recent lucky winner was Michala Pederson.



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St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

Sunday 2nd July – 'Food for Thought' at 10am
 Sunday 9th July – Evening Communion at 6pm
 Sunday 16th July – 'Fun @ 4' at 4pm
 Sunday 23rd July – Holy Communion (10.45am)

Flower Duty for July

Julie Adams

"Wear It Green Day" in support of Mental Health for All – Saturday, 13th May, St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne 2.00 till 4.00

I would like to thank everyone who attended on a lovely sunny afternoon to make this a great success for a worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated cakes of various descriptions and to suit all allergies, there were also delicious cream scones etc.

We had a lovely selection of prizes for the raffle, thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

I am very grateful to all who gave up their time to set up the tables and display everything so beautifully, serving drinks and also selling raffle tickets.

The profit on the day was £280.

Ali Miller

Midweek Holy Communion with soup lunch - Thursday 18th May, 12.00 for Ascension Day

We usually have this service on the 2nd Thursday of the month but this month it was decided to have a change and have it on Ascension Day. The short service was led by Alice, assisted by Liz, and looked at Ascension in Christian belief, namely the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection (Easter being reckoned as the first day). The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost in the Universality of its observance among Christians. After the short service of Communion, we moved over to the tables set for lunch to enjoy a delicious meal consisting of a choice of soups and puddings. This is a nice service for people to get together and have a chat with others from the different parishes.

Rena Andrews

Stoke Lyne W.I. – "Knit and Natter" - Thursday, 1st June at 11.00

We met at the house of one of our members where we proceeded to knit squares to be made into blankets to be given to maternity units who had put in a request for blankets. As we knitted we talked about various things that were happening locally and worldwide and as you can guess this covered a lot.

We stopped for lunch for which members were asked to bring a packed lunch but Mary, our hostess, had also made a lovely selection of quiche, sausage rolls and cakes that we could tuck into as well.

Back to the knitting again and discussions about forthcoming events.

Rena Andrews

Food for Thought – Sunday, 4th June at 10.00

We started with a breakfast of lovely warm croissants with butter and jam, a choice of tea or coffee and lots of chat before the service. The topic of this month's service was all about Trinity as this was Trinity Sunday.

Rena welcomed everyone, and because of it being a holiday weekend we were slightly fewer in numbers.

A welcome prayer was said. Mark kindly read the gospel reading after which we had an open discussion about what Trinity means and everyone joined in with their thoughts on what it meant to them.

There are always word search papers on the table relating to the subject, and there was a picture of the Trinity symbol for colouring in. Prayers were then said. These were printed on a sheet of paper which we passed round the tables, each person saying a different prayer so that everyone was involved, ending with the Lord's Prayer.

Flora then played the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy", a well-known hymn for Trinity. The tables were cleared with everyone there lending a helping hand clearing up.

Rena Andrews

Midweek Holy Communion with soup lunch – Thursday, 8th June at 1200

The service was conducted by Liz assisted by Alice. The talk by Liz was about the feast of Corpus Christi which is celebrated on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday and as we usually have the midweek communion on the first Thursday of the month this worked in well.

This service is a big item in the Catholic Church, where some places have big processions with lots of dignitaries attending the feast, but it is only quite recently that the Church of England observe this as the "Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)" as one of the Church festivals.

After communion we moved to the tables set for lunch to feast on a choice of soups/bread rolls, puddings, tea and and lots of catching up with friends.

Thank you to the Ministry team and volunteer helpers for preparing and serving the food.

Rena Andrews

Stoke Lyne 100 Club – June Results

Results for the June 100 Club draw are as follows:

1st Prize	Membership No. 12	Hugo Brown
2nd Prize	Membership No. 8	Craig Mitchell
3rd Prize	Membership No. 59	Pippa Elliot

Congrats to all the winners and fingers crossed for the next draw in July.

Janey Poole

Treasurer

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Stoke Lyne W.I. – Thursday, 15th June

Members met at 1.00 pm at Hethe village hall but unfortunately, there had been a double booking so we then had to proceed to Fringford for our meeting. Rena introduced Richard Preston from Primrose Cottage, Steeple Aston. Richard started his talk by giving some background history of his life, and how he got into gardening. He proceeded to show slides of his beautiful garden and all the changes made during the years with lots of ideas from his wife. We learned about where to plant different plants for best effects and there was time afterwards for some questions from members. It was a very interesting talk and Rena gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the members. Members are visiting his garden at the end of the month for a walk round the garden followed by tea and cake.

We then went on to the main business of the day which was the giving of dates for future events. The competition of a fresh flower corsage for a lady was won by Rena and the winner of the raffle was Mary. Tea hostesses Beryl and Celia served up some lovely refreshments. The meeting ended at 3.25 pm.

Rena Andrews

Stoke Lyne WI – Coronation Celebration, Thursday, 11th May

The photo below was not available in time to go with the report in June's issue of the magazine.



Photo taken by Celia Holmes

A Look at William Holt's Memorial in St Peter's Church

In the March 2023 issue of Shelswell News I looked at the Love family memorial in the chancel. If from that memorial you then turn to face the altar you will see to the altar's left a stone chest tomb set in a recess with a brass immediately above it and higher up above them both what I think of as a coat of arms. These form the memorial to William Holt, who died in 1582, and his wife Katherine.

We'll start at the bottom with the **chest tomb**. The 2017 edition of "The Buildings of England: Oxfordshire North and West" describes it thus: "*tomb-chest with bold strapwork*". According to that book's glossary "strapwork" is "*late C16 and C17 decoration like interlaced leather straps*".



J. C. Blomfield, in his section on Stoke Lyne in the “History of the Present Deanery of Bicester,” series, published in 1894, points out that “*In the recent restoration of the church this tomb has been removed from its original position on the N. Side of the altar, and placed in an arched recess, in order to give greater space.*”



Close ups of the male and female sides of the brass

The **brass** immediately above it is described by Arthur Mee in the Oxfordshire volume of “The King’s England” as follows: “*William Holt of 1582 and his wife Katherine have with them ten children kneeling on cushions on a tiled floor, he in a rich cloak and ruff, she in a ruff and gown with a pointed bodice, and the children dressed to match.*” There are two sons are kneeling behind their father and eight daughters behind their mother, all in the same posture. “The Buildings of England” gives the size of the couple as 11 in (28 cm).

Images of the both the Love and Holt brasses appear on Oxfordshire County Council “Heritage Search” website. However, while researching this article I realised that the brasses has been catalogued with each other’s dates so I emailed the Oxfordshire History Centre who checked their records and replied “it was the photographer, Percy Simms, who mixed up the dates on his own glass plates”.

Underneath the figures on the brass is an inscription which didn’t come up well in my photographs but can be transcribed as:

“Here lye interred the bodies of William Holt Esq & Katharine Dormer his wife, the daughter & heir of John Dormer Gent. This William Holt was the son & heir of Robert Holt & Elizabeth Lyne his wife, one of the daughters & coheirs of John Lyne chiefe lord of Stoke lyne. Obijt 7 Jan 1582.”

William’s father, Robert, was the first of the Holts to hold the Stoke Lyne estate via his wife. Blomfield includes a Holt family tree in his book which names seven of William and Katherine’s ten offspring: the two sons are Thomas and William, and the five daughters Anne, Brydgett, Isabell, Frauncys and Katherin. The other three unnamed daughters presumably did not survive until adulthood and therefore must be the ones represented by the three shorter females in the group. Unfortunately, the Stoke Lyne parish registers available on the Ancestry website do not begin until the 1660s so I cannot add any further information.

Finally, the uppermost part of the memorial which “The Buildings of England” describes as a “*large painted stone achievement*”. The glossary defines an achievement as “*a complete display of armorial bearings.*” It is a colourful and densely packed piece of work. Blomfield contains a detailed description of the various heraldic elements, the most unusual of which (to me) is the arm at the top holding a “*pheon*” which is defined as a “*representation of the head of a javelin, dart, or arrow point downward with two long barbs engrailed on the inner edge*”.



William was succeeded by his son Thomas, who in turn produced at least seven offspring. Thomas is succeeded by his eldest son Ralph. In a repetition of names Ralph is succeeded by another Thomas and that Thomas is succeeded by another Ralph ie William and Katherine's great x 2 grandson. It is this Ralph who is named on the memorial on the wall above the organ which I will talk about in a separate article as well as the memorials for his sister and one of his wives who are commemorated elsewhere in the church.

One final thought: according to Blomfield, William's father, Robert, is also buried in the church *"He was buried within the chancel of the Parish Church, near the south door, where a stone slab, 3ft long, with a plain + incised at its foot, and the name only in black letters inscribed, "Robert Holte," marked his grave."* The only slab now visible near the south door of the chancel is the one pictured below:



but it is considerably longer than 3ft. Is this the slab? It certainly displays a cross. If you rub your hand over the base of the cross you can feel that something was once written there – but what? I have not been able to find any other reference to it.

Brenda Hazel

Photos by the author



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

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FOODBANK DONATIONS STILL REQUIRED

The foodbank donation point in the church porch in Stratton Audley, supporting Bicester Foodbank, is still in place and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Thank you very much to all those who have dropped donations into the box - please keep them coming! Urgently needed items are listed below. Please note that the Rector, Alice Goodall is now a 'Local Referrer' and can refer anyone who is in need to the Bicester Foodbank. Contact: Alice Goodall, The Rectory, Finmere 01280 848192 alicegoodall313@gmail.com

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Little Lambs Baby and Toddler group

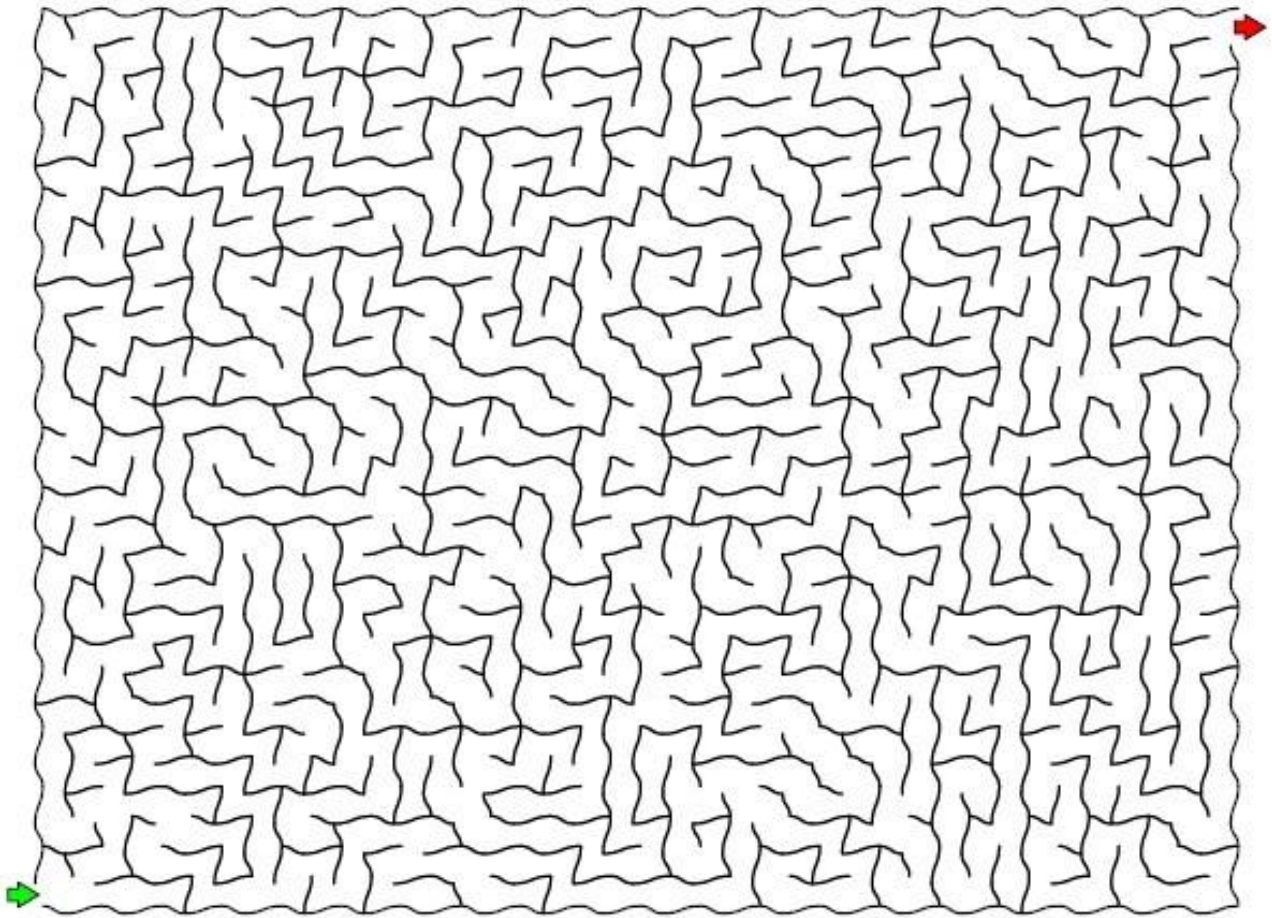
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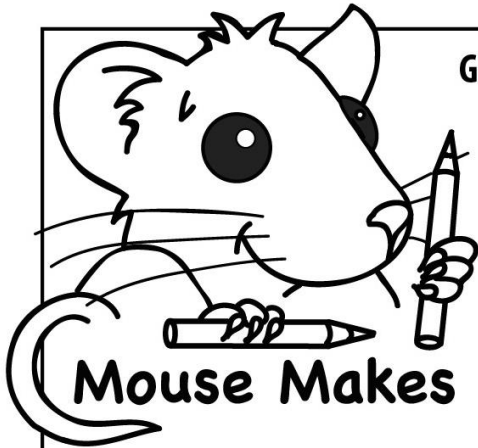
We have a band of regular helpers at our 'Little Lambs' baby and toddler group, but one or two more people are needed to help at sessions – offering refreshments to the mums/carers, chatting, preparing for the 'snack time', and helping Liz (the organiser) to tidy up at the end. Time involvement is about two and a half hours, on one or two mornings a term. You would need to have a DBS check. Please consider volunteering, and contact Penny [01869-277310]

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Where did Goliath come from?

1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?

_____ cubits.

1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?

a J A V E L I N,

a _____

and a _____

1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?

1 Samuel 17:40

Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his

1 Samuel 17:49

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

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Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58



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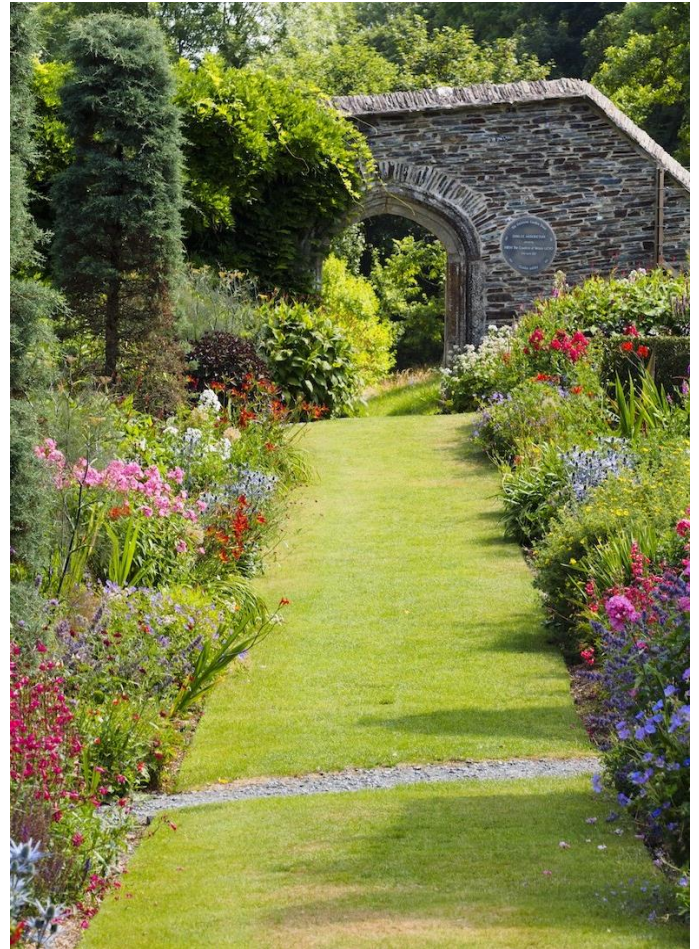
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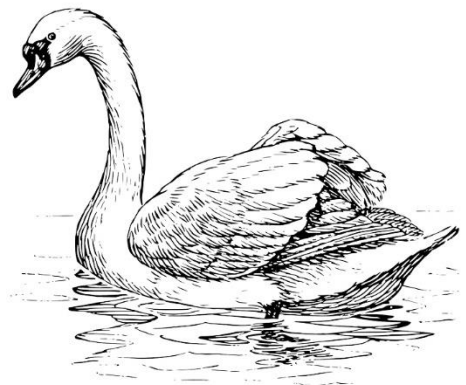
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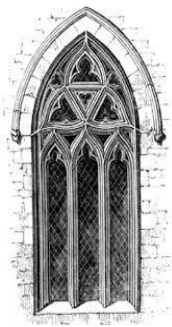
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