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Highley Dog Show 2023



Once again, Highley Dog Show, organised by Hazel French, produced some wonderful canine competitors, covering classes such as Waggiest Tail, Naughtiest Dog, Best Trick, Best Rescue, Best Sausage Catcher and, of course, the Questa Award for Most Loyal Dog.

Well done to all who took part and also to their human owners.



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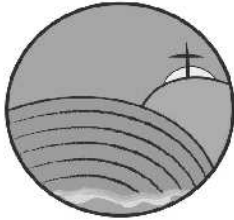
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Come to meand I will give you rest

The solution to an over busy life is not more time. It's to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters.' (The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: John Mark Comer)

Are you the sort of person who approaches each day with interest or even excitement to see where it takes you, or do you have a list longer than your arm of things to do? Is life about 'doing' or 'being'?

There's no doubt that there are a certain amount of things which probably need doing each day, but even then, it probably won't be the end of the world if some of them aren't done. But do we sometimes fill our lives with the *shoulds* and *oughts* and miss out on the simple joy of living in the moment?

Having been a (sometimes reluctant, but nevertheless almost compulsive) *doer*, I have recently taken myself in hand! I made the decision to retire last May and have firmly resisted continuing with all the things I used to do and be part of. I am taking time out of the busy-ness of church and village life, to allow some space in my life and to enjoy some of the pursuits there was no time for, when I was so busy. When the hours in the day are no longer enough to cover all the demands on one's time and there is no time or space to rest, it is a sure sign that something needs to change.

Several times over the last week the story of Mary and Martha has cropped up (see page 21) and as a Christian, I see these co-incidences or repetitions as God-incidences. Is He trying to get my attention?

Mary and Martha were friends of Jesus. Martha was a do-er and Mary just loved to listen to Jesus. So did Martha, but she felt the cultural norm of offering guests refreshments was important—and so it is! So there she was, slaving away in the kitchen while Mary sat listening to Jesus. Needless to say, Martha felt a bit peeved as she was doing all the work, while Mary had no intention of moving. Jesus pointed out that maybe Martha should take a break too and join in their conversation.

Over the years I've heard many sermons on this story, including one from the Bishop a few days ago. What I glean from this is that it's not an either/or judgement of who is right. It's more about motivation and good choices in each situation that arises. Hospitality is an important part of building good relationships. I'm a firm believer in that. But if we are so stressed about it all that

we are rushing around and have no time for our guests, what have we achieved? On the other hand, sometimes we choose to devote ourselves to the 'behind the scenes' stuff, in order to enable others to enjoy themselves. That's an entirely different choice and motivation. It's what Jesus called *servicing others*.

The story of Mary and Martha reminds us that there are times to set aside the demands of the occasion for an even better thing—to be still and to be nourished by something more than food; for our souls to be fed and watered.

That's why Sunday was always a day of rest. A day when no-one worked except the emergency services, no shops were open, there was no public entertainment, just a day to *be*, either by ourselves or with our families. A day of restoration. A day for us to have the time and space to be closer to our Creator, which the busy-ness of the week didn't allow. I mourn the loss of that.

Below, Norma Murrain describes the joy of stillness. Maybe this summer is the time for us to stop for a while and just enjoy being a Mary. Martha's jobs will still be there when the visitors have left.

Have a restful and blessed summer.

Val Smith

The Joy of Stillness

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Have you ever thought of taking some time out of daily life, to simply 'be still' with God? To hear His voice, enjoy His presence, and perhaps receive His direction for your future? When one lady was told that her friend was "taking some time out to 'be still' and listen to God", she responded with curiosity: "What does His voice sound like?"

For many Christians, the response would be this: "His voice for me is always calming, always reassuring; it always makes me feel overwhelmingly loved. It always gives me a sense of peace, which is deeper than any pain and stronger than any fear. No wonder the Scriptures talk of a 'peace that passes all understanding!'"

God speaks to us individually, through His Word, the Bible. And sometimes, when we are outside, He can also speak to us through His beautiful world.

The blue sky says; "Always Look Up", the Sun says; "Shine," the birds say; "Sing", the trees say; "be fruitful", the flowers say; "consider the Lilies", The open road ahead says; "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel". The gentle rustle of the wind in the trees says; "Though you can't see My face, you can hear Me, see reflections of Me, feel Me, touch Me and know me through all I create, if you just take the time to be still!"

Norma Murrain



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St Mary's Highley

July saw a change in our service time in Highley. We now meet at 10.30 each week.

Much of the month was spent preparing for the visit of the Mission Team, which was with us from Thursday 27th July through to Monday 31st July. They spent their time walking around the village, getting to know the area, praying for the village and those they met. Jesus calls us to support and serve each other. Their visit was faith in action.



Two services of Worship and Healing took place on the Friday and Saturday evenings at St Mary's. All were welcome at these events. On Sunday there was a service with testimonies from those who took part and also a visit to Willowdene in Chorley to share what had been happening. We had a shared lunch after the service on Sunday.

Our thanks go to all who took part in this and those who helped in any way behind the scenes, to enable the event to happen.

Many of our congregation have been sorely tested in a variety of ways recently and we thank God for the close-knit church family fellowship, which has continued to uphold people in prayer. God is faithful!

Sadly we heard of the death of Mick Cotton (former churchwarden) and his granddaughter Jenny. Our love and prayers go out to the family at this very difficult time.

August looks to be a slightly quieter month and despite many service leaders being away on much deserved holidays, we are fortunate that all services will be covered.



St Mary's, Billingsley



We had a good turnout for our latest Sunday evening service focussing on travel. After Sue Bate's account of a trip to Antarctica last month, this month, the assistant editor/typist-in-chief at the Wheatland News, Caroline John, spoke on "Full Circle", a reflection on three spectacular cruises she has been on, starting with a school cruise in 1970. Caroline spoke about the friendships she has made on boats, the work of all the crew and the nourishment she finds from simply looking out at the sea and the sky. As the psalmist puts it, they too are telling of the glory of God. Next up, on Sunday 13th August at 6pm, your own correspondent will speak on "Tours of the Hebrides", based on 30 years visiting these beautiful and (sometimes) remote islands of the west coast of Scotland, home to eagles, otters, midges and numerous saints.

After five years of dedicated service, Sue Bates is stepping down as treasurer of Billingsley Church, as she and husband Phil are moving. I cannot thank Sue and Phil enough for the work they have done for Billingsley; this has gone far beyond book keeping. As an example, in the last couple of weeks they dealt with a flood when a pipe failed, ordered and fitted a replacement and got the water system back working for our evening service. Sue, Phil, we will miss you both! We are however delighted that Diane Stepney is taking over from Sue as treasurer and we very much appreciate the help Diane gives us in looking after the churchyard. We have also had a recent visit from Alex from Caring for God's acre, who has scythed the grass. We manage it this way to encourage wildlife.

On Saturday 19th August, at 3pm Billingsley plays host to a Daddy's Hat concert. This month we welcome the Clee Liberty Band who entertain on the banjo and piano accordion. Just turn up; put whatever donation you want in the hat at the end to meet the expenses of the musicians.



Some photos from Billingsley of Caring for God's Acre and our own volunteers at work.



(above)

Phil Bates raking the newly scythed grass.

Alex from Caring for God's Acre sharpening his scythe.

(left)

Tea break.



St Peter's, Chelmarsh



July was a busy month for St Peter's. We started the month off with many of the ladies helping out at the Chelmarsh Fete. Despite being a smaller event than pre-Covid times, it was still a great success (the intermittent showers didn't fully wash us away) and a good time was had by all at this very successful village fundraiser.

During the month we were joined by the Through Faith Mission who joined us within the benefice to share their faith with us. Their initial offer to walk between all the churches praising God was kind, but we were a bit unsure whether they realised how far apart some of our churches were! A compromise was reached with transport. It was lovely to host them and to appreciate a different approach to bringing the family of Christ together. A service was held at Highley church during their time in the benefice.

We continue to explore the concept of Faith and the Holy Spirit within scripture. Kina is ably helped by Michelle and Anita as they both work towards becoming Local Worship Leaders. They have both led services and given talks within the church over the last few months.

Thank you to all those who have helped and continue to help to upgrade the vestry. The addition of the shelves has made storage much easier and new paint will brighten it up no end. Members of the clergy have all commented on how much easier it is to ensure their robes are straight for the service with the addition of the new mirror. We also continue to receive offers of help from many sources - we thank you all and will be in touch in due course.

Church cleaning rota: Wednesday 23rd August 2pm.

St Bartholomew's, Glazeley



The Gabb family again opened the gardens of their home at the Woodlands in aid of Kidney Research UK and Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches. Volunteers from Glazeley and Chelmarsh supplied refreshments and sold raffle tickets and Chelmarsh also had their own plant sale. The weather was glorious and the public turned out in droves. There was still a queue for refreshments thirty minutes before the gates closed. The takings were a record, with well over £3000 being raised; Glazeley and Chelmarsh churches have both benefited by their share of well over £750 each. More important than the money was the role this has as an event that brings people together; from my perspective, selling raffle tickets, it was wonderful to see so many people meeting and talking with each. We are very grateful especially to Caspar Gabb and his family, who in the absence of Roger this year, took the chief responsibility for organising the event. Many thanks!

As I write (15th July) we are preparing for our monthly breakfast at the Down. This month, Marion is hosting the event to mark a significant birthday; congratulations Marion! Our service of Holy Communion at 10am on the 3rd Sunday of the month continues to go well, please do join us if you can. Refreshments are served afterwards. Please do not park on the verge of the drive; if the car park is full, go down the drive where you are welcome to park at the Old Rectory.

A reminder that Glazeley church is now open daily for visitors; many thanks to Laura and Andrew for unlocking and locking it. It is excellent that visitors can enjoy the beauty of the interior of this building.

James the Least of All

On why it is so hard to read

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren,

Your suggestion that every month at clergy meetings, someone should review a book of theology they have been reading, was bound to be greeted with uneasy resistance. It would mean that the majority would have to start *opening* books, rather than just occasionally dusting them. Possessing books does not necessarily imply that they are ever read.

Your high church colleagues will only read the Racing News, low church members the Railway Review, liberals the Knitting Weekly and those with tendencies towards non-conformism, the Vegetarian Times. Clerical studies may be lined with books, but they are largely for effect – and to hide damp patches on the wallpaper. Anything with hard covers will have been bought with the best of intentions - but somehow the vicarage lawn or the church hall drains will have taken precedence. And from what I know of your colleague over at St Crispin's, the only books he will buy will be to colour in.

I do try to keep up with my reading, but sleep mercifully intervenes after the first 10 minutes. On those days when I sit by my study window, so passers-by can see me deeply occupied in intellectual activity, it is most useful that my large tome on the letters of Eusebius can easily conceal an Agatha Christie inside it.

I confess that I was once gloriously put down when I tried to impress one of our blue stockings by mentioning a new edition of a Dostoevsky novel. She replied: "I have never read Dostoevsky in translation." It only confirmed my suspicions that she had worked as a Russian spy in earlier years.

I was hugely impressed when, during the bitter cold of last winter, the Earl of Stowe, whose library would comfortably contain one of our cathedrals, told me he was slowly getting through its contents of tens of thousands of volumes. It was only some time later that I discovered he meant he threw the occasional one on the fire, when he was running low on wood.

No, my dear Darren, the only literary activities that will spark interest will be crosswords for the majority, or diocesan reports for the truly dedicated – with weighty tomes being used as door stops.

Your loving uncle,

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Letter from Westminster

Summer Recess

August is a month to which many of us look forward, especially MPs. While Westminster has its own charm amidst the cut and thrust of politics, the summer parliamentary recess provides a great opportunity to spend more time in South Shropshire helping people around the constituency, which given the beauty of our area, is always a welcome task.

As readers will know by now, I have decided not to seek re-election as Member of Parliament for Ludlow - or rather South Shropshire, as the constituency will soon be renamed. As I write, my successor as Conservative candidate has not yet been chosen by local party members, though will be in place by the time this is published. Whoever it is, I look forward to engaging with them as much as possible, and offering as much clarity as I can on local issues I have experienced over the past 18+ years as your MP.

Needless to say, I will continue to represent South Shropshire to the best of my ability until the next General Election. In previous summer recesses, that has always meant travelling to all corners of the constituency to meet constituents, organisations and other groups in South Shropshire – taking up local issues and offering to help wherever I can. As well as visiting the larger towns, as I do year-round, I can spend more time in the remote areas of South Shropshire, tackling the issues affecting smaller villages or hamlets.

This summer I also have the new opportunity to get to know those communities within the additional 100 square miles of the Severn Valley and Burnell wards, which are joining our parliamentary constituency.

Like many others, I also intend to take some time this August on holiday, travelling to Scotland with my family. I have been a fan of staycationing long before covid enforced it upon many of us, getting to know some wonderful remote parts of the UK. So I would commend it to those readers planning some time away this summer.

When Parliament returns in September, I shall be pressing forward the Environmental Audit Committee in our efforts to scrutinise environmental policies across government. I am determined to use the remaining year or so I have at the heart of our political life to do as much as I can to leave the environment in a better state for future generations. Our Committee will be pursuing our existing inquiries into air quality targets, electrification of the UK economy, and our latest inquiry into the role of natural capital - as well as looking for new lines of inquiry for the final session of this Parliament.

Depending on the date of the next General Election, this may be my last summer recess as your MP, so I look forward to making the most of it. If you see me out and about in your area and you would like to raise an issue, please do come over and say hello. Alternatively, please do get in touch by emailing philip.dunne.mp@parliament.uk or writing to me at LCCA, 54 Broad Street, Ludlow, SY8 1GP.

Philip Dunne MP



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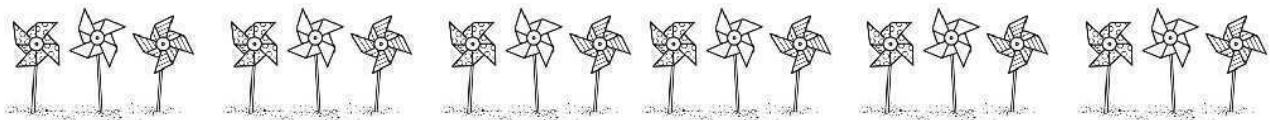
Dealing with loneliness

'Everyone abandoned me' 2 Timothy 4:16

What's the proper way to deal with loneliness? Firstly, we must *learn to be alone without feeling lonely*. Jesus often left the crowd to be alone with His Father in prayer. Why? Because He knew that solitude is essential to spiritual growth. And He came back from those times personally enriched and better equipped to deal with the challenges of life. The Bible says, 'Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day' (Genesis 32:24 NKJV). Out of that time alone with God came a man with a new name, a new nature, a new walk, and a new future. Plus, when people realise that you can enjoy your favourite dish or movie or other activity alone, they are attracted by your strength, independence, and confidence.

Secondly, *reject the idea that you cannot live without a certain person in your life*. God is the only person you *must* have, and He has promised to always stay with you (see Hebrews 13:5). We might fall into deep loneliness after the death of a loved one because we haven't cultivated many interests outside the relationship. But it's never too late to get started. And God will help you. Paul wrote: 'The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear' (2 Timothy 4:16-17 NLT). God will help you to grieve your loss, leave your loss, and go on to what He has for you next.

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A.S.A.P.

Have you ever considered the abbreviation A.S.A.P. (As Soon As Possible)? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives. Yet there is another way to think of A.S.A.P, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times in our daily lives.

When there's work to do, and deadlines to meet, and your colleagues are rushing around, here's what you can do to help: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer*. When your worries mount up and you don't know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer*.

God knows how stressful our lives can be, and He wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So – call Him! A.S.A.P.!

Highley Parish Council

After a lot of effort behind the scenes it is brilliant to see both the hanging baskets and the planters around the village looking so pretty. The amount of work which goes in to making this happen is not to be underestimated and I would like to thank the Parish Councillors who were involved. The results speak for themselves but a lot of the effort will also pay dividends in years to come, as we look to become more sustainable and able to get the maximum benefit from the village's assets.

It was brilliant to see so many parishioners enjoying the Highley Carnival recently. The organisation was fantastic and I would like to thank Hayley Fulton and everyone who helped her before and on the day. The next big event in the village will be GolfFest on August 19th, I'm sure I'm not the only one looking forward to it.

The start of July saw the migration of medical services to our new provider Bridgnorth Medical Practice. A huge amount of effort went into the lead up to the change with the NHS, Shropshire Council and Highley Parish Council all being involved and whilst there were some initial issues with the phone number, overall the change has been a smooth one. In the short term Bridgnorth will continue to provide services from the existing practise building until a temporary, purpose built facility becomes available on The Severn Centre carpark. Options for long term solutions are being considered but I have been assured we will always have medical services provision from within the village.

I am very pleased to welcome a new councillor to Highley Parish Council; Alex Edwards was co-opted onto the Council in our July meeting and I am looking forward to his input going forwards. We do still have vacancies though! If you are interested in joining the Council or simply attending a meeting to observe and see if you think it might be for you please contact our Clerk Holly (clerk@highleyparish.co.uk) or me directly (tom.quinn@highleyparish.co.uk).

Tom Quinn
Chair, Highley Parish Council



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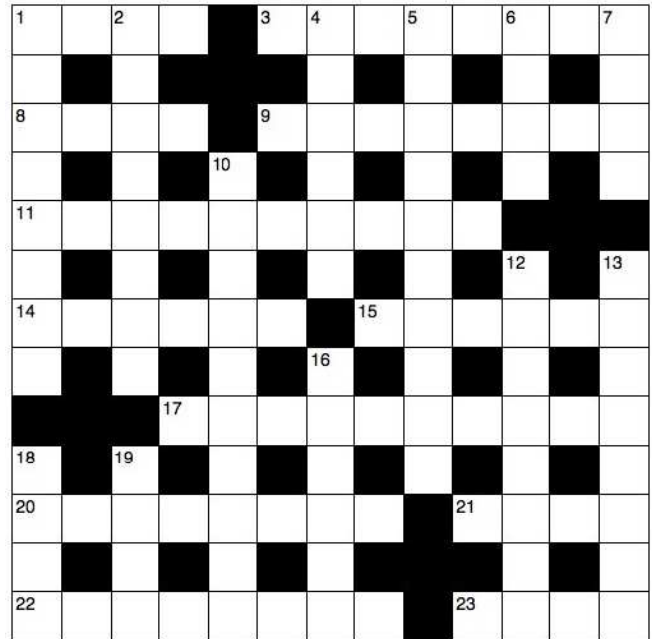
Highley Badminton Seniors are looking for additional players.. Come and join a friendly group For further details please contact David Beardsmore 01299 841132 or come to the Severn Centre, Highley, Tuesdays 19:00

Puzzles

Crossword Clues

Across

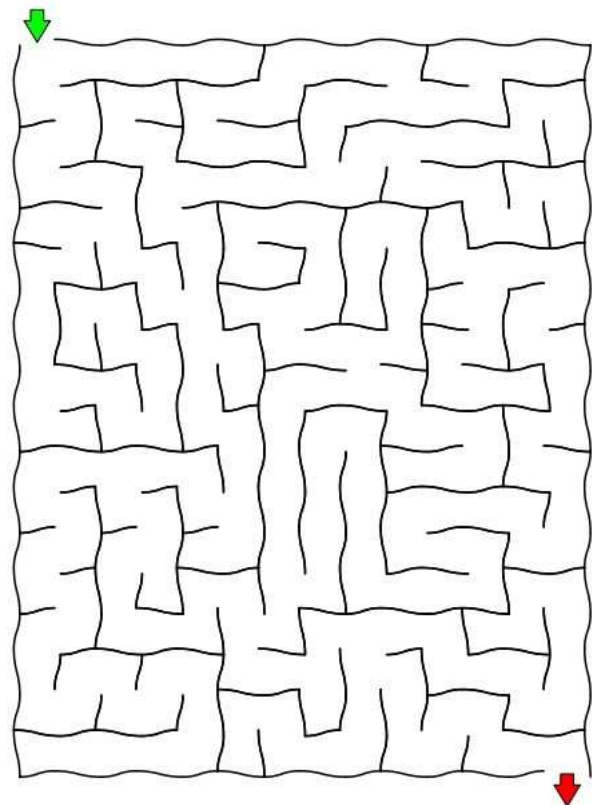
- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)



Solutions on page 33

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)



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Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23



Transfiguration	high	Cloud	Moses	Peter
Jesus	Shine	Transformed	Dwelling	James
Mountain	Face	White	Mankind	John
Tabor	Written	Dazzling	Law	Fear
Hermon	Living	Elijah	Prophets	glory

Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

Medium

5					2			8
	8	3	1			9		4
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			9				8	3
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Smile Lines

Smart worms

Earth flew in all directions as the crimson-faced would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball. "Goodness," he finally blurted to his caddie, "the worms around here will think there's been an earthquake."

"Never mind," said the caddie, "they are pretty smart – by now they will be hiding beneath the ball for safety."

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Having been part of the leadership team with 1st Highley Brownies watching the group grow and become firmly established, I realised there was no provision for the younger girls in the village and therefore decided, with the help of a group of wonderful volunteers, to set up a new Rainbow unit. Since making the decision I have had a fantastic response.

The new unit is planned to open in September of this year and meetings will be held at The Guide Hut, Smoke Alley on Tuesday evenings from 5pm – 6pm. The girls will play games, do fun activities and learn new skills

supported by trained volunteers, earning badges along the way. Girls aged up to six are welcome to register an interest by joining the waiting list on the Girlguiding website- <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

The termly subscriptions are currently £30 a term, plus a uniform. This covers annual subscriptions to Girlguiding, unit activities and overheads. For more information on joining the waiting list or becoming a volunteer with Rainbows please feel free to email me at highleyrainbows23@gmail.com.

Carole Mills, Leader

A couple of spaces are available for girls aged 7 to 9 years on Monday nights at 6 to 7.30pm at the Guide Hut Smoke Alley. We are a friendly group who enjoy having fun, doing crafts, games and challenges whilst working for badges. Cost is £30 at term, plus a uniform. Further information can be found on <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/> or contact Brown Owl- Bridget O'Meara on 1stHighleybrownies@aol.com



Girls who are 10 plus are welcome to join Guides in the village.

The unit will meet on Tuesday evenings in the Guide Hut, Smoke Alley from September. Girlguiding offers young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and our communities. The termly subscription is £30, plus uniform.

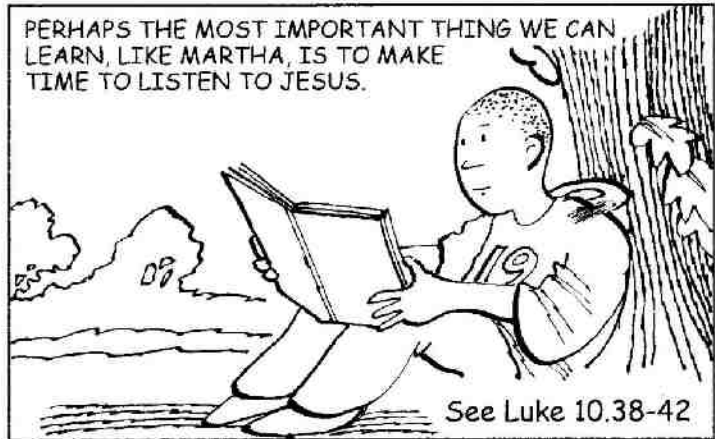
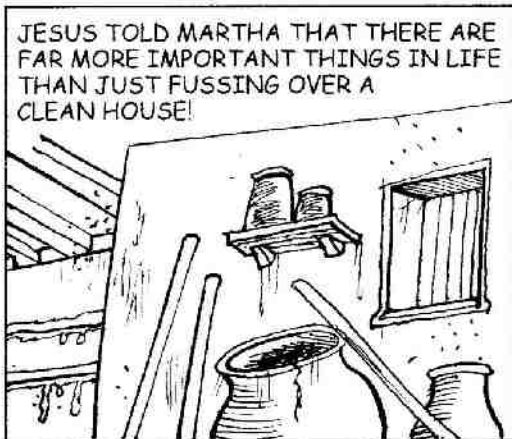
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Volunteering-

Girlguiding relies on volunteers to run local units. There are a lot of benefits to volunteering, an opportunity to meet new friends, share and gain transferrable skills whilst spending time having fun. As a volunteer you would be helping girls build their confidence, have adventures and learn new skills. Lots of employers' value the skills you learn with Girlguiding so volunteering can enhance your CV. Could you help out at meetings, not necessarily every week, or with admin or a special activity? Please speak to one of our leaders.

Words and Actions



In the Month of August it was

- ⇒ 400 years ago, on 6th August 1623 that Anne Hathaway died. She was William Shakespeare's wife.
- ⇒ 125 years ago, on 23rd August 1898 that the British Antarctic Expedition set off from London and became the first to spend winter on the Antarctic mainland and cross the Ross Ice Shelf. It was the first British expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. The expedition returned to London in June 1900.
- ⇒ 100 years ago, on 29th August 1923 that Richard Attenborough, British film actor and director was born. Best known for his roles in *The Great Escape*, and *Jurassic Park*. He also directed films including *A Bridge Too Far*, *Cry Freedom* and *Gandhi*. Died 2014.
- ⇒ 80 years ago, on 25th August 1943 that British Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten became Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia.
- ⇒ 70 years ago, on 21st August 1953 that the UK premiere of the romantic comedy film *Roman Holiday* took place. It featured Audrey Hepburn in her first starring role.
- ⇒ 65 years ago, on 26th August 1958 that Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, died. Among his famous compositions are: *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*, and *A Sea Symphony*.
- ⇒ Also 65 years ago, on 29th August 1958 that Cliff Richard's first single *Move It* was released. It reached second place in the UK charts, and John Lennon would later call it "the first British rock record".
- ⇒ 60 years ago, on 8th August 1963 that the Great Train Robbery took place on the West Coast Main Line at Ledburn, Buckinghamshire. £2.6million was stolen in one of the UK's most infamous robberies. The bulk of the money was never recovered.
- ⇒ Also 60 years ago, on 28th August 1963 that Dr Martin Luther King Jr, delivered his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The civil rights rally was attended by approximately 200,000 supporters.
- ⇒ 25 years ago, on 15th August 1998 that a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland, killed 29 people and injured 370. It was the deadliest act of violence in the 30-year history of the Troubles.
- ⇒ 20 years ago, on 11th August 2003 that NATO took over the command of the international peacekeeping force in Kabul, Afghanistan. It was its first major operation outside of Europe.
- ⇒ 15 years ago, on 1st & 2nd August 2008 that the K2 Disaster took place. 11 mountaineers from several international expeditions died on K2, the world's second-highest mountain. Four others were injured. It was the worst single accident in K2's history.
- ⇒ 10 years ago, on 31st August 2013 that David Frost, British TV presenter and journalist, died. Best known for hosting the satirical series *That Was The Week That Was*, as well as *Breakfast with Frost*, and the game show, *Through the Keyhole*. Also known for his political interviews, including the Nixon interviews.

Answers to Wordsearch (from page 17)



Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)

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Easy

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Sustainable Highley

We can make Highley sustainable!

This month instead of writing his usual article on how to live in a more environmentally friendly way, Alastair would like to point you to an event happening in Bridgnorth in September.

Think of it as an 'live' Sales and Swaps' event, rather than the usual groups on social media.

I'm a great believer in re-purposing and re-cycling unwanted items. One man's trash is another man's treasure

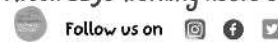
So put the date in your diary and enjoy a day mooching around Castle Gardens. You never know, you might find something you never knew you needed or wanted! (Ed.)

Join South Shropshire Climate Action at Bridgnorth Green Festival for our Swap & Giveaway
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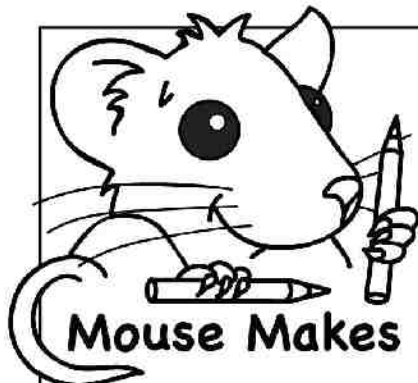
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Mouse Makes



Mouse Makes

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Read the story in: *Matthew 14: 22-27,*
Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

Matthew 14:23

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and the _____

Matthew 14:24



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be _____

Matthew 14:27

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A _____

Matthew 14:26

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

Matthew 14:29

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____ why do you _____

Matthew 14:31

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Remembering Ralph Vaughan Williams

It was 65 years ago, on 26th August 1958, that the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams died. Among his most famous compositions are *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and *A Sea Symphony*.

Despite increasing deafness, brought on by exposure to gunfire when he served in the Second World War, Vaughan Williams was still composing into his 80s. He died, aged 85, the night before recording sessions began on his Ninth Symphony.

The son of a vicar, the composer – himself an agnostic, although he edited the English Hymnal in 1904 and wrote several hymn tunes – was born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, and was related to Charles Darwin and to the potter Josiah Wedgwood. He played violin and piano and was a keen collector of folk songs, the tunes of which he included in many of his compositions.

Vaughan Williams was married twice: first to Adeline Fisher and after her death in 1951 to the poet Ursula Wood, who was an occasional collaborator on his compositions. He was also a lifelong friend of the composer Gustav Holst.

The Lark Ascending – probably Vaughan Williams' most famous piece – was written in 1914, but its premiere was delayed by the First World War. It was eventually given in 1921 by the violinist Marie Hall – for whom Vaughan Williams had written it.

His ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey. His work was almost unique in the variety of music types he employed. It included nine symphonies, concertos for piano, violin, oboe and tuba, five operas, chamber, ballet and film music and songs and song cycles – among other things.



Keep smiling

Smart worms



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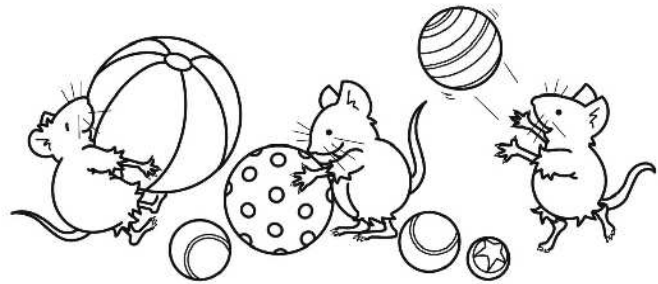
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Castle Inn Woodhill (S)	---	07:57	08:58	---			58		14:58	16:00	17:00	18:20
Bache Arms Highley (SE)	---	07:51	09:01	---			01		15:01	16:04	17:04	18:24
Eagle & Serpent Inn Kidderminster (SW)	---	08:01	09:11	---		then at these mins	11	until	15:11	16:14	17:14	18:34
Wyre Cottage Bilstonac (SE)	---	08:08	09:19	---			19		15:19	16:21	17:21	18:41
Load Street Bawdley (Eastbound)	---	08:15	09:25	---			25		15:25	16:28	17:28	18:48
General Hospital Kidderminster (NE)	---	08:27	09:35	---			35		15:35	16:40	17:40	19:00
Bus Station Kidderminster (Stand 6) <small>Active</small>	---	08:35	09:41	---			41		15:41	16:48	17:48	19:08
Bus Station Kidderminster (Stand 6) <small>Depart</small>	07:30	08:37	09:43	---			43		15:43	16:50	17:50	---
Broadwaters Drive Broadwaters (Opp)	07:38	08:45	09:49	---			49		15:49	16:58	17:58	---
Stourbridge Bus Station Stourbridge (Stand A)	07:58	09:05	10:05	---			05		16:05	17:18	18:18	---

* Not including bank holidays

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Parish Hall Office
01746 861242

For information about weddings, Baptisms (Christenings), child's Dedication or for general enquiries about church service times and parish information, please contact the Parish Office. The office will be open on Thursdays (generally) from 10:00 - 12:00pm.

If there is no answer and at other times, there is a telephone message service and if you leave your name and telephone number someone will get back to you in due course or phone: 01746 862837

Regular Events

Police Surgery 10:00 - 12:00	Thursdays Severn Centre
Severn Strollers 10:30 / 11:00 (Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)	Mondays (not Bank Holidays) Severn Centre
Women's Institute	Tuesday Severn Centre
Patients' Group	see Facebook page
Badminton Club (Seniors)	Tuesday 19.00 SC

Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins:
Thursday 3rd & 17th August

Crates & green bins:
Friday 10th & 24th August

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Free quotations

All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Minors	28	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cost Cutter	11	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	25
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Wyre Forest Pest Control	29
Edwards A J Decorating Services	22	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	33		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
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Don't forget to send your photos of any events which have taken place in and around the villages. Please make sure that you have permission from anyone in

Church Services August 2023

Sunday 6th August	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 13th August	10am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 20th August	10am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley
	10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 27th August	8am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
	10am Morning Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley

Mid-week Groups

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm @ Liz and Mervyn's tel 862989

Wednesday Prayer and Study Group 11am—1pm contact Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venue

Contact Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venue **Not meeting in August**

Wednesday Zoom 7pm Not meeting in August

Contact David Poyner email d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting @ St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Friday Event Youth Club 7.30pm @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel Williams

Friday Night Prayer 9pm Zoom contact David Poyner as above

For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings, Funerals or Churchyard memorials

Weddings: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw: email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

Christenings/baptisms: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

Funerals: Contact your funeral director, who will liaise with clergy

Churchyard Memorials: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw: email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

