

FORUM

NOVEMBER 2020

Display your Poppy on Remembrance Day - see page 23



'Thank You' to our retiring Readers, Ruth Honeybourne (L) and Liz Smith (R). Also a fond farewell for Revd. Mary Nelson who has moved to Shrewsbury



Something strange in the Churchyard Pg. 35



Severn Valley Benefice



Changes to FoodShare Project Pg. 16

Photo Gallery - please send in your photos.

Saturday October 17th and a willing batch of volunteers worked through the morning to make churchyard and especially the War memorial area, ready for Remembrance Sunday.



HARVEST IN HIGHLEY with some beautiful decoration and Godfrey Armitage, a visiting speaker from 'A Rocha', who spoke to us about the environmental crisis and what we can do locally.



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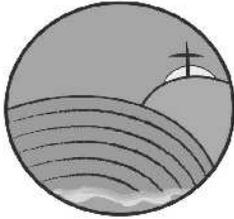
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Severn Valley Benefice

The Severn Valley Churches:

St. Mary, Highley
and at the Severn Centre

St. Mary, Billingsley

St. Peter, Chelmarsh

St. Bartholomew, Glazeley with Deuxhill

'The creative adult is the child, who survived'
– quote by U. LeGuin

Those who know me know I love to create things and for a few years now I have had the privilege of serving on the arts team at New Wine, a Christian conference held every year. More recently I have been running Powertex workshops at my stall at The Maws Craft Centre in Jackfield, which has given me the opportunity to pass on the joy of creating something beautiful but it's so much more than



making something. I believe God made us to be creative and the words of the children's song 'Creator God' say exactly that, "We're made to be creative like Creator God", yet the amount of people I meet who say, "Oh I haven't got an artistic bone in my body," when I talk about my creativity. This makes me wonder why they feel like that. Did someone tell them they were no good as a child? Do they compare themselves to others? Are they too hard on themselves? All these questions can relate to our mental health and how we see ourselves in the world. But I believe being creative can take you away from the troubles of the world, as you are focusing on what you are creating and not sat there worrying about things. I know this was certainly true for the people who joined me online during lockdown to create something beautiful and even my crafting heroine, Kirsty Allsopp, agreed with this thinking during her programme – "Keep Crafting and Carry On".

As the American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou, said, "You can't use up creativity, the more you use, the more you have." I love this quote because it makes me wonder if that's what happened when God started making creation. When the Bible talks about God creating the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1), the sea creatures and the birds of the air (Gen. 1:21) and humankind (Gen. 1:27) the verb bara is used, meaning there was no existing matter when God created these items. God is always the subject when this verb is used. It is never used of any human action in the simple tense in Hebrew. So not only did He create the things above, He created the matter to make them. Does that just blow your mind? It certainly makes me wonder! But this verb is only used 3 times in Genesis, all the other times the Bible uses the verb "made" giving the impression that He was using things already in existence. Genesis records that a personal, all-knowing, all-powerful God created everything that existed. The Bible emphasizes that the Lord is the Creator of all things, not only in the book of Genesis but in every book of the Bible. Here are just a few examples - Exodus (20:11), Jeremiah (10:16), Hebrews (11:3), Colossians (1:16), John's Gospel (1:1-3), Romans (1:20) and Revelation (4:11). So surely because we are created in God's own image shouldn't we be getting creative too?

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... If you do a Google search for “benefits of colouring for adults” you’ll find a plethora of articles about colouring to relieve stress, overcome grief, add creativity to your life, keep your brain active, and more.

It’s more than just a fad. It’s part of being human. We have an innate desire to be creative, and it’s healthy for us!

Creativity comes in many forms: photography, writing, building, gardening, decorating, baking, cooking, etc.

God emphasized the spiritual aspects of creativity when assigning craftsmen for the temple. Bezalel was filled “with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship.” (Exodus 31:3)

The Bible also highlights a New Testament believer named Tabitha who used her sewing skills to bless widows in the church (Acts 9:39).

We’re made in the image of the ultimate Creator, so creativity is in our DNA.

Grand or simple, I challenge you to do something creative for the Lord this week. It’s healthy for you!

Angie Forster

Remembrance 2020

Two years ago, Bishop Alistair joined us around the War Memorial. This year will be very different. There will be no service in church and we meet around the War Memorial at 10.20 for no later than 10.30am start.



People are invited to come, respecting social distancing (2 metres) unless in family bubbles.

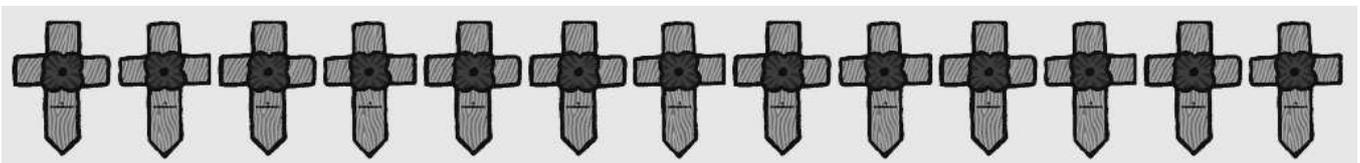
The area around the memorial has been cleared by volunteers to enable 180 degree access.

I will be leading from a loudspeaker with recorded music/last post/reveille and a hymn (our neighbour is kindly supplying electricity) and prayer with a few brief reflections from the locals in war time read by different people. I look forward to seeing

you if you can make it. Services in the benefice are shown on the back page.

There will be no procession from the Severn Centre. Please find a poppy tribute for your window on page 23.

Mike Harris (Ed.)



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Chelmarsh

Harvest Festival

Thanks to the efforts of Marie, Mo, Francis and John and Dave Davies, who generously provided enough vegetables to decorate the entire church, and the hard work done by Barbara and Pam, Harvest Festival was a great success. Social distancing meant that fewer people than usual attended (22). Unfortunately, several of our regular supporters were unable to join in for understandable reasons, and we missed them all.

We were privileged to have David Dutton, the Borderlands Agricultural Chaplain, to deliver the talk. He talked about Harvest as the culmination of the farmers' year's work. He paid tribute to farmers and farmworkers for their part in bringing their crops to fruition and providing people with food. He also pointed out the partnership between the farmers' dedication and hard work and God's love for us, and his generosity, manifested in the variety of grain, vegetables, flowers, fruit and livestock which is the result of this partnership. Altogether his talk showed his understanding of how country people feel about Harvest and why it is important to celebrate it.

Afterwards, the produce was taken to the Glebe and offered to people for donations to the church; £36.50 raised, thank you everyone very much. What was left over was taken to the Food Bank, where it was put to good use.

Reminders

Remembrance 8th November at 10am

This service will be subject to social distancing, but there will be room in church should you wish to attend. Please don't forget your face covering!

22nd November at 3pm - Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

This will be a service of respect and thanksgiving for all those who have lost loved ones over the 12 months, until August 2020 and whose funerals were taken by one of the staff team. By invitation only - sorry.

Whole Benefice Service here on 29th November at 10am

Everyone welcome, please do come along. Led by Canon Rose Lawley & Revd. David Poyner.

From the Register:

Holy Matrimony

26. 9. 2020 Tessa Mae Lye and Ryan Barrie Francis

Both of these young peoples' parents and grandparents have history in the village of Chelmarsh and we are pleased to announce their marriage and wish them every happiness in their future together.

Church cleaning Thursday 17th December at 2.30pm (approx.)

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CHELMARSH FRIENDS:

Chelmarsh Friends committee is considering whether it is safe and feasible to recommence meetings again before the end of the year. A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details.

CHELMARSH WALKING FOR HEALTH:

Chelmarsh Walking for Health meets every Monday from the Village Hall at 10am. A short walk is available and we are trying to limit the other walk to 1½ hours. We are hoping to provide refreshments in the near future providing there are no further lockdowns. For details contact Eleanor Haddon on 01746 862884

Glazeley

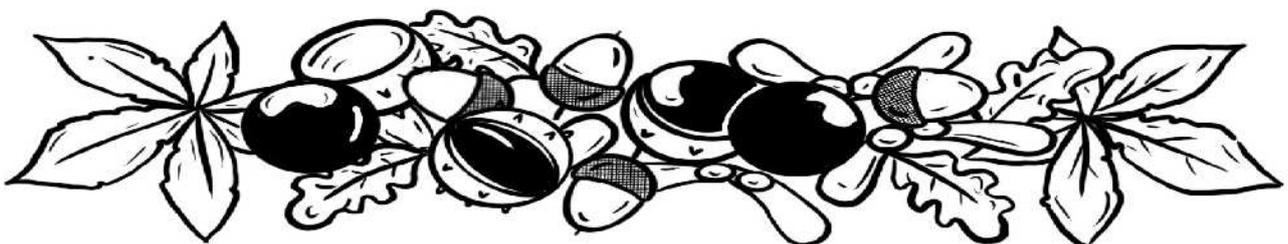
Our monthly communion service in October was attended by thirteen people who braved the rather grey morning and were rewarded by some inspiring words from the very end of 'The Pilgrims Progress', describing the arrival of the pilgrims at the Holy City:

'Now I saw in my dream that [they] went in at the gate: and lo, as they entered, they were transfigured, and they had raiment put on that shone like gold. Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy, and that it was said unto them, "ENTER YE INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD." I also heard the men themselves, that they sang with a loud voice, saying, "BLESSING AND HONOUR, AND GLORY, AND POWER, BE UNTO HIM THAT SITTETH UPON THE THRONE, AND UNTO THE LAMB, FOR EVER AND EVER."'

Words to remind us that despair does not have the final say!

Our next service will be on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, starting at 10.00am in church. We will hear readings and music that fit with the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2, followed by the act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, next to the church, from 10.45. All are welcome, either in church or at the memorial; please wear a face covering in church and observe social distancing at the War Memorial outside.

Billingsley (see overleaf)



Billingsley

We held the last of our informal evening services for this year on Sunday 11th October; dark evenings and an unlit churchyard mean that we will suspend this activity until the Spring. But we had quite a good turnout as we listened to words and music to mark the 75th anniversary of the ending of World War 2. Covid restrictions had made it impossible for us to celebrate either VE or VJ day with anything other than the ringing of our bells, so it was good we could at last do something more substantial. The theme was "The many faces of World War 2"; an attempt to capture the full range of emotions associated with that period, from sadness and horror to laughter and companionship. Our music ranged from "O God our help in ages past" to Vera Lynn and Noel Coward. Our readings included stories of courage, death and sacrifice through to Spike Milligan's "Monty, his part in my victory". It proved quite challenging finding a passage in that book that could be read in church but it also captured the humour and comradeship that came alongside active service. We used prayers written in World War 2; that for use in an air raid shelter also seemed quite appropriate for our time of Covid, with an emphasis on neighbours and care for others.

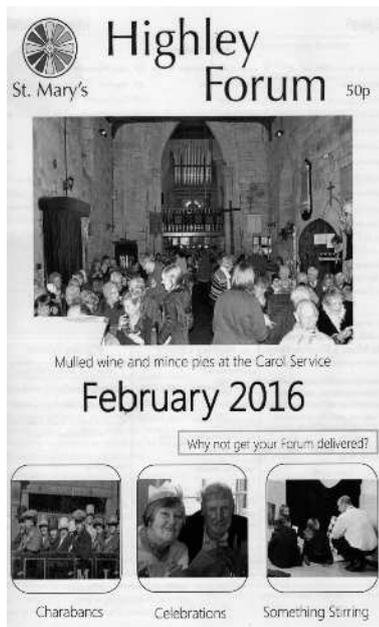
Our next service will be an Act of Remembrance on the green at Lincoln Fields on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, starting at 10.45 and led by Mary Rayner.

WANTED - A NEW EDITOR FOR THE FORUM

The future of this magazine is uncertain. Could YOU be the person to lay those doubts to rest?

It is essential that, to continue, we have a new editor to take over in the new year when subscriptions are invited as well as new advertising contracts.

If you appreciate our local communities, have an eye for balance in published material, have some knowledge of the local churches and can use Microsoft Publisher or equivalent, this may be the job for you. 300 copies are circulated each month and it helps get the word out for local businesses during these difficult days.



If interested to know more, please have a word with the current Editor, Mike Harris: 01746 862837 or speak to one of our churchwardens, David (or Mary) Rayner: 01746 862114 or Roy Adlington on: 01746 861666.

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Letter from Westminster

My Bill to clean up Britain's Rivers

Britain's rivers have historically provided habitats for our wildlife, pleasure to our population, as well as coursing through our culture. They flow throughout South Shropshire, just as they flow through our folklore and literature as well as invigorating our famous green landscapes.

It is frankly shocking that, in the 21st century, [40% of all our rivers in England and Wales are polluted with human sewage](#), now threatening our own health as well as the aquatic species who live in them. Much of this pollution enters our rivers when wastewater is discharged from the very sewage treatment works whose purpose is to clean it up. In part this is because regulations have not kept up to date with changes in behaviour and pressure from development, so now all too frequently pollutants enter our rivers untreated.



This is simply not good enough. I have always believed we need to leave our own part of the planet in a better condition than we found it. So this is why, when I was successful in the Private Member's Bill ballot earlier this year, I decided to table a Bill in Parliament to tackle one of the prime causes of persistent pollution of our rivers.

During periods of 'unusually heavy' rainfall the capacity of the sewer network is widely acknowledged to be incapable of coping. To avoid flooding sewage over farmland, streets or properties, the Environment Agency grants permits for untreated sewage to discharge directly into our rivers.

Shocking as this sounds, it is meant to be for brief periods of time, through the 18,000 treatment plants designated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). But last year, the water companies have admitted over 200,000 CSO events spilled raw sewage into rivers across England for over 1.5 million hours.

But there is something we can do to avoid this. I applaud the action the government is taking through the landmark Environment Bill. This legislation includes for the first time a requirement for water companies to publish a drainage and sewerage management plan every five years. I have tabled an amendment to this Bill to strengthen these plans explicitly to cover water quality and the impact of pollution from sewage, to help inform debate around the government's very welcome plans to set a target for water companies to reduce discharge of phosphate.

My Private Member's Bill, published last month, goes further. It contains a suite of measures to address the extensive failings in regulation, enforcement, transparency, investment and infrastructure which drives the contamination of our rivers with wastewater. We need water companies to be more transparent and encouraged to monitor, report and mitigate wastewater discharges better.

We also need to make our rivers fit for recreation, particularly given the renewed enthusiasm for 'wild swimming' during the Covid pandemic. My Bill calls for each water company to reach bathing quality standard on two inland waters a year. By improving the ecological health of our rivers, we could deliver in relatively short timescales, huge benefits for wildlife and biodiversity as well. .../...

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The Environment Bill requires the government to set legally binding targets to improve the health of our water bodies. To ensure these targets are delivered promptly the new Office for Environmental Protection must be in place swiftly as we exit the Brexit transition period. It must have the necessary independence and enforcement mechanisms to hold public bodies and Ministers to account. We also need to ensure the Environment Agency has sufficient resources to work with communities in fulfilling its role, and political support to uphold standards where water companies fail to comply.

I accept that these improvements won't be cost free. So I have proposed that Ofwat's objectives should allow capital investment in improving water quality to be eligible under the five yearly pricing review mechanism.

If we are to fulfil our obligation to leave the environment in a better state for future generations, we must act now to clean up our rivers. This is not a partisan issue – it affects us all. So I am hoping to encourage as many colleagues as possible to support my Bill and help make it law. If you would like to know more, or add your support, please visit my website at www.philipdunne.com/sewage_bill.

Philip Dunne MP

An Invitation to Christmas Dinner served in your own home

Due to these strange times, we are sad that we are unable to invite you to Christmas lunch in the Parish Hall this year, but are hoping to celebrate by providing Christmas Dinner served in your home for those who are not able to share with family and friends. There will be limited numbers, but we would like to get some idea of interest. Maybe you'll be on your own or have been struggling this year. Please could you let us know if you would like to have your lunch delivered on Christmas Day, between 12.30 - 1.30pm.

Gay Lilley: 861722



Illustration



County Councillor's Report

Shropshire Council highways department obviously took the words of their £130,000 highways consultant literally to heart when he told them to work more efficiently, just a pity he didn't add that whilst it makes sense to plan work programmes to avoid shifting heavy plant across the county, it wouldn't hurt to consider the severe inconvenience to Highley folk of the 15-mile diversion during the recent and upcoming roadworks either side of the village, caused by scheduling them just a week apart!

Adding insult to that financial and lifestyle injury, is the failure by our esteemed highways engineers to acknowledge the dreadful state of the length of New Road through the woods just this side of the Borle Brook bridge.

We have suffered and continue to suffer from two historical problems that directly impact on the roads in our part of the county: history and bias; history in the form of roads being little more than tartered-up dirt tracks originally put down several generations ago, and bias in the sense of our being discounted in any calculation by the Shirehall administration because we're not only not called Shrewsbury but we're in the wrong half of the county.

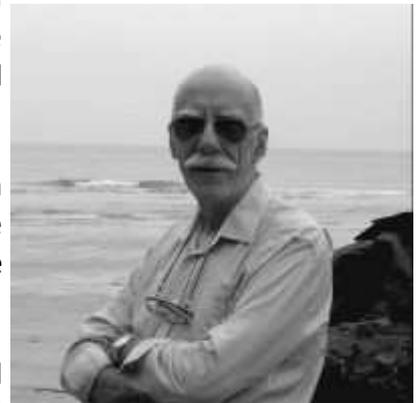
A couple of years back someone put in a Freedom of Information request asking how general funding between the two halves of the county was split. The answer, based on Shirehall's own figures? The north gets TEN TIMES more than the south of the county.

A few weeks back there was a council meeting at which the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP, which distributes government and EU funding across its area) made much of the amount it had granted to Shropshire. When that largesse was being celebrated in a later meeting, I'm afraid I rained on their parade by pointing out that whilst the LEP had indeed disbursed millions to the **county** only SIX PERCENT came to the south and then only to one organisation - The Marches Centre of Manufacturing & Technology (MCMT) in Bridgnorth.

I went on to explain that we have fabulous potential in this part of the county for schemes that would celebrate our local history, our own (Rev) David Poyner having done terrific work in researching a past that has been as vibrant as anything elsewhere in Shropshire – and beyond – but which has been shrugged off by anyone at Shirehall.

That wasn't always the case. One of the first things I did when I was elected in 2013 was present a case for the development of Kinlet Colliery to the then Tourist Officer, the late Tim King, who, when I gave him a copy of the terrific 2004 feasibility study commissioned by the Highley Initiative, enthusiastically embraced the idea.

But then the Tourism Department was closed down, proving that Shropshire Council has a particular talent for not taking the wider view of things if it proves more cost efficient (not effective, note, but efficient) to take the narrow view. Myopia Rules, OK.



Dave Tremellen.
Independent Member for Highley Division of Shropshire Council.

Puzzles for November

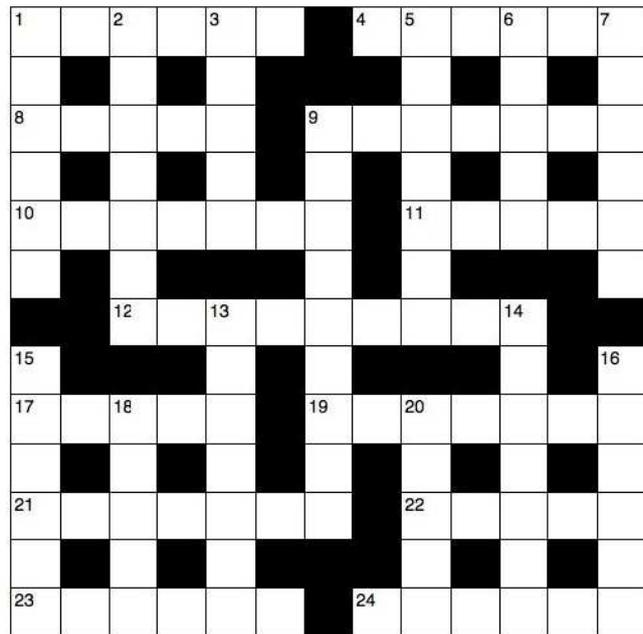
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Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:2) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



KIDS, have a go at this

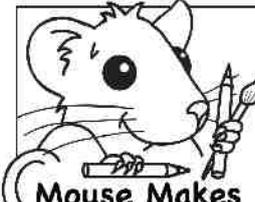
REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:11-14

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Still here to help this winter

Shropshire is considered a medium level risk of coronavirus as we go to press, but numbers are still on the rise.

Our community is resourceful and the voluntary services developed during the early days of the virus are still available as we move towards the winter. If anyone should need us, whatever the reason, we are available, and most of the information given on the original Support Group leaflet delivered to homes in Highley, is still relevant today - see an updated version on this page. So please don't hesitate to make contact should you require assistance.

One of the other local amenities that has sprung into action at a new level during the virus, is the FoodShare project. There are currently some changes taking place in the management structure of the project, becoming independent of CLC, but it will continue to serve this locality from the Parish Hall in Highley (Church Lane) into the future.

Exciting news: From the beginning of November this initiative will be known as **The Highley Community Project**. Emma Carter, who runs the project, says this will operate with zero waste and with food supplied by regular and reliable local food suppliers including the supermarkets in Kidderminster and Bridgnorth.

There is no charge made for the service, though volunteers collect the produce and deliver as requested. Therefore a donation is invited to help cover necessary costs.

Opening Hours: 10am-12noon Tuesday and Friday

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'The Highley Community Project' will be live from November 1st.



Hello neighbours, as we go into the autumn and winter, we want you to know we are still here to help should you need us.

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

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somewhere, be glad Ford didn't share Edison's negative outlook about cars. Don't let someone else's limited thinking limit you. Negativity is contagious; you have to pay attention if you don't want to catch it! Even if you're the only positive person in your family, be the one with an optimistic outlook in every situation. What we call 'common knowledge' often is commonly wrong! 'The Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.' Have the people who are telling you 'it can't be done' factored God into the equation? If not, pay no attention. Instead of listening to people who increase your doubts, listen to the people to whom God has given wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

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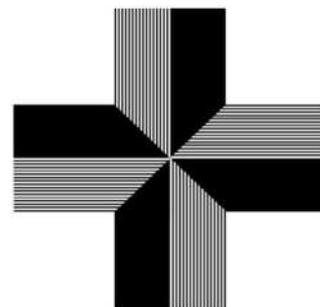
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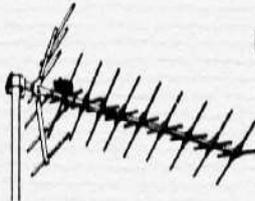
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Winds of Change

I first met 'Brummie' as we called him, shortly after being drafted into the pay corps. Brum was about 6ft and 14 stone, always looked quite scruffy unless he had to appear on parade or somewhere where appearance mattered.



He also seemed to spend more than the usual time on 'jankers' as the Army called being confined to barracks or cook house fatigues. Our original acquaintance was on the range as we were 'chucking bombs about' as Brum elegantly put it.

This consisted of standing in a trench and throwing a Mills bomb fitted with a 5 second fuse over the top and then ducking. I heard him arguing with the instructor corporal in the next trench. "I want to see it fizz," he complained. "Get down you fool," roared the corporal grabbing him and ducking himself. Unfortunately, overhearing this and tugging at the pin in the bomb that was the wrong way round for a left hander like myself, I fumbled and nearly dropped my own bomb but threw it over all right. The next bomb Brummie threw lofted high in the air and landed much too near for comfort. I could hear the corporal scolding this effort in a typical Army manner which I will not repeat. After all this is a family magazine. Brum told me afterwards that he was booked for more practise. "I have also wangled it so you can come along. A bit of company like," he confided. "I told them you had dropped your bomb." I was indignant. "I only fumbled when I pulled the pin and I doubt if it is safe to accompany you after seeing your performance."

"Don't worry," assured my new friend, "I'll make sure I do not lob them in your direction. If that corporal is in the next trench I'll put one near enough him.. He is a nasty piece of work." All went fairly well and Brum invited me up to the NAAFI. "I am a bit short of cash," I demurred. "Don't worry, I have made arrangements with Sal. I know where to get her free lipstick and such stuff. It won't cost us a thing." I was rather doubtful about this arrangement but decided to go with him out of curiosity.

Sitting at the little table drinking free tea, Brum explained that 'most of the squaddies' as he put it did not know much. "You all call me Brummie, but I was born in Halesowen. We did move a lot as sometimes there were problems with the rent."

Sal, at this point, came over and Brum engaged her in conversation. "I am sure some of the other girls would like cheap cosmetics just like you Sal," he suggested. I had an uneasy feeling that perhaps an illicit deal was taking place and privately made up my mind I would not seek Brummie's company so readily. Unfortunately, I found he had the next bed to mine and the other side of me was Lofty Palmer, the tallest man in our company at 6ft 4 inches. I also discovered why Brummie Brown was always neat and tidy on parade. Lofty loved polishing and bulling equipment and readily offered to bull my army boots with the back of a spoon, candle and polish. The fee was 5 cigarettes out of the 50 we were allowed as a free issue. As I did not smoke this was no trouble to me.

...

"Lofty is on guard duty tonight so I have arranged for him to clip the barbed wire and reconnect it loosely when I go in and out," confided my big friend. "Why on earth can't you go in and out of the main gate like anyone else?" I asked in amazement. Brummie lit a fag. "Sometimes I am loaded with stuff and if I am stopped at the main gate they will want a cut," explained Mr Brummie Brown. "More likely to get detained in the guard room," I responded. "Well, that too," remarked my comrade blowing out rings of smoke. "They would never stop you, your mug is so innocent looking." "I should hope so," I replied indignantly. "I hope I never get involved in suspect activities." But all my friend said was, "Lend us a fag Ginger."

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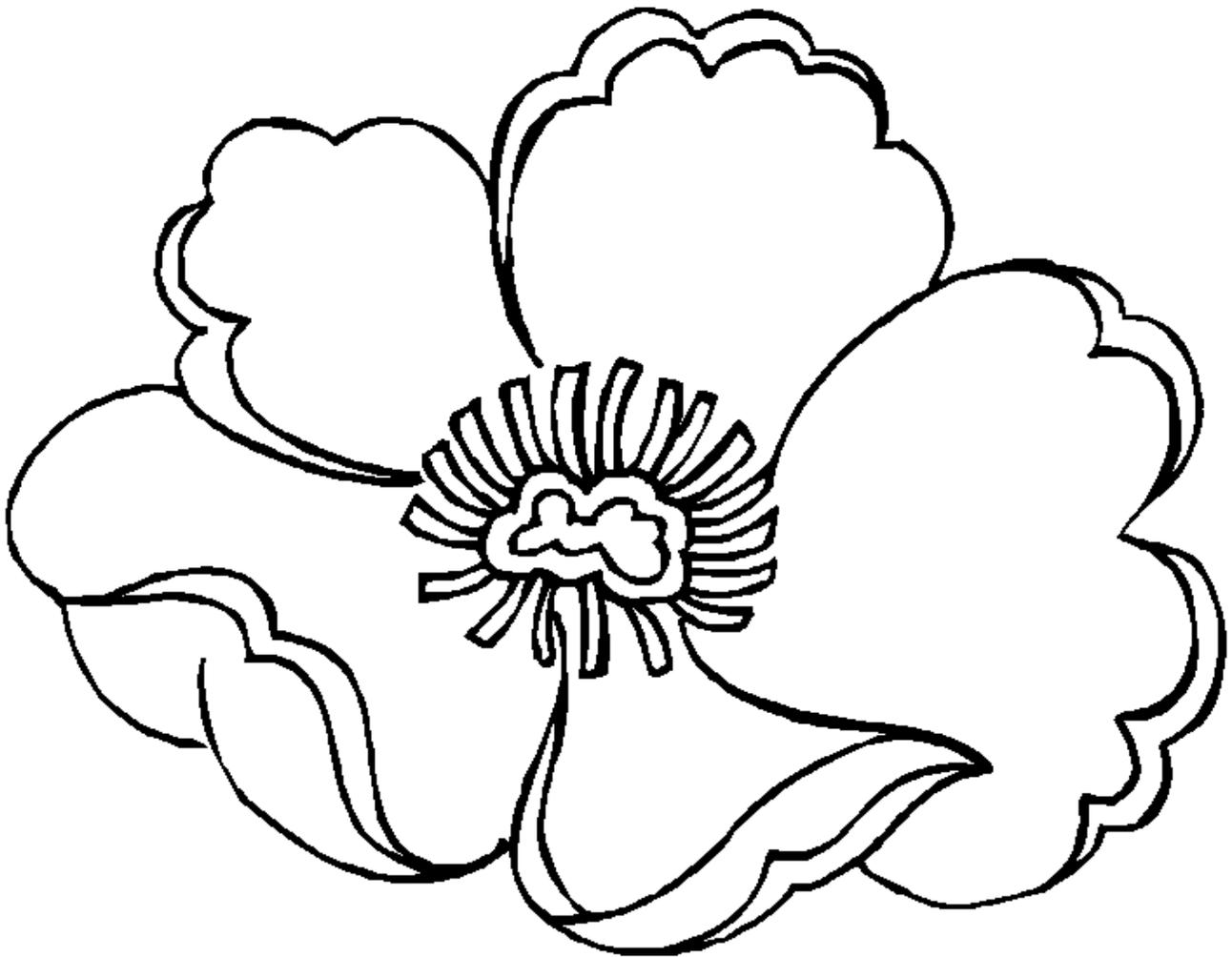


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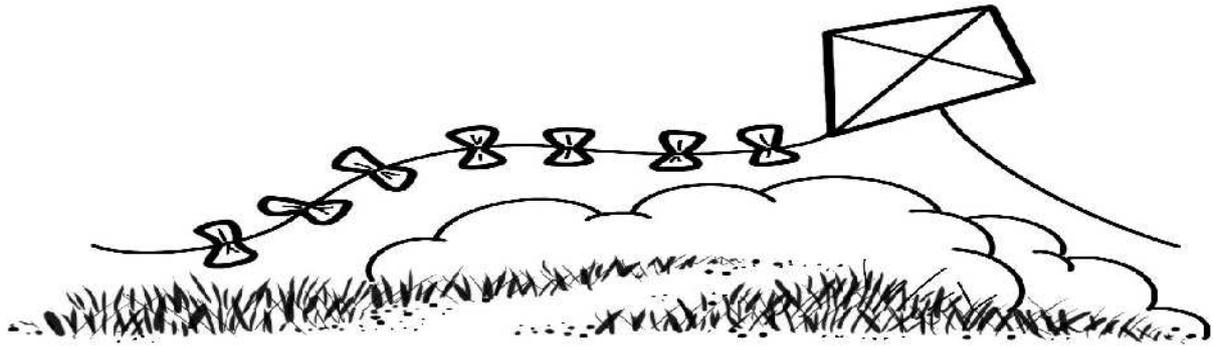
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Idea of the month - from Tom

Along with many people, I have been trying to reduce the amount of single-use plastics that I use. Recently my partner and I have been focusing on toiletries, which often come in some form of plastic packaging. While these can normally go into the recycling, only a proportion of this will actually be recycled and much is sent halfway around the world where it may end up in an incinerator. We have started buying as much as we can from online ethical supermarkets and have had a positive experience so far. Plastic-free and sustainable alternatives now exist for most of the toiletries you would normally buy in the supermarket or chemist. We now order large boxes of bamboo loo rolls that come in paper wrappers and use solid roll-on deodorants housed in push-up cardboard tubes. The latter seem to work really well (and smell nice too), though probably haven't been tested as much as normal during our lockdown summer. We are also experimenting with solid shampoo bars, which do away with plastic bottles, but haven't found one yet that works well for my partner's long hair! As always, it's a learning experience and while we could be doing better in some areas, we are making progress.

Recipe of the month - from Alastair

I've seen a few of these recipes online recently - worth a try if you want a taste of the sea and don't live by the coast!

Crispy kale/seaweed	
Ingredients	
200g sliced curly kale	1/4 tsp salt
1 tbsp olive oil	2 tbsp demerara sugar
1 tbsp sesame seeds	Preheat the oven to 190°C/fan 170°C/gas mark 5.

- Mix the kale in a large bowl with the olive oil, sesame seeds and salt.
- Spread out on a large baking tray, then sprinkle over half the sugar. Bake for 7 minutes, then remove from the oven and toss.
- Sprinkle over the remaining sugar and cook for a further 7 minutes, until crispy. Mix well again before serving.

Product of the month - from Toni

Get rid of your cling film! You can use a container instead, or even an upturned bowl on a plate serves perfectly well, to cover food items in lunch boxes and left overs in the fridge. If you need something 'clingy' then choose a beeswax wrap. You can make your own in the oven from various ingredients, but to prevent costs spiralling, we use a piece of cotton covered with a mixture of grated beeswax, pine resin and olive oil. Check out the internet for more information! Don't forget to offset your beeswax by planting some new plants or seeds to encourage the bees in your garden.

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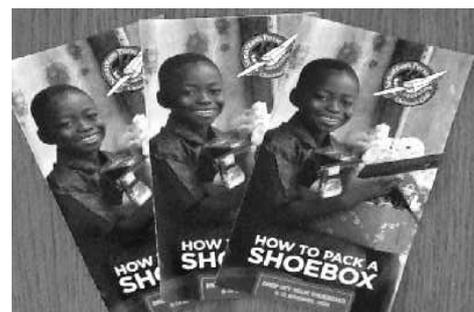
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HWJFC: Mini Kickers (3.5—7 years)	Jo Matthews		862017
Housing Support Officer	Jan Moseley	862442	07582 003972
Highley Venturers	Mrs Chris Corfield		861477
Parish Hall Bookings			861242
Pop-in-club	Mrs Pam Stinton		861821
Severn Centre			860000
Severn Strollers	Barbara Skilton		862003
Women's Institute	Mrs Eunice Williams		861613



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 Verrucas • Athlete's foot • Ingrowing toenails
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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**

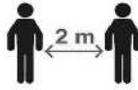
Reasonable charges

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

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

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 Food Share

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

regarding services:

Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Community Room,
73 Rhea Hall Estate,
WV16 6LD

CROSSWORD Solution from page 15

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Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: Monday 2nd, 16th & 30th

Crates & green bins: Mon 9th & 23rd
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** Thursday
10:00 - 12:00 Severn Centre
- Severn Strollers** Mondays
10:30 / 11:00 (not Bank Holidays)
Severn Centre
(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)
- Women's Institute** Tuesday
Severn Centre
- Patients' Group** 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)	27	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cleobury Country Centre	24	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	27
Cost Cutter	11	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	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Foot Health Practitioner	29	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Garden Services (Clive Powell)	27	Kinlet Hall	19		
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	29	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	9		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Millfields Boarding Kennels	11		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
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		Piano Tutor - Francis Engelheart	11	Events - General / Waste	33
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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS & mention HIGHLEY FORUM



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 & Jill, 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.

A warm welcome is extended to all

Cancelled until further notice



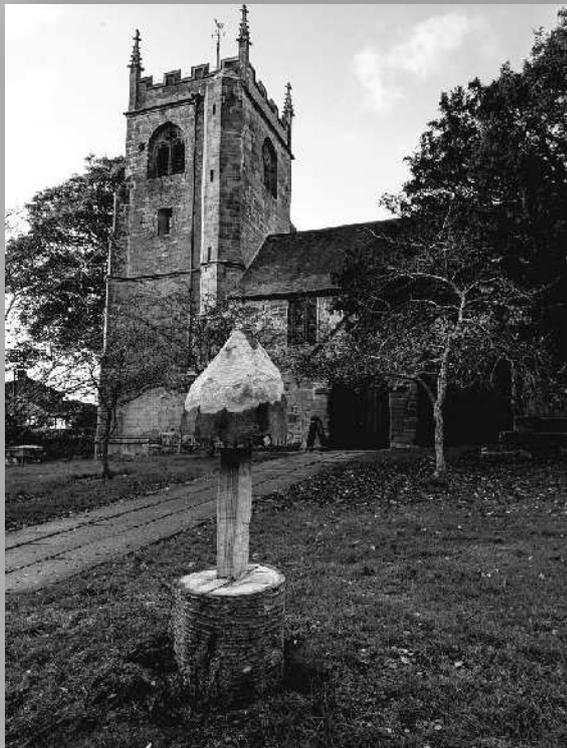
**First Tuesday in the month
2-4pm. (note time change)**

**Programme
Cancelled
until the new year**

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

Photo Gallery

Below: Farewell to Mary Nelson and thanks to Ruth Honeybourne and Liz Smith, who became Reader Emerita on Sunday 25th October at St. Mary's.



A Working Party (part 2) gathered in the churchyard on 17th October.



Something funny's growing where the old Cherry tree was. Ice cream or mushroom?
I wonder if Richard Millington had anything to do with it?

NOVEMBER 2020

November Services

*Please observe social distancing
and wear a face covering
Space in churches limited*

- 1st Highley 10am**
Family Communion

- 8th Services - see opposite**
Highley - No procession
Churchyard gather at 10.20am
by War Memorial

- 15th Glazeley 10am**
Holy Communion

Highley 3pm Memorial & Thanksgiving
Service - invitation only.

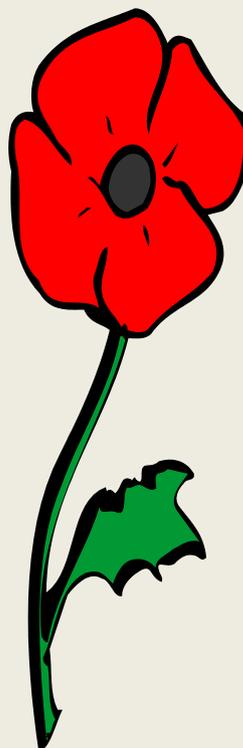
- 22nd Billingsley 8am** Holy Communion
Highley 10am Family Worship

Chelmarsh 3pm Memorial &
Thanksgiving Service - invitation only.

- 29th Chelmarsh - Benefice Service 10am**
Family Communion

You are also warmly invited to attend the
St. Mary's bi-weekly Zoom
gathering at 5pm for 40mins.

Contact: markandamywilliams@gmail.com



**Remembrance
Sunday
8th November**

Highley
10.20am meet
at War Memorial

Chelmarsh
10am Service

Glazeley
10am Service
and at War memorial

Billingsley
10.30am
on the Green

Please respect social distancing

St Mary's, Highley Virtual Sunday Service 05/04/2020

St Mary's, Highley
Virtual Sunday Service

www.srmaryshighley.co.uk

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 The Rectory, Church St</p> <p>7.30pm Prestwood House, Netherton Lane</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: black; opacity: 0.5;">Currently not taking place</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time</p>
			<p>Next Copy Date: <u>November 15th</u></p>	