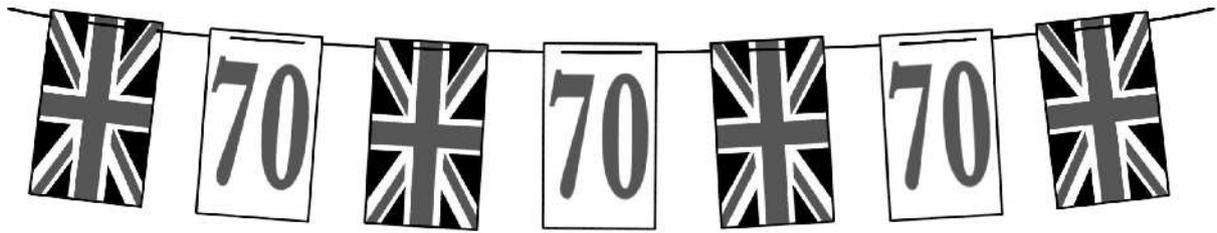


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June 2022



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Serving Highley, Billingsley, Chelmarsh, Glazeley with Deuxhill

'ALLSORTS' starts up again post COVID



Allsorts ladies' group started back on 2nd May after a 2 year absence. We met in the coffee lounge at the Severn Centre for an afternoon of tea, coffee and scones and were entertained by the Bluebird Bells, 3 ladies who sang songs from the 1940's. A good time was had by all. It was so lovely for us to get together again.



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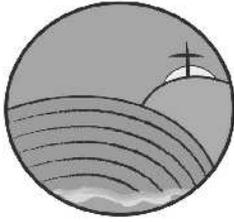
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The Jubilee

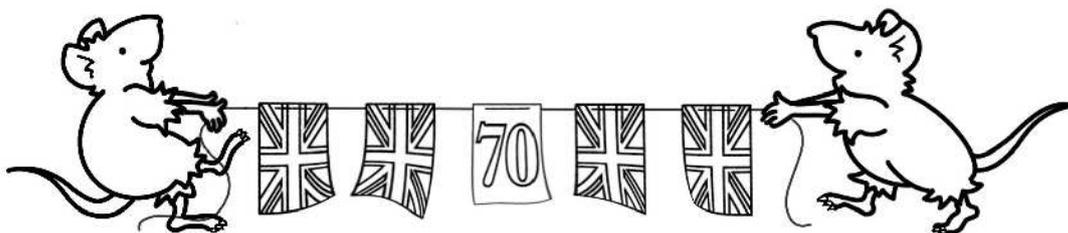
This month we mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen, after 70 years on the throne. There are two aspects of this I want to reflect on. The first is, perhaps the most obvious and that is the Queen herself. Over the last 70 years, the Royal family have known good and not-so-good times. However, the Queen herself has been almost entirely beyond criticism, even by committed republicans. Like her late husband, she has been obedient to what she sees as her duty, a life given in service to the nation, the Commonwealth and all her subjects. This shines through her life, even now in her 97th year.

Of course, she has enjoyed privileges, but it seems to me that these count little to her besides the well-being of her people. And, as she perhaps increasingly says, her own strength derives from her Christian faith, with Jesus's example of service and love for others pointing us to the very nature of God himself.

As the news media reflects the values of a secular society, there seems some embarrassment at this aspect of the Queen's life. And yet, she insists on talking about it. The promises she made before God in her Coronation all those years ago are still central to her life, precisely because they were made to God.

This brings me to the second aspect of the Jubilee I would like to comment on. I have always associated jubilees with royal events and wedding anniversaries; silver, golden and diamond. However, the word jubilee itself is from the Bible and takes us back to world 3000 years ago.

In the Book of Leviticus, mixed in with some bizarre (to our eyes) regulations on worship, are instructions on how the people of Israel should order their society so that it was just and fair. There are constant reminders to look after the widow, the orphan and the alien (immigrants who were not Jews). There are also instructions for care of the environment; every seventh year no crops were to be grown to restore the fertility of the soil. After the end of seven times seven years (49 years), every 50th year was particularly special.



It was to be marked by the blowing of rams' horns throughout the land; all land was to be restored to its original owners, all slaves were to be freed. It was a resetting of society, to ensure that wealth and privilege did not become ingrained and it was a time of celebration. The Hebrew word for the ram's horn is *yobel* or *jobel*; Leviticus says that the 50th year was to be the year of the Ram's Horn, '*jobel*', which has come to us as '*jubilee*'.

As we mark the Jubilee this year, we would do well to reflect on its original purpose, as described in one of the least-fashionable books in the Bible. Our society is not that of 3000 years ago, simple solutions applicable then may not work today; but we must surely share the aspirations for fairness and justice. And here we find a link back to the woman whose reign we celebrate at this time. These Biblical values, Godly values, are also surely those of our own Sovereign, Christian Lady, Elizabeth. May God continue to watch over her and us.

David Poyner



Carers Week

6-13 June 2022

Carers Week is an annual event to raise awareness of caring. The theme of the week this year is '**Make caring visible, valued and supported.**'

Carers week is our opportunity to say thank you to all unpaid and family carers in Shropshire, we do recognise and appreciate the valuable support you provide to others.

Shropshire Carers Support team are excited to share this year's [Carers Week Events Programme](#) with you. This year we have extended the activities over a 2-week period (6 – 19 June 2022) to try and reach as many carers as possible, activities are a blended mix of outdoor and virtual options – whether you want to come along to the activities or join them from home we hope you will find something for **you** and look forward to meeting you during the 2-week period.

To book a place on any of the activities, please email shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone **01743 341995**. If you have transport difficulties to any of the activities, please advise when booking.

Competition Time

We hope you'll join in the **competition** – deadline for entries is Monday 13th June 2022 – check the programme for details!

Two lucky winners will each receive a Beauty/Massage Voucher (value £35), and runner up to receive small goody bag (value £10) courtesy of Gemini Hair, Beauty & Wig Consultancy based in Wem, North Shropshire. To enter the competition please describe 'What has made you feel visible and valued as a carer'. Email your entries by Monday 13th June 2022 to shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

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St Mary's Highley

The end of May is always an exciting time as we celebrate Ascension day (when Jesus returned to heaven after appearing to over 500 people since his resurrection), followed 10 days later by Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church.

At Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in a locked room, because they were afraid that the Jewish leaders were going to do to them what they'd done to Jesus—and who wants to be in line for crucifixion? But Jesus kept his promise and sent the Holy Spirit to give them the words to speak and the courage to do that.



This year Pentecost Sunday falls at the end of the super-holiday for the Queen's 70th year Jubilee—so cause for a double celebration. Do come and join us for our special service on Sunday 5th June, 10am at St Mary's Church. You will be very welcome and (shhh) there might be cake!

If you are involved in a street party, do send in your photos (as long as everyone in them gives their permission) and we'll do our best to print as many as possible next month.

Life at St Mary's is gradually getting back into its stride after the disruption of the past two years. The Allsorts group had a massive 50 attendees at their first meeting—a special celebration held at the Severn Centre Café— have a look at the photos on page 2.

The advertisement for a new Rector has been placed and we await to hear how many prospective candidates have applied for the post. All being well, interviews will be held in July, with a new rector being in place late autumn.

From the registers:

Funerals: 12.5.22 **Barry Joseph Scott**

Interment of Ashes 14.5.22 **Edward Hutchings**



St Peter's, Chelmarsh

APCM

At the church's annual meeting it was not possible to elect a churchwarden. While Chelmarsh is in this situation, we will all need to do our bit to support our clergy.



Plant Sale - Saturday 18th June

As well as a large number of plants for sale, there will be refreshments in the churchyard (or in church if wet), and a display of "gardens on a plate", with a small prize for the most popular. Look forward to seeing you there.

From the Registers

Graveside service 22. 4 .22 George Burns

Our sincere condolences go to his family at this sad time.

Holy Matrimony 23. 4. 22 James Drew and Sophie Passant

We wish this couple every happiness in their future life together.

Baptism 8. 5. 22 Martha Tilly Stevens

We welcome Martha into our church family and hope to see more of her as she grows up.

Church Cleaning - Wednesday 22nd June

St Mary's Billingsley

The summer evening walks resumed, with a gentle stroll from the church into the village and back, followed by refreshments in church, with champagne to celebrate the recent 80th birthday of one of the group. We were delighted to be supported by friends from Chelmarsh; these walks are open to all, so please come along if you are interested. Our next walk starts at 7pm from Billingsley Church on Thursday 9th June and is to Sidbury Church, which we will explore. There will be cars at Sidbury so those who wish can get a lift back to Billingsley, with the option of a walk back along quiet lanes and footpaths for the more energetic. Look at our websites and facebook pages for details of this and future events. However, before this walk we have the Jubilee bank holiday and we will be celebrating this by a picnic in the orchard next to the church on Friday 3rd June from 2-5pm. This is being organised by the Billingsley 100 Club; all are welcome (you don't have to live in Billingsley or be a member of the club to come!). It would be helpful (but not compulsory!) if you could let myself or Sue Bates (suebates@uwclub.net) know in advance if you wish to come. Our monthly evening service this month will be a week earlier, at 6pm on Sunday 5th June when we will reflect on the events of the last 70 years that the Queen has been on the throne. We have also been busy in the churchyard. New flowers and shrubs have been planted to mark the Jubilee, the memorial bench to Sid Fry, former sexton has been repaired and the the wrought iron gates to the churchyard are now resplendent in new black paint. Many thanks to all who have helped!

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St Bartholomew's Glazeley



Glazeley church is looking resplendent as the Spring blossom comes out; the rhododendron next to the church is currently in full bloom, but equally eye-catching is the horse-chestnut next to the car park, with its pink flowers. The spring mood is reflected in the church itself, with good attendance at our recent services. We particularly appreciated Laura offering us refreshments after the Easter service, Rachael who follows in her mother's footsteps by playing the organ (and putting up with the last-minutes changes of the associate minister...) as well as all our volunteers who serve on the PCC or work to keep the church and grounds so tidy.

We are delighted to welcome Laura onto the PCC and there was an upbeat feel to the Annual Parish Meeting as we discussed plans for the future and celebrated a small surplus in our funds over the last year. We continue to try and find contractors to repair the ceiling in the church and renew the heaters. We also plan to put two benches in the churchyard, to help people better enjoy this sacred space. The breakfasts at the Down have been very successful; these are likely to resume in September when instead of a harvest supper we will have a harvest breakfast.

Looking to the long term, we will be exploring options with Chelmarsh and Billingsley for closer working arrangements, perhaps by forming a single PCC so we can more effectively share out the tasks we need to undertake to keep all three churches healthy and flourishing. As part of this, the 100 Club operating at Billingsley will be extending its wing to take in Glazeley. Members pay £1 a week to be entered into a monthly draw; half the proceeds go in prizes and the other half goes to the churches. You can now nominate if you wish to support Billingsley, Glazeley or both. Application forms can be downloaded from, or contact myself or Sue Bates (suebates@uwclub.net). And as a final item, Glazeley church does have a website so please look at it from time to time; <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10533/>

Our next service is Holy Communion on Sunday June 19th at 10am. Everyone Welcome.

David Poyner



Caspar, Roger & Toni are opening their gardens at THE WOODLANDS OPEN GARDENS, GLAZELEY SATURDAY JUNE 11th from 2pm til 5pm
Caspar will have his plants for sale
Coffee & cake stall being manned by Glazeley Church & Chelmarsh Church.
Walk around the beautiful gardens & see the gorgeous peonies & other wonderful flowers

On behalf of Glazeley PCC, Rachael Davenhill presented Marion Corfield and Lyn Parnaby with cards and flowers to thank them for all the work they do for the church.



From the Diary of James the Least of All

The Rectory
St James the Least



Beware all donations!

My dear Nephew Darren,

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.

For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then - our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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Letter from Westminster



Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

June 2022

As I write this in May, the sense of excitement around Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration is already building.

Her Majesty's attendance last month at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, following some absences from public events due to mobility issues – including the State Opening of Parliament last month for the first time since 1963 - was met by rapturous applause and a standing ovation.

I know the special four-day Bank Holiday weekend to mark Her Majesty's 70-year reign will be enjoyed by people all over South Shropshire, including those who have arranged special events to mark this unprecedented milestone in our royal history.

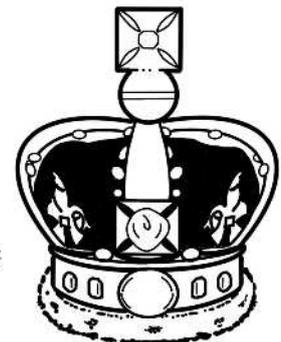
With many events taking place across South Shropshire, very regrettably I cannot be at every one to which I have been invited. But I shall be joining as many as I can, to celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable reign and the way the monarchy still, almost uniquely, brings together entire communities to celebrate everything we love about the UK.

While community events are taking place all over the country, a series of national events will help mark the occasion, beginning with the traditional Queen's Birthday Parade – Trooping the Colour – on Thursday 2nd June. Friday will see a Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign at St Paul's Cathedral, and on Saturday Her Majesty will attend Epsom Downs for the Derby.

This is followed by the Platinum Party at the Palace on Saturday night, with famous faces providing music and entertainment, all available on the BBC One and iPlayer. On Sunday 5th June, over 60,000 people have registered to host Big Jubilee Lunches, and a Platinum Jubilee Pageant will bring to life iconic moments from The Queen's reign, with over 10,000 people involved, showcasing our changing society over the past 70 years.

As part of the celebrations over the weekend, I shall also be lighting one of the Platinum Jubilee Beacons – one of thousands of beacons across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and the Commonwealth forming a chain of light. Beacons have traditionally been lit to mark royal celebrations, including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, as well as Her Majesty's Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

Most events in the community are locally publicised, but some in South Shropshire have further details on <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk>, if you are looking to join celebrations.



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After the horror of coronavirus and its impact on all of us, this celebration of Her Majesty's unprecedented 70-year reign is the first major national opportunity to come together in celebration. The length of her reign means that the Queen has been a consistent presence in the lives of most of us, providing a national figure we look to in both times of tragedy and celebration. Her message to the nation at the beginning of the pandemic was a perfect example of this important role for the nation. So I hope, at this new moment of celebration, everyone in South Shropshire is able to enjoy a special and memorable weekend

Philip Dunne MP



Word for Today

Conquering selfishness

Consider others more important than yourself Philippians 2:3

Paul writes, 'Consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought' (vv. 3-5 CEV). That kind of thinking goes against our natural instincts, but Jesus showed us how to do it. Hanging on the cross, He took time for the condemned criminal hanging next to Him (see Luke 23:39-43).

As he was being stoned, Stephen prayed for those who were killing him, asking God not to lay the sin to their charge (see Acts 7:60). Beaten and wrongly imprisoned, Paul and Silas took time to minister to their jailer. Even after God sent a powerful earthquake that broke their chains and opened their prison doors, they stayed for the sole purpose of ministering to their captor. How tempting it must have been to escape while the opportunity was there. How easy it would have been to look out for themselves and not worry about anybody else. But their act of love moved the jailer to ask how he might be saved, and as a result, he and his entire family were won to Christ (see Acts 16:25-34).

In a world whose philosophy is 'look out for number one', selfishness is an instinct you will need God's help to overcome every day. And when you do, people will take notice. You will never win others by being just like them, so here is the question you need to answer: ***how many of your friends and loved ones may come to know Christ if you demonstrate that you genuinely love them instead of ignoring, judging, and rejecting them?*** Go ahead – try it! 'Consider others more important than yourself'.

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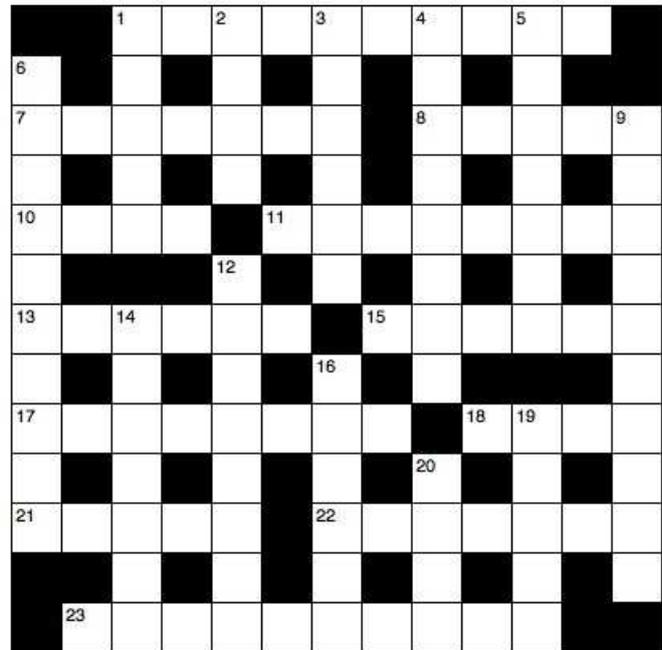
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation19:7)(4)



Solutions on page 33



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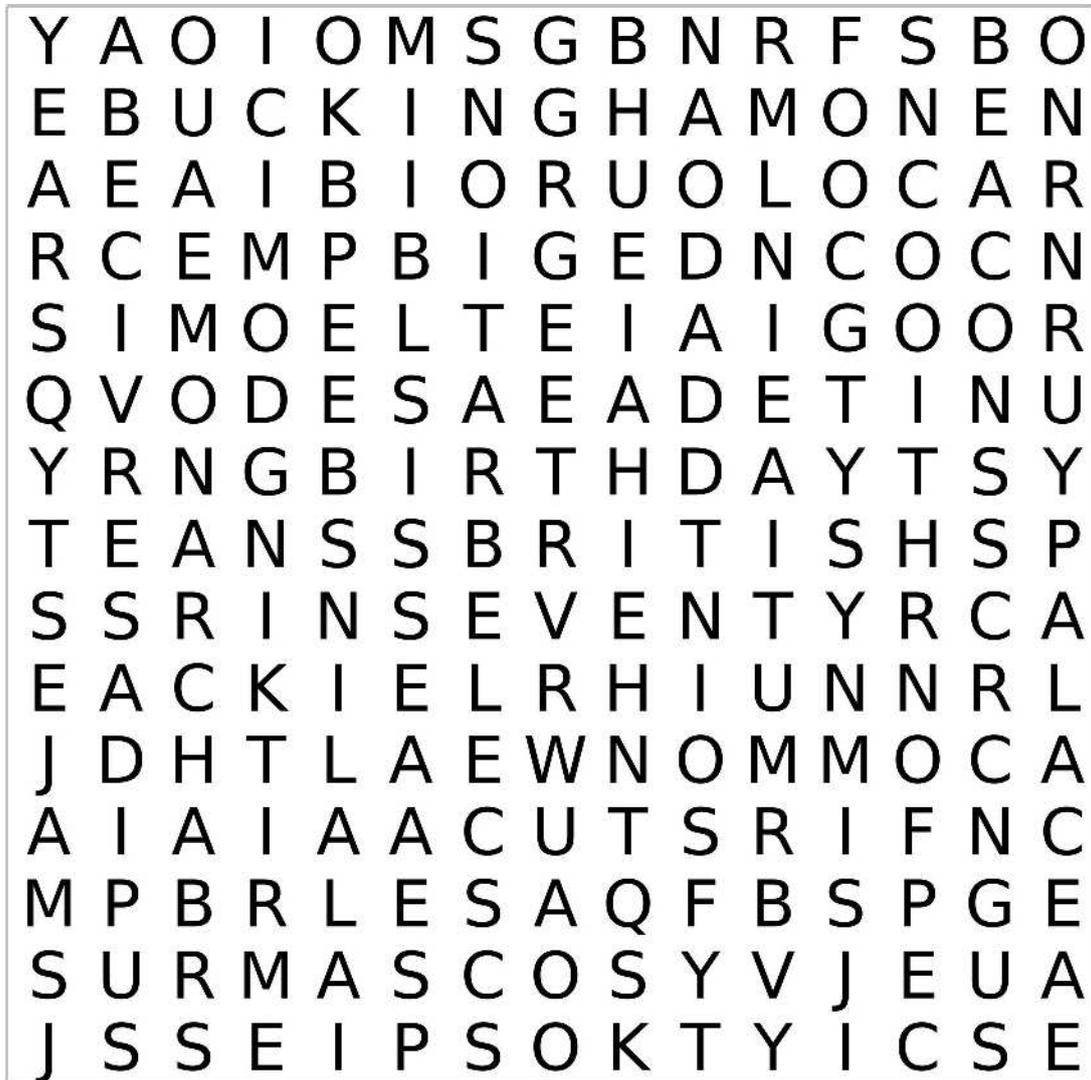


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Wordsearch

Answers on page 23



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First	Seventy	Realms	Trooping	Palace
British	Years	Commonwealth	Colour	Balcony
Monarch	Service	Celebrations	Soldiers	Beacons

Highley Dog Show 2022

By now many of you will have heard the sad news that Questa, Hazel French’s faithful friend and assistance dog, has died. We know how close they were and our hearts go out to Hazel.

However, Hazel and her daughter Amy, are determined to go ahead with their plans for a dog show at the Severn Centre on Saturday 25th June 2022. The event will take place on the tennis courts between 10am and 3pm, where an abundance of classes will be held. All dogs are welcome to attend and if your dog is nervous, please use a yellow lead to alert others. All funds raised on the day will be donated to *Canine Partners*, to sponsor our dog *Highley*, enabling him to qualify later this year to become an assistance dog for a person in need.

Hazel said: “Questa has been so helpful to me. Recently, I fell and she ran and got the phone and brought it to me. I had broken my back. but was able to telephone my daughter and get an ambulance. I don’t know how I would have coped without her. I am so proud that the village supported us last year and hopefully will support us this year too, in raising funds for *Canine Partners* and in memory of Questa.’



Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

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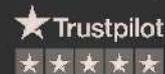
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Alan Honeybourne writes

BUTTERING THEM UP

The wind, straight from the Clee Hill, was sweeping across the Malt car park as Tommy Fox arrived holding his flapping ex-army coat tightly. "It's a bit draughty this morning", he thought, as the May blossom drifted off a nearby hedge.

Inside the bar he had his usual half pint and plunged the hot poker in it to take off the chill. "Did I ever tell you about the sleigh dogs I bought during a particularly bad winter?" he asked Neville who was cleaning the bar.

"No, but I expect you will. More like winter in here this morning". commented Neville.

"Yes, put my onions in late this year, ground's too cold", said Dasher.

Skit threw the last bit of the pastry pie he was eating to his whippet Maggie and muttered through a mouthful of pork pie. "Put my potato peelings in as usual, don't make much difference".

Skit always peeled his potatoes leaving an eye in sections of the skin which he planted and produced nearly as many spuds as Dasher, who took great care, only leaving 3 eyes in each potato and all facing upwards.

"Well", commented Tommy. "It was a really cold winter, snow on the ground till April. This chap, he had a team of huskies he had brought over from Canada. As he was going back I purchased them at a reasonable price".

He paused and Neville filled his empty glass.

"Well, I made a nice toboggan and delivered milk with the team of dogs. Very popular they was, more like wolves".

"What's unusual about that ?" asked Skit, cutting a plug of tobacco.

"I'm coming to that" responded Tommy putting the poker in his drink.

"One day old Mrs Davies' cat happened to cross the road and those dogs were after it like greyhounds; thought it was a rabbit you see. I was thrown off and so were the milk churns. Fortunately they were nearly empty and, do you know what, the rolling churn had turned the milk into buttermilk and butter. That is what made me take up selling butter. More profit you see".

Skit grunted and spat into the fire. "Prefer margarine myself it's cheaper and a bit of cheese to go with it".

"I made cheese as well", continued Tommy, "but when they opened the Co-op it ruined me".

This unlikely tale was greeted with the usual scepticism. After he had gone Neville said, "Don't really remember him selling butter".

"Ar", replied Skit, "that's a fact. Tells a good tale though".

He produced a cheese sandwich from his pocket and proceeded to eat it throwing Maggie the crust. "My teeth aren't what they were", he explained.

"What happened to the sledge dogs?" asked the barman.

"Well, he only had one worn out old thing, but he bought it from the Canadian alright."

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"Probably begged it. That dog was a nuisance, chased every cat it saw. Finally gave it away to Sam Small who taught it to chase rabbits into his nets. When Sam was jailed for poaching his wife spoiled the dog rotten. Wasn't a husky anyway. Some Siberian dog I hear", said Dasher draining his pint.

"Wind has eased, reckon I'll plant my onions though it's a bit late. Always put my spuds in on Mothering Sunday. Strange thing they seem to do better some years".

Neville sighed. He had given up explaining to Dasher that the date of Mothering Sunday varied.

Alan Honeybourne



Les Hall writes

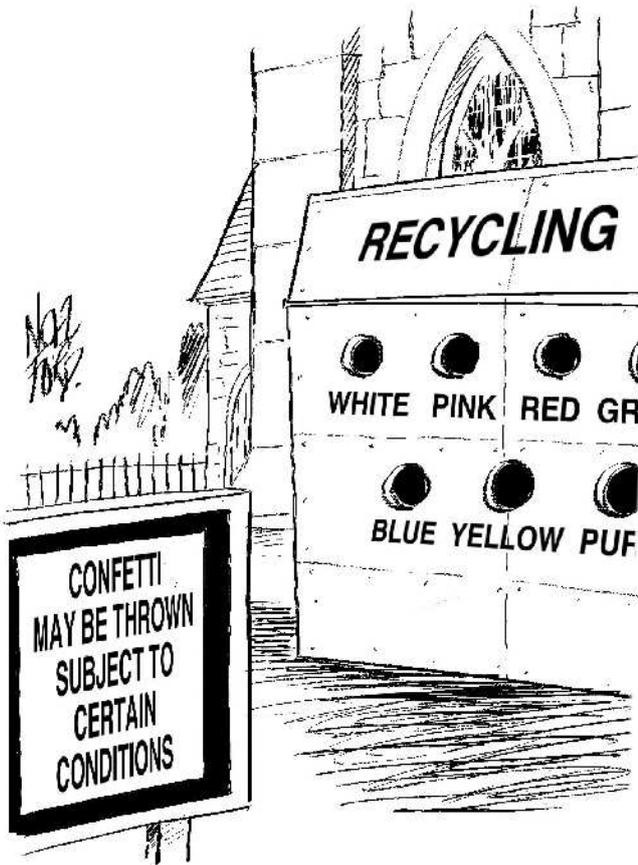
I am always welcomed at St Mary's, Cleobury Mortimer after spending seventeen years in the choir there. I attend the Thursday morning Group for those who are lonely or bereaved. And recently we were introduced to a young couple from Ukraine, who are staying with a family on the Clee Hill. They have three children who attend school up there.

The lady told us in broken English how they had suffered due to the conflict; how they had lost everything they had worked for, knowing that if they go back there will not be anything left. She said that both their parents were still there and she has cousins living in Russia and a brother in the Ukrainian army. Her husband said nothing, because he couldn't speak English at all.

I realised that it's one thing watching events on TV and quite another coming face-to-face with it. I could have wept for them, because of their helpless plight.—living in a strange country with strange people and not knowing what the future holds. They were decent, hardworking people on the road to nowhere.

The church in Cleobury is trying to put them in touch with other Ukrainians so that they don't feel so isolated. But at least now they are safe from the bombing.

Les Hall



With Father's Day in mind:

- ◆ What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity. – *Richter*
- ◆ A father is a banker provided by nature. – *French proverb*
- ◆ The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*
- ◆ Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – *Mozart as a boy*
- ◆ The family that prays together stays together. – *American proverb*

Smile Lines

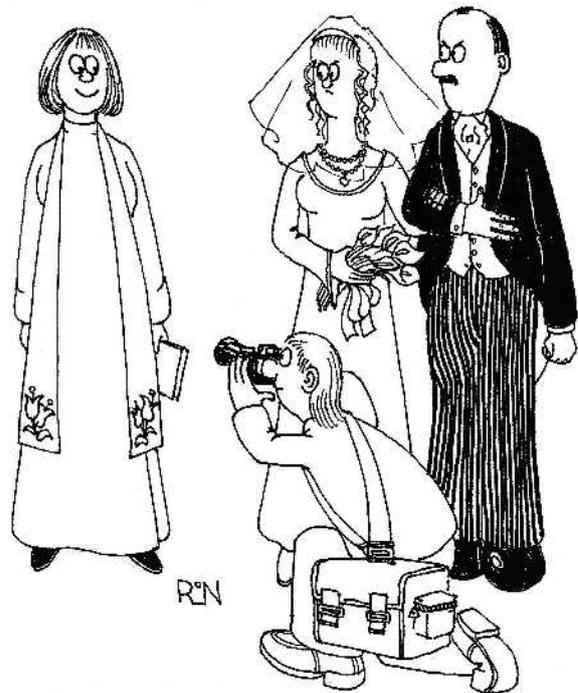
Techie trouble

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

Park

A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.



Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...

Wordsearch Answer (from page 17)



Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)

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Easy

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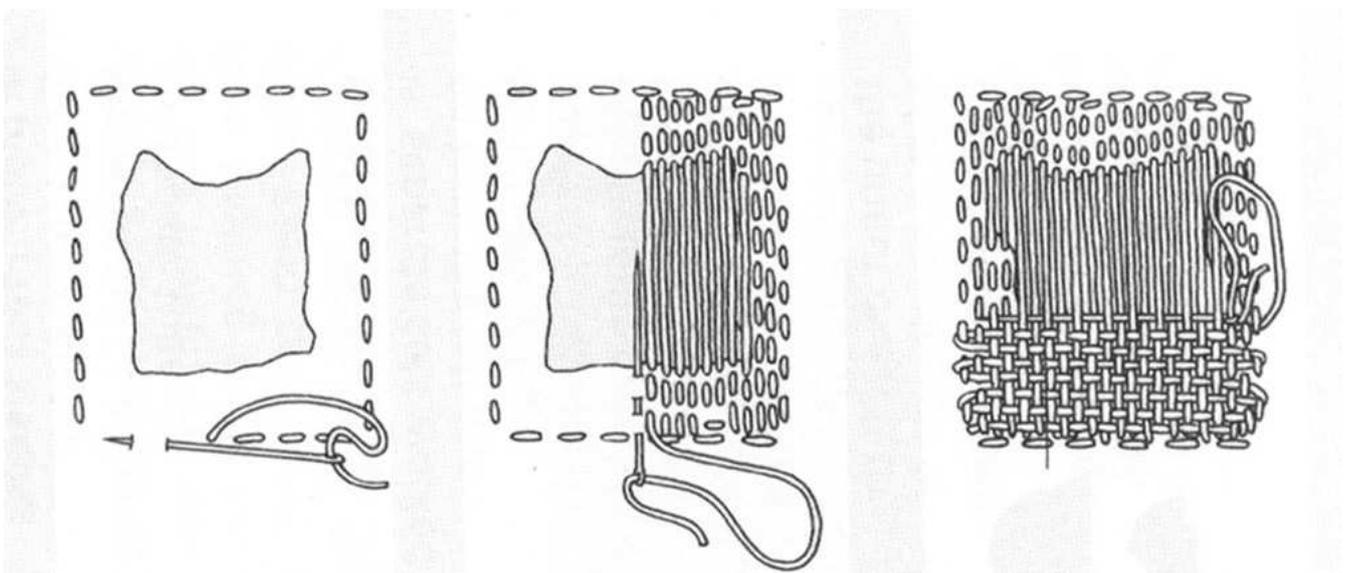
No Mow May - Oli

Whilst you will likely be reading this in June, as I speak, flowering plants are getting a firm foothold in our garden, with the rain and sunshine that we are experiencing. Those that provide nectar for pollinators are extremely important. That is why many people have decided to let their lawns grow and encourage the wild plants in them to flower. Not only does it liberate you from a seemingly endless obligation to keep the grass short, it boosts floral diversity and nectar and pollen production through the year. We have an area of shorter grass for the children to play on, and an area where we just let the garden do what it wants. This is where you can really see nature in action!

Remember that even the plants you call weeds are important. In fact, about 8 dandelions are enough to provide the baseline energy needs for a bumblebee (info from Plantlife). Think twice before you dig them up!

Darn it! - Alastair

Darning is a really simple way to fix your clothes with holes, reduce your carbon footprint, and save money all at the same time. Darning wool and a darning mushroom can help, but aren't essential. I've attached an image of the basic process. Have a go!



Father's Day—Sunday 19th June



Everyone likes to be valued, so this is a message to all sons and daughters out there.

Don't forget to let YOUR father know how much you value him!

They won't always be with us, so it's worth making that extra effort at least once a year. If it's a hard day for you, try to have some happy memories. Visit some special places. Get together with family or friends and remember the good times.

And for those who don't have happy memories, always remember that your heavenly Father loves you unconditionally and is always only a prayer away.

'Thank you God, that you are always there; that you have promised never to leave us or forsake us. Help me to remember to turn to you when life is difficult, to thank you when life is good and to talk to you daily as my perfect Father. Amen'

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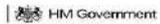
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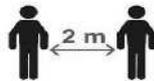
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Keep 2m apart from people not in your own household while waiting



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The bus will only stop when people want to get off or if there is enough space onboard



If they do stop, they will normally only be able to let one passenger on for each one that gets off.



Be prepared to wait and please help others by prioritising those who need to travel more urgently than you



STAY ALERT - CONTROL THE VIRUS - SAVE LIVES

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

Currently not open

Star Housing

**Housing Support Officer
in Rhea Hall.**

Contact Helen Turner 01746 862442

**Phone for more information
regarding services**

Community Room,
73 Rhea Hall Estate,
WV16 6LD

Crossword Solution from page 15

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Waste / Recycling Collections

Please note change in collection days:

Black bins: **Sat11th & Thurs 23rd June**

Crates & green bins: **Mon 6th, Fri 17th & THURS 30th June**

Garden Village and Highley Park Homes: please check your new collection day.

www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/

Forthcoming Events

Gardening Club

Wednesday
Severn Centre

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

Patients' Group

Tuesday
Severn Centre

see Facebook page

All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Garage	10	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Highley Minors	28	Tele - Satt Aerials	10
Cost Cutter	11	Highley Pharmacy	19	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	25
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Wyre Forest Pest Control	29
Edwards A J Decorating Services	22	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25		
Foot Health Practitioner	29	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	29		
		Millfields Boarding Kennels	10		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
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Every Tuesday from 10.30 am-midday.
Come along and have a chat whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Voluntary donations to Mary's Church.

Venue: Yvonne 861723

Gay & Jim, Church St
Moira & Ivor, Church St
Gill & Alun Rees,
Denise Lobban, 14 Church
Mary & David Rayner, Prestwood House, Netherton Lane
Janette Hill, 62 Yew Tree Grove

Please check the notice board at church nearer the time to confirm locations.

Cancelled until further notice

A warm welcome is extended to all



*First Tuesday in the month
2-4pm. Parish Hall*

June Meeting – 7th June
Jubilee Celebration

July meeting – 5th July
This will be an open meeting for ladies and men. We will be welcoming Mark Baldwin, one of Britain's most experienced speakers on the Enigma Machine, Bletchley Park.

**Allsorts of topics for
Allsorts of ladies of
Allsorts of ages**

Highley Community Day at the Severn Centre



Church Services 2022

Friday 3rd June	2-5pm Jubilee Picnic	Orchard next to St Mary's, Billingsley
Sunday 5th June Pentecost Sunday Queens Jubilee	10am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Highley St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 12th June	10am Holy Communion 11am Informal Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 19th June	10am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church Glazeley
Sunday 26th June	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 11am Informal Service	St Mary's, Billingsley St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley

Mid-week Groups

Wednesday Prayer and Study Group 11am-1pm see Val Smith 861966 or Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venue NOT MEETING 1ST JUNE

Thursday Zoom 7pm contact David Poyner d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

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

Friday Night Prayer 9pm Zoom contact David Poyner as above



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