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JUNE 2020



He Lives, He Lives, - Christ Jesus lives today;
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way!

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This watercolour from around the 1950's was lent to the Editor by Les Hall.
It depicts Highley Station when it was in the hands of British Railways
before closure in 1963 and ownership by SVR from 1965.



Some of the many boxes of eggs in the Parish Hall for the Food Share (Pg.8)



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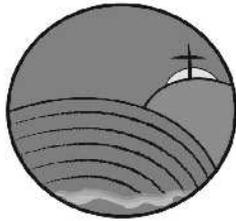
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Light at the End of the Tunnel?

We are living in unprecedented and strange times – lockdown, social distancing and church online! Coronavirus, Covid 19, whatever it is called, has turned the life of the whole world as we knew it upside down in less than 4 months!

However, the most heartening thing is the way the entire population of the UK (and other countries) have banded together behind their governments to prevent the disease from overwhelming the ability of the NHS to cope. Our wonderful doctors and nurses, carers in nursing homes, midwives, paramedics, fire fighters and police, not to mention shop workers, delivery drivers and others on the front line, are facing risks to their lives daily. And yet they don't give up caring for sick and vulnerable people. This is true heroism, carrying on in spite of the fear and risks, they are an inspiration to the rest of us. Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Sadly, this sacrifice has been made by too many.

Another emerging positive aspect as lockdown has continued, is the ingenuity and inventiveness of people to motivate themselves and others to stay hopeful. Neighbours have put on concerts on their drive for an audience listening on their own drives, young people have produced videos and music online and children have painted pictures of rainbows to cheer up passers-by and thank care workers. Even elderly people are doing their bit in self isolation by keeping in touch with neighbours by phone, Skype and Zoom. There is a caring for others that has come to the surface during this time.



And now, Spring has arrived as normal, with weather warming up, birds singing and nesting and wild flowers putting on a spectacular show of colour. In our garden, we have had in succession, beautiful primroses, and so many celandines that they resembled stars in the night sky! Then came a flush of violets, many more than in other years, and finally forget-me-nots and cowslips in

abundance. The broad beans are growing well too! How God has blessed us where we live, it reminds us that, through all the uncertainty and tragedies, God gives us the constancy of the seasons, beauty to inspire us and the promise of nourishment to come.

Together we are getting through this crisis, and although it is tedious and difficult, better days will come and we will look back and remember how we helped and encouraged each other as best we could. Then we can be proud that by supporting each other we will have emerged more resilient and compassionate people.

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... The church has had a steep learning curve! No services in the buildings has meant that online is the way to go. David Poyner has been leading services, chats and prayers on Zoom. Now there's an experience!

I'm a bit (a lot!) thick when it comes to IT, but I wanted to join the first chat meeting. After a number of attempts to take part, by some fluke I managed to join in, but in sound only!

I always said I had the face for radio!

My next efforts were total failures, and I even defeated David Rayner's attempts to help by my inability to follow his explanations. Sorry about that, David! But people kept saying it was simple, and I didn't want to seem stupid, so I tried, tried, tried again..... In the end, my son solved the problem by typing in the ID and Password instead of the click instructed, and it worked like a charm. It's a good thing I don't have to work from home and do video conferencing, nothing would ever get done!!

Seriously though, it looks as if we still have a way to go before the end of all this, but with mutual support, prayer and thoughtfulness, and the strength of resolve we have already shown, we will find the Light of the World at the end of the tunnel.

Glenys Williams

Managing these Times together

A lot of people are managing this pandemic using social media to keep in touch with church, friends and family. However, there are a lot of people who do not access this means of communication or don't know how to or don't want to.

I thought I was pretty media savvy but with filming to do for services whilst trying to ensure the wind doesn't boom into the microphone, questions about copyright and the best way to upload material on a very slow copper wire broadband service, I realise that I'm losing touch and am increasingly behind with lots of these means of communication.

It was heartening, then, to hear that the Church of England has set up a freephone line, especially focused on those who want to be led into a place of quiet worship without all the fuss and razzmatazz of modern media. I'm aware of several people already who have made the effort to try this out and have enjoyed it.

Essentially, there is a regular 20 minute offering on a traditional hymn. It begins with a brief introduction to the hymn, then the hymn is sung followed by a reflection on the hymn writer and the content as well as the background to how it came to be written. Then the hymn is sung again with a time of prayer. I've listened and can commend it. Try it out, it's all recorded so no-one will speak to you personally ... and it's FREE!

Mike Harris



An online donation button has recently been added to St. Mary's web site we welcome any donations during this difficult time. Thank you

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The Church of England offers a service by which you can find details of services and information on any church in the country (pretty much). It is called: **A Church Near You** and you can find it by popping that name into a search engine. You will have to put in your post code or the area for which you wish to find a place of worship (Church) and then it will usually show you a map with the various churches within that specific area. We've recently updated the information with editorial permissions for each church and this should enable even more current information to be held, such as copies of The Forum or Wheatlands News. Also any changes to the rules on lockdown and the opening of our churches will be posted there as well as here, though often magazines play 'catch-up' in these circumstances.

Currently we are hoping that some church services will be resumed sometime in July, but we will need to watch developments carefully as information is changing often.

Mike Harris (Rector)

Chelmarsh

THANKS FROM CHELMARSH PCC

During this time of lockdown of everyone and also our church because of the Covid 19 pandemic, we would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for all the help and care they have shown to the vulnerable in our community. We are sorry, but Diocesan guidelines say that churches must remain closed for the time being, so there are still no services or events taking place there.

For anyone who would like to take part, Rev David Poyner hosts a service at 10am on Sundays using Zoom, all welcome to join in. Contact David on **01562 68638** if you would like to do so.

The slight easing of the lockdown might mean that churches may be able to open soon, subject to social distancing advice. Until then, take care and keep safe.

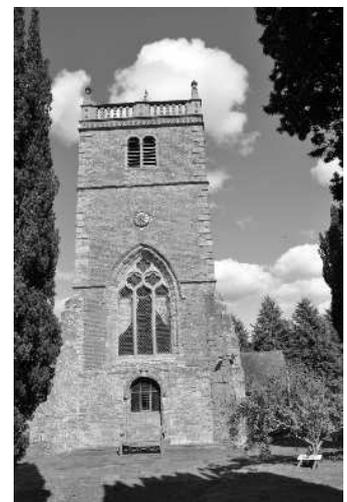
CHELMARSH FRIENDS:

Chelmarsh Friends will meet again once the restrictions are lifted. A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details.

CHELMARSH WALKING FOR HEALTH:

Due to restrictions all walks are currently suspended. However, as we are surrounded by beautiful countryside and numerous paths it is an ideal time to walk with those you live with. Please only walk from your home to avoid any unnecessary journeys. A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website when walks resume.

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... CHELMARSH FETE:

Chelmarsh Parish Hall Management Committee has decided to cancel this event which was due to be held on Saturday 11th July 2020. As restrictions have not yet been fully lifted it was considered to be in the best interests and safety of visitors and helpers. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 10th July 2021.

Billingsley News

Just in time, the news came through; we would be allowed into churches to ring the bells for VE day. Only one person of course, so no opportunity for chime ringing, but as we only have two bells in Billingsley church, that was enough. So at 2.55pm on May 8th, I was in our church and rang our bells, one hand on each rope. If anyone heard them, you will have learnt that I am not very good at bell ringing, but for five minutes they did a passable impression of going "ding dong", as I imagine they would have done 75 years ago. Our bells have a history that goes back much further than that; one is medieval and has been rung for around 600 years, in peels to celebrate great and small events, tolled to mark sad events or simply chimed, to tell of a service, whether attended by a crowd or a single person. Chiming out to proclaim that in all these, God is present.

The VE day celebrations were not as anyone imagined a few weeks ago, but celebrations did take place. As I went about my work on the Bank Holiday Friday, I saw bunting and flags and indeed the odd tea party, with all chairs 2m apart! In our communities, there is a pragmatic approach taken to lockdown. We need to come together from time to time, to celebrate, but also give thanks and reflect. For some, 75 years ago, VE day had a bitter-sweet flavour. There was still war in the east. Lives had already been changed and there was a need to look to the future as well as celebrating the moment. Much of that is true today. Perhaps there is a lesson here from the bells, who tell that in all events, God is with us.

The following poem, "The Old Church Bells" was written by Sydney Conrad, <https://allpoetry.com/poem/12866012-The-Old-Church-Bells-by-sidneyconrad23>

The old church bells are ringing
Can you hear their joyful sound

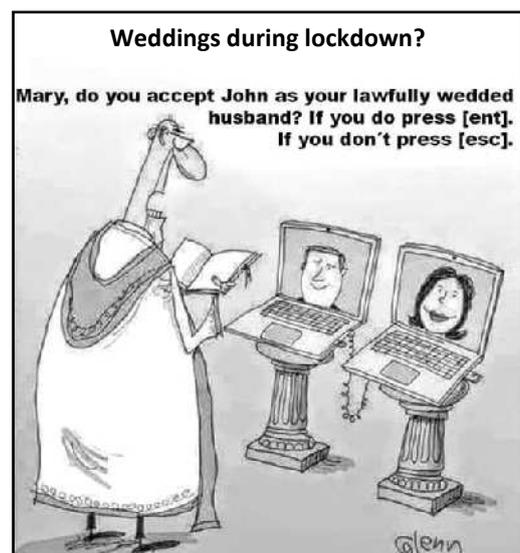
They ring out a message of love
And where peace can be found

The old church bells are ringing
They are calling out to everyone

And if we would all just respond
So many lessons we may learn

The old church bells are ringing
With a loving medley so sweet

And if we would only just listen
They can make our lives complete



David Poyner

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Pulling Together as a Community

The period of lockdown seems to be coming to an end, slowly, but that doesn't mean that everything is now back to normality. It is quite likely that many things we have taken for granted, like freedom to travel and holidays, may yet be suspended well into the Summer. People have asked if we are continuing the Support group and my answer has been that we'll continue to be available until we're no longer needed. Far better to be accessing help than putting all your patience in jeopardy. We're here for you and for each other. THANK YOU.



Hello neighbours, if you have any concerns or are self-isolating or feeling alone, we are here to help.

This support group has been set up by St. Mary's Highley and Highley Parish Council with the sole aim of offering assistance wherever we can during this outbreak.

If you are self-isolating due to coronavirus we can help with:

- Picking up shopping
- A friendly phone call
- Posting Mail
- Prescription collection

In responding to any of the above, please contact the following numbers relative to the day of the week (01746 or other):

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- Friday - Bernadine on 862137 or Martin 861813
- Saturday - Roy on 861666 or Merv & Liz on 862989
- Sunday - Try any of the above

Alternatively, make your specific request known through the 'Contact' section of www.stmaryshighley.co.uk.

You will need to give your name, phone number and address. The person answering your call/enquiry will then contact a member of the team who will fulfil your request to the best of their ability and contact you when the order is ready, to arrange drop-off and payment when appropriate. There is no charge for this service. Note: We cannot manage card transactions.

This community service is supported by Highley Medical Practice and Highley Pharmacy.

Please note: We will do our very best to help but cannot be held responsible for any shortcomings due to unforeseen circumstances.

Over the last few weeks the Parish Hall has become the location not only for food supplies for the Support Group but as the new base for the FOOD SHARE project where excess and close to date food from local stores and supermarkets is made available to people for a small donation.

This has usually been £1, but during the crisis the request has become £2-£3 for delivery to

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation of the virtual Sunday Services which have been made available on the St Mary's website. At the start of the lockdown the closure of churches was one of the hardest things to bear but these services have really helped, especially as I try to watch at 9.30am, the time our service would normally start in St Mary's.

The contributions by all members of the staff team, the readers, those families who have provided enactments of the Gospel readings, those leading the prayers and Amy's music have been outstanding. I particularly appreciate the excellent work by Stewart in ensuring that we can be participants rather than mere spectators; having the words to the songs/hymns, a note of the bible readings and the responses and joint prayers on the screen has made it much more meaningful.

I long for the day when our churches will be open again and we can meet in full fellowship, but in the meantime "Thank you all" and I look forward to more thoughtful and thought-provoking virtual services.

God bless you all
Linda Ross

Dear Editor,

Coronavirus is a word we had never heard before and had no idea the devastating effect it would have on mankind, but worldwide we are all having to deal with it. Since the end of the Second World War we have enjoyed our freedom, but Covid-19 is an unseen enemy which is causing unprecedented deaths, restrictions of our liberties and hardship to many people. It is wonderful, however, how the resilience, spirit and kindness of British people is shining through.

As I have no close relatives to help me with shopping and I am 84 and in the age group advised to self-isolate, receiving the leaflet through my door informing me of the Highley Support Group gave me relief to know that volunteers are prepared to offer help and it is so appreciated.

At first I felt guilty that I had to rely on someone to shop for me as I am a very independent person, but over the weeks I have looked forward to that phone conversation (I am not into technology) when placing my shopping order, and eventually seeing that lovely friendly face when my order is delivered.

Life for all of us has changed dramatically and I wonder if we will ever get back to how it was; but remember every cloud has a silver lining - we will come through all this and be able to meet up with family and friends again.

Cynthia

Letter from Westminster

As I write, we have had several weeks of glorious weather before entering June, with warm sunny days providing the main relief from the dark shadow of the coronavirus pandemic, which continues to disrupt many of our usual freedoms.

I have considerable sympathy with those who have been coping with the lockdown in cities, where outside space and access to nature is limited. One of the many reasons people choose to make their lives in South Shropshire, or to move here, is for the beautiful countryside we enjoy. At a time where we have had to limit our exposure to others, I know for many people our countryside has been invaluable.

But equally, I feel for those who would usually be putting much dedicated time and effort, often for free, into the many community events we enjoy in South Shropshire over the summer months. As we do not know how long this wretched virus will be with us, planning events even months in advance has been impossible. Great stalwarts of the South Salopian summer calendar have had to be cancelled – like Burwarton Show this August – or postponed.



So it will fall to many of us to have our own DIY summers, if we want to retain some of the fun and sense of community such events bring. Having seen how our communities came together to mark VE Day with social distancing, or the weekly clap for carers that sees neighbours united in celebration of NHS, care and essential workers, I feel confident that we will see similar community spirit during this summer.

I write ahead of publication, but easing some of the lockdown measures, including allowing for more time outside and the resumption of some sports that lend themselves to social distancing, with hopefully a gradual opening of more non-food shops and leisure activities, will help avoid a stir-crazy summer – especially when I anticipate overseas travel continuing to be severely restricted.

I hope this cautious resumption of some freedoms means we are slowly getting back to normal. But this will continue to be conditional on the rate of new infections not reigniting. We are all aware of what we are trying to do as a country to beat this virus. So it falls to us all to use common sense, and try and reduce our chances of spreading the disease as much as possible.

One of the impacts of the disruption to Parliamentary business from coronavirus has meant my Private Members Bill, to clean up Britain's rivers, had been meant to start its passage in the House of Commons before the summer recess, but has now been pushed back to October. I remain hopeful it will have enough time to get through the House of Commons and make it into law, but timing is getting tighter.

I am also highly doubtful I will be able to undertake my summer routine of driving my campervan to smaller villages in South Shropshire to hold my mobile advice surgeries – due to the need to social distance. But as ever, you can contact me by email on philip.dunne.mp@parliament.uk if you would like to raise an issue.

Keep safe and well.
Rt. Hon. Philip Dunne MP

Refugee Week: 15th–21st June

As the annual 'Refugee Week' approaches, various Christian relief agencies and campaign groups warn that coronavirus could have a catastrophic impact on the refugees they are trying to help.

First, the big picture: according to the UNHCR, "we are currently witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. An unprecedented 70.8 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 25.9 million refugees, over half of whom are under 18."

Refugees are especially vulnerable, as their usual homes of makeshift tents or flimsy shelters are over-crowded and without clean water or sanitation, making social distancing and isolation impossible. Also, many refugees are already suffering under-lying health conditions and mental health issues.

As the head of the Humanitarian Division at Christian Aid, Nick Guttman, also points out: "Refugees are some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Access to medical facilities is limited and the destabilisation of the global economy is likely to have an impact on their livelihoods and the flow of humanitarian aid." He warns that it is only a "matter of time" before it reaches the countries with a high number of refugees: Bangladesh, Syria, Lebanon, Nigeria, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Refugee
Week



Tearfund has highlighted the problem of warning the one million Rohingya people, crowded in camps in Bangladesh. "There is no internet provision in the camps and the mobile network is currently suspended, so getting the message out about the dangers of the virus relies on word of mouth."

Meanwhile, Open Doors is concerned for the plight of the Pygmy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many fled their rainforest after persecution by Islamist rebels, and are now living in camps, where they are extremely vulnerable to the virus.

Leprosy Mission has warned that India "faces a human timebomb, waiting to explode." Communities affected by leprosy, malnutrition, overcrowded living conditions and poor sanitation, make "ideal breeding ground for the spread of coronavirus. Social distancing and isolation are impossible in the densely populated areas."

CPAS welcomes everyone online

CPAS, the Anglican agency that helps local churches do mission, and which is one of our benefice patrons, has refused to be shut down this summer by coronavirus.

Although it has had to cancel its entire summer programme of youth holidays and training events – at a cost of more than £250,000, it is still determined to do what it can.

General Director John Dunnett, explains: "In lockdown, many churches are making contact with new people and serving their communities in amazing ways – and CPAS is doing everything it can to support this."

This includes the production of a free new resource [Everybody Welcome Online](#), which helps the local church to engage with those 'attending' their services who haven't been before.

CPAS is even planning to hold 'Virtual Ventures' and 'Virtual Falcons'. "We want to reach many children and young people with the good news of Jesus Christ." More info at: <https://www.cpas.org.uk>

Puzzles for June (Crossword solution - pg 33)

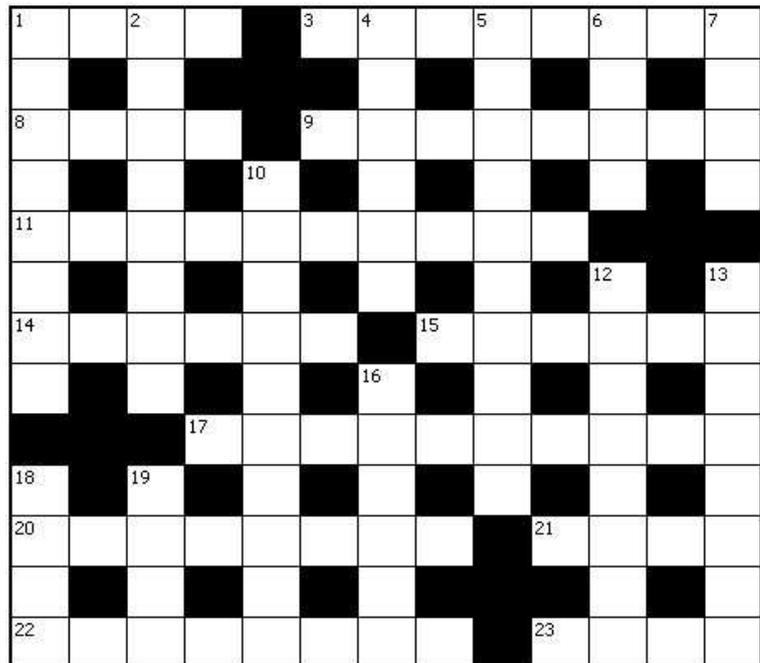
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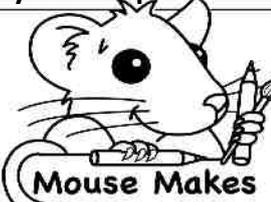
- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



KIDS—Nehemiah re-built the walls of Jerusalem, see if you can spot how he did it and what happened next.



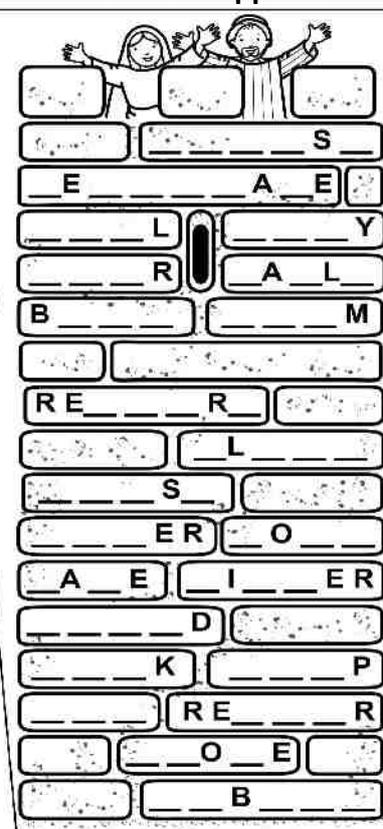
Mouse Makes

When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God. Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

READ Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

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How many gates were repaired? Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

County Councillor's Report

Overwhelmed with “issues”; tempers strained and frustrations fanned by Facebook; gangs of ne'er-do-wells intent on stealing anything that isn't nailed down; old-enough-to-know-betters on scrambler bikes churning up footpaths; cyclists blaming horse-riders for taking up the full width of bridleways (how very dare they) and not picking up after their horses, and don't they know the mess a pile of horse dung can make of an expensive mountain bike...

And that's just for starters. I'm determined not to mention people “exercising” across farmland with their dogs off the lead and telling irate farmers that their dogs didn't mean to kill the lamb, it was only playing with it - so I won't.

Let's talk instead of the fabulous work the people of Highley and surrounding areas have been doing to keep the vulnerable of this village fed and watered, and not just those volunteer errand-runners who are part of the formal set up, but the informal neighbour-to-neighbour “You alright? Let me know if you aren't” low profile acts of kindness.

That's community.

Council has been “interesting”. A lot of firsts, not least of which was the virtual Full Council meeting on the 6th May which had to be convened to pass a change to the regulations that would allow formal meetings to be held via Shropshire Council's preferred online distance-meeting platform, 'Teams', because as the law stood we had to meet in person and be quorate in order to be legal, an impossible requirement under the current circumstances and so an amendment to the law had to be brought in, a formality to see us through this damned pandemic. Needless to say it went through on the nod.

It was an important event because parish council business had also stalled because of the social-distancing requirements. With the change in the law a somewhat restricted form of local democracy can be restored even if it does create some interesting situations. At the time of writing, Highley Parish Council has yet to hold a meeting using the remote-meeting software package 'Zoom', but hopefully that situation will be rectified soon.

One such “interesting situation” concerned my being a Shropshire Council representative on the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel which is administered by Worcestershire County Council (WCC). I have virtual meetings later this month to do with the appointment of a replacement lay member of the Panel, a process that has to be secure for obvious reasons.

Now, whilst Shropshire Council uses 'Teams' and is reluctant to let 'Zoom' onto their system because of well-publicised security lapses in the software, WCC uses 'Zoom' and doesn't have a lot of good to say about 'Teams', which created an interesting situation because I'd be on my 'secured' Shropshire Council-issued laptop. The potentially embarrassing stand-off was satisfactorily resolved, conditional on a lot of caveats being met, so contrary to the old saying the twain can occasionally meet. But only occasionally!

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God and your money

'Help in time of need.'

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

When you have a spiritual, physical, relational, or financial need, God says He will meet it. But some of us have a hard time believing this. After all, Jesus condemned the rich man for overlooking the poor man sitting on his doorstep. And God hasn't changed His position on that issue. Jesus told the story of a man so busy making money that he had no time for God. 'But God said to him, "You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?" Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God' (Luke 12:20-21 NLT). And He hasn't changed positions on that issue either. Jesus threw the money changers out of the temple because they were ripping people off. He went so far as to call them 'a den of thieves' (Mark 11:17 NKJV). Does that mean

God is interested in meeting our spiritual needs but not our material ones? Let's be clear; your spiritual needs should always be your highest priority, but let's allow the Scriptures to speak for themselves. When it comes to God and your money, Jesus said: 'Don't worry about these things, saying, "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?"' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need' (Matthew 6:31-33 NLT). Note the word 'everything'. When you're in right standing with God, you can pray with confidence and ask Him to bless you in all things!

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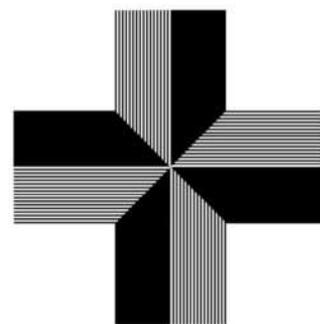
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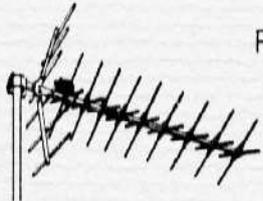
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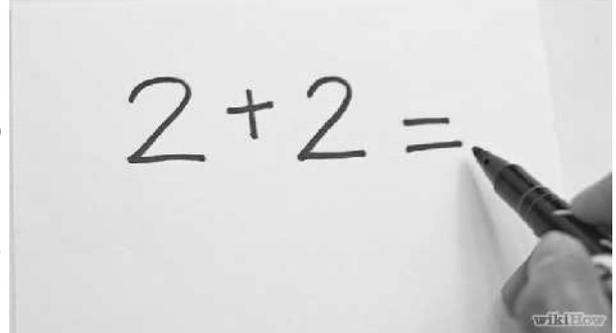
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The Benefits of Education

Tom, the old Welshman's son-in-law, came into the little cottage where they lived and spoke to his father-in-law. "You know the new schoolmaster who is English?" he asked. Dai agreed that he did. "Well, he is going to take lessons teaching adults Maths and suchlike. He is very well informed and talks well." "Indeed," replied his father-in-law. "I heard him the other day talking about square roots. Square roots my foot! It would be a very strange plant that had square roots." Megan interrupted, "I think it's something to do with 'rithmetic. Bob Lloyd, the college studies such things. Also he talks about equators." Tom grinned, "'equations', I expect. I did not get on with them too well at school," he admitted. "Ah," interposed Dai. "It is the English blood in you holding you back." (Tom's Father was English.) "Everybody knows that the equator is an imaginary line running round the earth."



Megan, who had started washing up, only partially heard. "A menagerie lion running round the earth? I'm sure that can't be right, Dai." Her father arose in wrath. "I thought that your husband was foolish but you are no better," he roared. Megan was offended and Tom quickly tried to pour oil on troubled waters. "I'm sure your father didn't really mean what he said. After all, a pure Welsh girl like you is bound to have intelligence just like her father." This remark was received with suspicion by the old man who suspected his son-in-law was making fun of him; but he remembered that he was living there at very little expense and grunted. "There are times when we all make mistakes. It was merely a slip of the tongue on my part." He paused. "I expect the English schoolmaster really meant round routes as they would be round the equator." Since this statement caused both his daughter and son-in-law to chuckle their little tiff was forgotten.

Tom took his first lesson and returned looking a little worried. "That English fellow goes too fast for me. Did you ever hear of 'areas of rectangular figures' at school Megan?" "Indeed we were only schoolgirls and never considered our figures. I am sure that man is leading you into bad ways. Figures have nothing to do with 'rithmetic." Tom tried his father-in-law. "Dai," he asked. "What is simple interest?" "Simple interest is it?" asked Dai. "Well, it's the sort of silly things a son-in-law asks his father-in-law."

Since neither of these answers was of much use to poor Tom he took his query to Willy the post. "Aye, I know about simple interest," informed Willy. "It's what the banks cheat you out of when you deposit money with them. As for 'areas of rectangular figures' that is the estimate the Government makes of some simple plots of land you own. I always thought I had one third of an acre of land, but those scoundrels told me it was much more and taxed me accordingly." Tom digested this last statement silently. "Surely the Government does not directly tax you on pieces of land?" he asked; but Willy was in full flight. "They grind us down with iniquitous taxes. Why, this very pint you have bought me is loaded with unfair taxes. The very food we eat-" Since everyone in the pub had joined in the general discussion about Welsh independence and the tribulations they had suffered under various Governments Tom decided to depart and, meeting the English schoolmaster explained his difficulties. The teacher smiled, "I obviously started at too high a level. Next week we will try addition and subtraction."

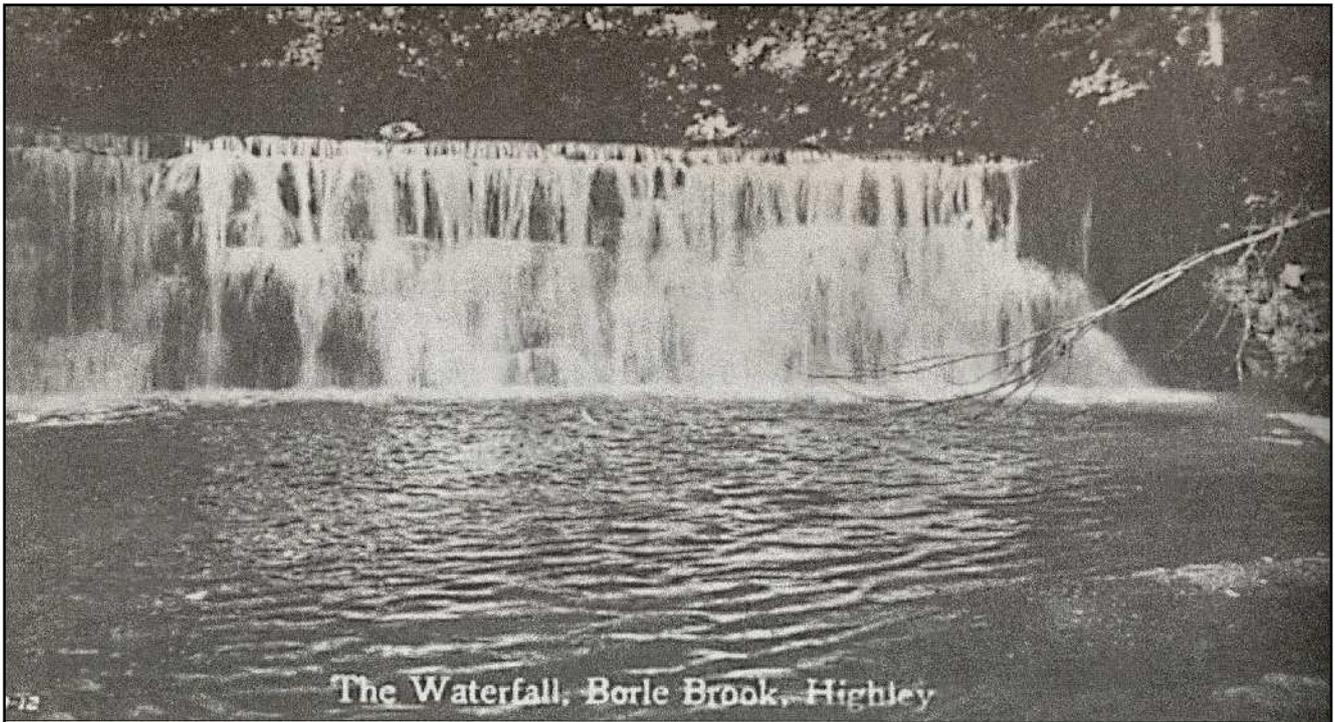
... The following week Tom was pleased to find that he understood his tutor easily and the teacher himself was satisfied as he was simply using materials from the schools' curriculum. Megan was amazed when Tom after a week or two told her that certain items were cheaper to buy in bulk. "Those potatoes now. Willy the post charges far too much for a few pounds. We will have a hundred weight."

Willy, however, pointed out that since a hundred weight had to be delivered there would be a small extra charge. Tom still thought a hundred weight was cheaper until Megan discovered two large stones at the bottom of the bag. "Stones it is we buy," she cried indignantly. "We have enough of them of our own. I shall return these to Willy through his kitchen windows." Tom persuaded her that such action wasn't necessary and came back in triumph with a large swede from Willy's small grocery store that he ran in conjunction with the Post Office. "It is a machine that grades the potatoes," he explained. "It riddles the soil but cannot distinguish between large stones and small potatoes." Dai nodded, "It is no doubt an English invention that they have foisted on our poor Welsh farmers." Megan was suspicious, "I have heard that he attaches chewing gum under the scales of his weighing machine so we housewives always have a little less than we pay for," she commented tartly. "Why my old friend Willy would do no such thing. We play dominoes regularly and he only cheats when he is losing," said Dai. Tom smiled, "I am becoming so good at Maths that Willy has offered me a part time job serving in the Post Office," he announced. Megan was incredulous. "What is that old screw going to pay you?" "Well the market rate of course," smartly replied her husband. "I knew there would be a catch in it; people in the market are self-employed and make little enough," snapped his wife. Tom patiently explained what was meant by 'market rate' and surprised Megan by actually bringing home money. "Perhaps he has reformed. He is getting near his end and probably thinks he ought to get well in with St. P before he goes," she surmised. "His eyesight is not what it was," said her husband. "He cannot lift heavy weights which is where I come in handy." "It is nothing but slave labour," commented his wife but she was pleased that they now had extra income. Tom, in bed that night told Megan, "I intend to buy a push bike as Willy tells me he has a sister in the next valley who needs help with her garden and it is too far for me to walk." All went well with the new arrangement until there was an early frost and some snow. "It is dangerous to bike. Tell her on the 'phone you cannot come," advised Megan. "The old dear relies on me to push her wheelchair to the shops," he reminded her.

It was on the return journey that Tom had an accident. He skidded and broke his wrist. "Goodbye to our extra money," moaned Megan. "Not so," smiled her spouse. "Willy says I can still serve in the shop and he has hired Tim Gough to do the heavy work." "What is Willy doing?" "He has gone to help his sister. He wheels her to the shops and a neighbour lends a hand in the house."

About a month later came sad news. "Willy's sister has died, but in a way it's good news. You see she left Willy all her money and he has decided to keep the grocery business and I will continue in the Post Office." This information delighted Megan. "You can afford to leave your job in the mine," she cried. "Perhaps now he will take the chewing gum from under the scales." Tom frowned, "There is no chewing gum. I have checked. Also he says that since you are middling honest you can help out in the post." Megan was indignant. "Middling honest indeed. I will tell him what I think of him." Tom held out an appealing hand. "If you do that he will withdraw his offer." Megan considered. "Needs must where the devil drives and the money will be useful." "There is importance in such a job," tempted Tom. "Indeed yes. I will take up his offer. I will be Megan the post," she said smiling. And so it proved.

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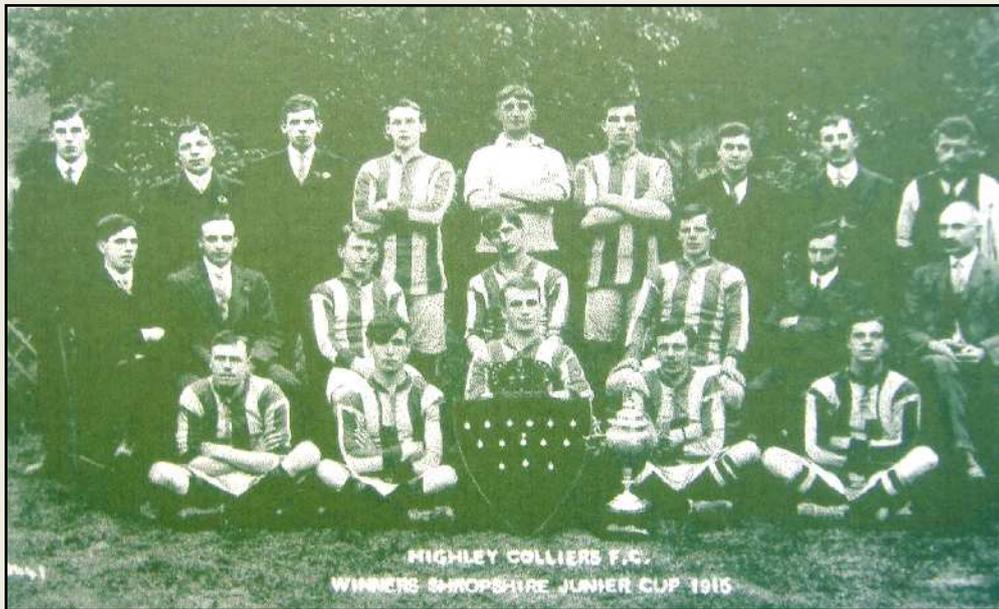
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A poem

TWICE A DAY *by Patience Strong*

Twice a Day the sands and rocks of every ocean shore,
Are washed and disinfected by the tides.
Twice a day the waves come rolling in,
To scour once more the beaches,
And leave them purified.

We should take a lesson from the laws that rule the sea,
And twice a day sweep clear the cluttered mind.
Washing every grievance from the shore of memory,
The drifting flotsam living leaves behind.

There should be a tidal rhythm flowing through our prayers
When darkness falls and when a day begins,
Twice a day we need to cleanse the brain of worldly cares,
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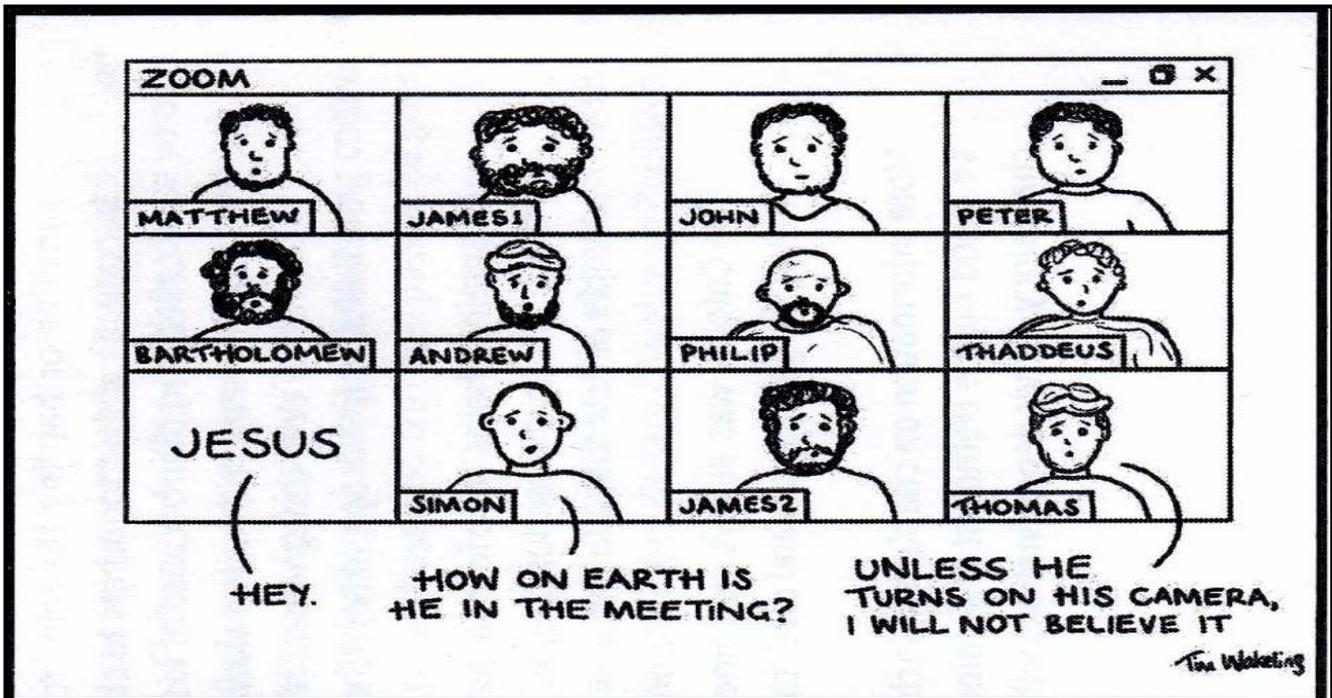
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When the old blacksmith died.
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And out of its wood
Carved a lovely old chair,
It really looked good.
It was put into the Church
A memory to keep
Of a friendship that had grown with the
years
And become very deep.
Tho' you may have to search
For that solid old chair
As far as I know
It can still be seen there
You may say that the clock
Can not be turned back
Yet I still think of the blacksmith named
George
And his good friend called Jack.

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The chair in Highley church.



The Borle Brook
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Matters of Birth, Love and Death

Karen Burton, Shropshire Council's coroners and registration service manager and superintendent registrar, looks at the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic.

In normal times, a registrar would meet hundreds of different people a week – celebrating a marriage or civil partnership, congratulating people on the birth of a precious child, or doing their best to make the awful experience of registering a death that little bit better.

But these are not normal times. We are no longer allowed to register births, no longer delivering ceremonies and are currently not permitted to see people to deal with their legal preliminaries.

All face-to-face contact with customers has disappeared since the coronavirus lockdown, and this has required a seismic shift in the way our services are delivered.

Here's a summary of the situation since the start of lockdown:

Births

No births are being registered, and at time of writing there are no updates available from the Government for us to provide to anxious new parents on when they may be able to register their child's birth.

The only advice we are able to give at the moment is that child benefit and universal credit applications can be made without the need for the birth to be registered.

Marriages and civil partnerships

All ceremonies until the end of June 2020 have been postponed, pending Government updates.

On Monday 11th May the Government published their intention to let "small" ceremonies take place, from 1st June at the earliest. At present we have no indication of what "small" means, but anticipate that this will be the legal minimum of two registrars, the couple, and two witnesses.

In addition to this, as hospitality settings, hotels and places of worship are not set to reopen until 4th July at the earliest, it would appear that this facility will be available only for those who have arranged to marry or have their civil partnership in a Register Office or licensed local authority ceremony room. It is not possible to vary the location for which couples have given notice to hold their statutory ceremony, without them having to give fresh notices and wait the statutory 28-day period.

Any ceremonies in registration offices or licensed ceremony rooms can only take place if social distancing requirements are able to be met. We are currently embarking on a programme of assessing whether any of the statutory rooms will be able to be used safely, and will be in touch with our couples to advise them further.

For couples with bookings for other locations and for after 4th July, we hope to be able to honour them, but this is dependent upon Government guidelines. We will be keeping everyone in touch with developments.

Deaths

Deaths are now being registered over the telephone. Our registrars are working from home, and we have a small core team at Shirehall to make sure all paperwork is processed as quickly as possible.

If you are unfortunate enough to be bereaved during this time, there will be no need to leave your home to either collect a medical certificate of cause of death from the doctor or the hospital, to register a death, or to visit a funeral director to give them the green form.

Instead, the GP or hospital doctor will email the medical certificate to the registration team who will make sure it has been completed correctly, and see whether the death needs to be referred for further investigation by our Coroners team.

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All you need to do then is call Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9016 to tell us that you want to register the death. Our team will ask you for the following information:

- Your name and contact telephone number
- The name of the deceased
- Your relationship to that person
- Their date of death
- Their place of death

We will also ask for the name of the GP or hospital dealing with the death, so we can arrange for the medical certificate to be sent through as soon as possible, to minimise any more delays.

If you are worried about what the registrar will ask, you can find a breakdown on our website www.shropshire.gov.uk/bereavement-services/register-a-death/ Your funeral director will also have one of these templates.

This is an extremely challenging time, and we are trying hard to serve our customers and venues to the very best of our ability.

Our priority is to keep inconvenience and emotional hardship to an absolute minimum.

Karen Burton
 Collected and sent by Shropshire Council
 Coronavirus Support Team

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<p>07478 007 913 rachelsiddally14@gmail.com</p> 	  <p>www.sevg.co.uk</p>

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	(Rev. Mary Nelson	marynelson.3@gmail.com	860331)
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	Mr Keith Smith (PTO)		861966
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PCC Secretary	Mrs Jane MacNaughton		07866 623167
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Friday Event	Mrs. Rachel Williams	the-friday-event@hotmail.com	862875
MCMC's Discos	Mark Williams & Chris Smith		860230
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Bowls Club	Lorraine Brooks		860386
Brownies		(Rainbows - Jessica Lloyd - 861090)	
Carers Trust 4 All			03333 231990
Community Car Scheme	Mr Richard Dudson		861817
Cricket Club	Mrs Denise Goulden		861031
Gardening Club	Mrs Morag Ross		862450
Guides	Mrs Gay Lilley		861722
Highley Colliery Band	Dave & Lisa Burge		862018
Highley Companions	Elaine Moore		861431
Highley County Primary School	School Office	(Tanya Mathers)	861541
Highley First Responders	Dave Fulton	Coordinator	861580
Highley Medical Centre	Dr Selva	Bridgnorth Road	861572
Highley Mini Minors Toddler Group	Mrs Sharon Dalziel		862087
Highley Minors Childcare Centre	Dawn Bethel / Kath Davies	Severn Centre	860005
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Highley Rugby Club	Mr Rob Parr		862094
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Housing Support Officer	Jan Moseley	862442	07582 003972
Highley Venturers	Mrs Chris Corfield		861477
Parish Hall Bookings			861242
Pop-in-club	Mrs Pam Stinton		861821
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Severn Strollers	Barbara Skilton		862003
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OVER 60?

**In need of help and advice?
 Not sure where to find it?**

Age UK may be able to help.

**They are currently working on
 a fresh approach to the
 support they give locally.**

**In the mean time, please
 contact them direct on:**

01743 233123

email:

enquiries@ageconcernshrops.org.uk

Community Cars

Voluntary Driver(s) wanted

**Could you spare some time to drive
 people on essential journeys?**

e.g. medical appointments at local
 surgeries & hospitals, occasional
 shopping trips, etc.

Community Cars needs extra help!

Hours of work – flexible!

**Volunteers can specify times when they
 are usually available (or not)**

**Drivers receive payment for each journey
 to cover their running costs.**

**Please contact Richard Dudson on
 (01746) 861817 for further details.**

**Volunteers will need to complete a short
 application form, & a CRB check will be
 necessary.**

**No transport for essential journeys?
 We may be able to help...**



*For further information, or
 to book a car, please contact:*

**Richard Dudson
 (co-ordinator)
 (01746) 861817**

**Andrew Powell
 (01746) 861716**

**Daniel Humpage
 (01746) 862794**

Reasonable charges

The scheme is managed by Shropshire Council's
 passenger transport services

- **Funerals:**

- 26th May - Horace Walker at St. Mary's; died 2.05.20.
- 30th May - John Frederick James at Telford Crem.; died 9.05.20

NOTE: TEMPORARY TIMETABLE: Diamond Buses www.diamondbuses.com **0121 322 2222**
 Bridgnorth—Highley—Bewdley—Kidderminster—Stourbridge. 125

Monday to Saturday

PLEASE SEE ADVICE ON OPPOSITE PAGE

Stourbridge Bus Station	0840	1010	1140	1310	1440	1610	1740
Broadwaters Heath, Hare and Hounds	0855	1025	1155	1325	1455	1625	1755
Kidderminster Bus Station	0905	1035	1205	1335	1505	1635	1805
Kidderminster Bus Station	0727 0907	1037	1207	1337	1507	1637	1807
Kidderminster General Hospital	0734 0914	1044	1214	1344	1514	1644	1814
Bewdley Load Street	0745 0925	1055	1225	1355	1525	1655	1825
Button Oak	0751 0931	1101	1231	1401	1531	1701	1831
Kinlet	0758 0938	1108	1238	1408	1538	1708	1838
Highley	0808 0948	1118	1248	1418	1548	1718	1848
Highley Garden Village	0813 0951	1121	1251	1421	1551	1721	1851
Chelmarsh	0818 0956	1126	1256	1426	1556	1726	1856
Eardington	0823 1001	1131	1301	1431	1601	1731	1901
Bridgnorth, Sainsburys	0833 1008	1138	1308	1438	1608	1738	1908

Bridgnorth - Stourbridge
 via Bewdley & Highley - Kidderminster

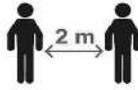
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Bridgnorth, Sainsburys	0710	0840	1010	1140	1310	1440	1610	1740
Eardington	0719	0849	1019	1149	1319	1449	1619	1749
Chelmarsh	0724	0854	1024	1154	1324	1454	1624	1754
Highley Garden Village	0728	0858	1028	1158	1328	1458	1628	1758
Highley	0731	0901	1031	1201	1331	1501	1631	1801
Kinlet	0741	0911	1041	1211	1341	1511	1641	1811
Button Oak	0749	0919	1049	1219	1349	1519	1649	1819
Bewdley Load Street	0755	0925	1055	1225	1355	1525	1655	1825
Kidderminster General Hospital	0805	0935	1105	1235	1405	1535	1705	1835
Kidderminster Bus Station	0811	0941	1111	1241	1411	1541	1711	1841
Kidderminster Bus Station	0813	0943	1113	1243	1413	1543	1713	1843
Broadwaters Heath	0819	0949	1119	1249	1419	1549	1719	1849
Stourbridge Bus Station	0835	1005	1135	1305	1435	1605	1735	1905

Bus travel guidance

Stay safe

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



Look out for 'bus full' signs

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

CROSSWORD Solution from page 15

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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

Currently not OPEN Except for foodshare

Star Housing

Housing Support Officer in Rhea Hall.

Contact Jan Moseley: 01746 862442

Services available:

- General Drop-in: Friday 9.30am-1.30pm
- Coffee Morning: Thursday 11am-12noon
- Computer Support Sessions: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Community Room,
73 Rhea Hall Estate,
WV16 6LD

Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: Monday 1st, 15th & 29th

Crates & green bins: Monday 8th & 22nd

Apart from the small area of Garden Village and Highley Park Homes which has a collection the following day.

Forthcoming Events

Gardening Club

Wednesday

Severn Centre

Police Surgery

10:00 - 12:00

Thursday

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

Computer Support Sessions

see opposite

Currently not taking place

All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Garage	22	Severn Valley Stoves	10
Cleobury Country Centre	26	Highley Pharmacy	18	Stark, A, Carpentry	19
Clive Powell (General Garden)	26	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	26
Cost Cutter	9	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Village Butcher & Farm Shop	17
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	11	Jenpac Computers	10	Wyre Forest Pest Control	17
Eagle & Serpent	11	JSM Foot Health Care	10		
Edwards AJ Decorating Services	17	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Foot Health Practitioner	29	Kinlet Hall	19		
Garden Services (Clive Powell)	26	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	9		
Halo Leisure	27	Mawley Oak Travel	33		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Millfields Boarding Kennels	11		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS & mention HIGHLEY FORUM



Every Tuesday from 10.30 am-midday.
 Come along to have a chat whilst enjoying a cup of
 tea or coffee and a biscuit. Voluntary donations to
 the church are welcome.
Venues - Tel: 01753 861723
 Gay & Jim Lilley, 10 Church St
 Moira & Mike Hill, 10 Church St
 Gill & Alun Rees, 21 Hall St
 Denise Lobban, 14 Church St
 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.

A warm welcome is extended to all



*First Tuesday in the month
 2-4pm. (note time change)*

*Programme
 Cancelled*

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

Photo Gallery



Members of the Robinson Family during the First World War from the collection of the late Marie Price, sometime Church organist in Highley.

Memory of half a century ago

THIS picture, kindly sent in by Mr Robert Evans, shows a woodwork evening class at Highley School in 1957.

The classes, organised by the Bridgnorth Evening Institute, were held in the handicraft centre and supervised by Frank Harrop, who taught woodwork, metalwork and technical drawing at the school.

Mr Evans says that Frank was a fine craftsman and gifted teacher who encouraged his pupils to make the most of their skills.

"Some of our efforts can be seen in the photograph," he said.

"The workroom was well equipped with a wide range of hand tools.

"There were not many machines available in those days but we did have the use of a lathe for metalwork, a woodturning lathe and an

electrical bench drill.

"A blacksmith's forge and welding, soldering and brazing equipment were also available."

Mr Evans says the classes were a hive of activity and from 7pm until 9pm - with a short break for tea and biscuits.

"Frank was a good organiser and kept us busy," he added.

"I have fond memories of those evenings spent in congenial company, of the jokes and the banter and the ever present aroma of boiling glue, French polish and linseed."

In the picture are Tom Cadwallader, Neville Lewis, Ray Holford, John Ecclestone, Keith Holford, Robert Evans, Bill Ball, Ray Matthews and teacher Frank Harrop.

JUNE 2020

June Services

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic churches across the country are closed and no services are taking place.

However, you can find us every Sunday at

'stmaryshighley.co.uk'

for a service to stimulate mind and spirit. This will remain available during the week. Please visit us.



Resplendent

St. Peter's Church, Chelmarsh



Home Groups below refer to the Holy Habits series - all welcome

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>HOME GROUPS</p> <p>7.30pm The Byre, Woodhill Farm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12 noon (page 34 - venues)</p>	<p>Holy Communion 9:30am</p> <p>HOME GROUPS 10.30am</p> <p>The Rectory, Church St 7.30pm Prestwood House, Netherton Lane</p>	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;"> Next Copy Date: <u>June 15th</u> </div>	<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time</p>

Currently not taking place