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The Rector writes

Dear Friends

As many of you know I have over the last couple of months had time to reflect on my last 14 months with you, firstly from my hospital bed and lately convalescing at the Rectory. May I take this opportunity in thanking you for all your well wishes. As I reflect on what a good 14 months it's been, I've loved getting to know the area, the churches, the villages, and of course the people; and my wife and I have been really struck with the warmth of welcome we've received and continue to receive. Thank you.

One of the gifts I believe God has given me for this work is my love for people and my enjoyment of getting to know them and building relationships; those of you who have already met me will know I love to chat! There are many varied and different aspects to this job, which means I'm able to get involved with community life and the local school. It's been great to have been welcomed and be involved with many of the village groups, both in the community and also welcoming you into the churches of Alveley and Quatt. I love going into the school as part of the open the book team, taking assemblies and being a governor.

One of the things that has really impressed me in the villages is the sense of community. There is so much life going on, so many varied activities and groups to be a part of; there is, it appears to me, to be a real sense of belonging. In these politically unsettled times and with increasingly busy lives where our families are often stretched, there is a real need to have a wider support network a community to which we feel we belong. As I speak to people about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, the conversation often gathers around where people feel they belong and where their sense of home is. It seems that people are moving back into our villages in the hope of discovering community life and a sense of belonging... and I think the church can help with that.

The bible is full of wonderful examples that confirm the importance of good community life; part of the beauty of the Christian faith is that God draws people from all different backgrounds, different abilities, strengths and weakness to come together, to be community. Through His words and His life Jesus teaches that each one of us is special and loved by God, that we each have significance and value; and from that we get a true sense of acceptance and belonging.

Part of my job is to work together with both of our churches to look at how we can get alongside, love and support our communities in a way that builds community life. One of the things we constantly do in our churches is to look at the type and style of services; looking to see what we might introduce or change so as to make church and church life even more accessible for everyone and so help our churches to become even more of a focal point in community life... and places where our community really feels it belongs.

So if you would like to know more about becoming a part of the Church and Christian Community then please do contact me, my details can be found in this magazine and on the church notice boards. I would love to chat with you and help you find ways to become a part of the Christian community where you live.

Every blessing

Rev Jon

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From the Parish Registers

There are no entries in the registers this month.

For all church enquiries please visit our website

<https://www.alveleyandquattchurches>. In an emergency please call Rev Jon Aldwinckle (01746 562159)

For Alveley burial ground enquiries call Jenny Sirrell 780369

COVER PICTURE

Feeding time at Severn Valley Country Park

Photo by Don Bannister

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MAY SERVICES

Duty rotas for St. Mary's are on page 20.

Sunday May 5

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's

Wednesday May 8

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's

Sunday May 12

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion St. Andrew's

10.30 a.m. Worship 4 All Ages St. Mary's

Sunday May 19

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's

Wednesday May 22

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's

Sunday May 26

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's

10.30 a.m. 20/20/20 St. Mary's

4.00 p.m. Teatime Praise St. Andrew's

N.B. All May services subject to change.

THE HOWARD THOMPSON BEQUEST

The Howard Thompson Bequest donates funds to local organisations (not individuals) for promoting Christian faith education and training.

This is a benevolent fund dedicated to supporting local organisations and voluntary groups. The trustees are happy to receive applications for grants from eligible groups.

Please put your application in writing to Jackie Hampson at:

howardthompsonbf@gmail.com

Applications need to be received by Wednesday 8th May 2024 when they will be considered by the Trustees.

Jackie Hampson

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S, QUATT

I wonder what May will bring you? Hopefully some lovely sunny, warm days. I know I'm always going on about the weather but I really don't like the cold. I have, however, been enjoying the odd warm afternoon in my conservatory.

Finally we are getting a bit nearer to having our Autowinding system for the church clock installed. Sadly, through no fault of our own, the original quote has now risen by nearly £700. Ouch! We are hoping to do some serious fund raising in the next few months.

Last year I was invited to join an organised visit to a synagogue in London. I'm always keen to learn more about different religions and it was enlightening in many ways. Someone asked the Rabbi how they raised their funds. Part of his reply was to comment that we, as Anglicans, are supported and funded by the government. Before I could reply someone else quickly told him that is not the case. Sadly many people do not realise that our funds must be raised by ourselves through collections at our services and social events. Unfortunately we are not able to hire out our building and we also must pay a share of our income to Hereford Diocese.

If you have any ideas for fund raising activities that you might enjoy please let me know. Our volunteer force is very limited but also very enthusiastic. Thank you for your support!

On a positive note our new mower has arrived and I'm told by Rob that it is working well.

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting has been postponed and will now take place on Tuesday 28th May at 7pm in church.

I hope that you will all join me in sending our very best wishes to Rev Jon and hope and pray that he will soon be feeling a lot better and able to return to us healed and refreshed. We miss you!

Ann Lee

QUATT VILLAGE HALL

Friday, May 10th. Join us for an evening of live music performed by The Last Picture Show. This event showcases classic Americana music and starts at 8pm. Book via the Quatt Village Hall website.

Steph Hinton

*"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."
"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.
"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."*

MESSY CHURCH



Everyone had a great time learning about the Easter story at our April messy church.

Our crafts reflected the Easter theme which included a collage of the cross, lanterns representing “Jesus the light of the world”, butterflies for new life and rice crispy cakes with mini Easter eggs. They were very yummy!!

Our worship was a children’s video about the Easter story and we sang ‘Our God is a great big God’, doing all the actions, after which we sat down to hot dogs for tea. We also enjoyed some very delicious homemade biscuits brought for us all to share.

There is no cost, however donations are always most welcome. We ask that all children must be accompanied by an adult

Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday 4th May and we hope to see you there.

Wendy Aldwinckle

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will meet on the 7th May in the Pavilion for the May meeting. The meeting starts at 7.30pm with open forum where residents are invited to comment on agenda items or matters of concern to them. The agenda will be on the notice boards nearer the time.

Additionally on the 15th of the month we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting in The Pavilion. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm. This meeting is primarily for residents of the parish to have your say on issues that concern you. This year a range of local organisations and voluntary groups have been invited to showcase what they do and to recruit new members.

The new local police sergeant, along with one of our PCSOs, will also be attending to speak to the meeting about the changes that are happening to help deter the spate of crime we have been experiencing, and what they have done about what’s already happened.

We look forward to seeing you at either meeting but particularly at the Annual Parish Meeting which is your meeting.

Isley Jakeman

Chair, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council.

Keep smiling - it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

WASTE AND RECYCLING CONSULTATION

The Shropshire Council administration is currently consulting all of the residents in the county on their proposal to close two of the five recycling centres across the county. One of the five is in our locality in Bridgnorth.

Further to this they are also considering an extra charge for collecting the green recycling bins. (Lots of local authorities already do this!)

You can let them know your views on these proposals by going online to the Shropshire council website and following the links.

For those people who do not have access, or bother with online media, I have arranged with Manjit in the village shop to have paper copies that you can have, and fill in at your leisure and put them in the post .

Please ensure your replies are at Shirehall before the 20th May

I urge as many of you as possible to take the time to respond to this consultation and let the administration know what you think of the proposals.

Colin Taylor

PS. The messenger is not for shooting!

ALVELEY OLD CHAPEL

Spring has definitely sprung with blossom on the fruit trees in the Tearoom garden and birds nest building in the larger trees at the back. However, sitting writing this looking out in to the garden, the strong wind is blowing the trees around and it is cold. But there is hope of warmer, drier times to come.

We entered the Village Quiz again this year and came third, just missing out on a prize, but there is always next year.

The Tearoom is picking up after a slow couple of months and things are changing. From May our menu will be changing to incorporate more lighter notes and some new ideas.

I hope to see more of you coming to enjoy our treats either in the garden or inside the Tearoom.

Mo Morgan, Manager, Alveley Old Chapel Tearoom



Our next film night will be on Friday May 17th at 7.30pm in Alveley Village Hall. The film will be all action! £5 to include tea/coffee and cake. We hope to see you. For more information please contact Carol Hatfield (780576) or Una Coombs (780568).

Ian Maddock

ALVELEY COMMUNITY VILLAGE SURVEY

Alveley Recreation Association, Alveley Village Hall and the Alveley Sports Club have agreed in principle to combine and form a new organisation under the umbrella of a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company (CIC). CIC is a special type of limited company which exists to help the community rather than private shareholders. The new organisation would keep all the existing activities being offered by Recreation Association, Village Hall and Sports Club, help reduce organisational problems experienced and eliminate the duplication of activities currently being offered by the three organisations.

By now you should have received the survey document concerning the above.

It would be appreciated if you could return the completed questionnaire by 19th May to any of the following:

Londis village shop (daytime); Sports club (evening); Three Horseshoes (evening):

Village Hall Annexe (Black box on wall) .

If you have not received the questionnaire more can be obtained from me and returned by email.

Doug Portsmouth douglas.portsmouth@mypostoffice.co.uk

WHITTALL MEADOWS TRUST

The Trust's next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 29th May 2024** when the Trustees will be pleased to consider requests for financial support from village organisations.

Applications should be made in writing or by email to:

Jan Higgins

Clerk to the Whittall Meadows Trust

11, Mallards Close, Alveley,

Bridgnorth, WV15 6JL

Email: jan.higgins@btinternet.com

Applications should arrive no later than **22nd May 2024**.

Applicants should be aware that the Trustees favour grants which support purchases of specific equipment or services rather than general running expenses. Applications should give full details of your project and its costs.

Jan Higgins

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

ALVELEY TENNIS CLUB

Come and join us where you can play tennis every day, day or night in a social environment: where all ages gather to enjoy a game. You needn't be a skilled player as we can teach you the game. Your rewards are being outdoors, great work-out, team building experience and being part of a great little club here in Alveley. When you join our friendly and welcoming club you will have the benefits of our facilities which include: three All Weather Courts, Practice Area, Floodlights to all Courts, Ball Machine, Dedicated Clubhouse, Racquets available.

Coaching is available for members and non-members, so you can decide whether you want to continue with membership. Sessions available at present include: Rusty Racquets for adults who have never played or need practice: Junior group sessions split by age and ability: One to One coaching.

Social Tennis Sessions: Adults: Saturday Morning Mix In 10am - 12 Midday; Rusty Racquets Sunday Mornings 9.30am - 10.30am; Monday Men's Evening Session 7 pm - 9 pm; Adults: Tuesday Afternoon Mix In 1pm -3pm.

Alveley Primary School We have given free tennis sessions for Alveley Primary School including having 28 children from Years 1&2 and 30 from Years 3&4.

So don't delay, come and check us out or call Roger Whitworth on 07946 094488 or email jan.higgins@btinternet.com.

See our website for full details clubspark.lta.org.uk/AlveleyTennisClub.

Brian Davies

ALVELEY VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 6th April fifteen teams representing village clubs and organisations competed in the third Annual Village Quiz. David Voysey and Carol Hatfield again set the questions and were also the question masters in an enjoyable and fun evening. The worthy winners, whose name will be inscribed on the oak trophy, were Alveley Tennis Club, second were the Bellringers and third the Ladies from the Old Chapel. Thank you to all the teams who took part and gave so generously to the raffle which raised £141. A donation of £232 from the evening is being made to the Alzheimers Society.

The Village Hall is pleased to be opening for The Family Fun Sports Day on Bank Holiday Monday the 6th May. Hot and cold drinks will be available and a chance to sit down to regain your strength for the next sporting challenge!

Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm. A Charity Wine Tasting Evening at the Village Hall.

This is a new venture for the hall and promises to be quite a special occasion. Preet Sahota of Shropshire based Edgmond Wines will be hosting the evening. Preet says, "I founded Edgmond Wines eleven years ago and I have a passion for presenting fine wines in a fun, informal and relaxed way. I don't believe in snobbery - people should enjoy fine wine with good company and a bit of humour."

There will be six wines to taste and learn about. Orders can be taken but there is absolutely no pressure to buy. Winemakers support the event with special offers (between £7.99 to £14.99 per bottle). The tickets are £20 each and the money raised by the hall on the night will go to a charity (yet to be decided). For tickets or any enquiries ring Norma- 01746 780478.

Norma Crabtree

SEVERN VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

This month our volunteers have begun closely monitoring the butterflies on site. Each week, until September they will be performing a butterfly transect. A butterfly transect is a walk along a set route and any butterflies seen along this route will be recorded. Generally, transect routes are between 1km and 1.5km and where possible, pass through different habitats. Butterflies within 5 metres of the route will be included. (This is 5m above, 5m ahead and 5m either side of the route.) The same route will be followed each week with the results of the survey being sent to the Butterfly Conservation group. The data is used to save threatened species, improve landscapes, increase knowledge and raise awareness.

Some Shropshire Council sites such as Stanmore Country Park have been completing transects for a number of years. This year the programme is being rolled out to other sites across the county.

Opening times The visitor centre and cafe are open Wednesday to Sunday until May Half term, when they will be open every day of the school holidays.

Current opening times are Wednesday - Friday 11am-3pm, Saturday 9.30am-4pm and Sunday 10.30am - 4pm. The toilets are open daily, 10am-4pm.

Our next events

parkrun continues each Saturday at 9am and our Nordic Walking sessions are every Wednesday (except the last of the month) meeting at 10am.

Wild Toddlers returns on Wednesday 24th April 2024 (11am-12pm) and will run each Wednesday until 22nd May 2024. It's £5.50 per session and price includes toast and squash.

On Friday 3rd May, our ranger is leading a **Dawn Chorus walk** (6.30am to 8.30am). It's £10 per person, price includes a breakfast bap and hot drink.

On **Saturday 11th May 2024**, you can spend an evening with our rangers to explore the **Creatures of the Night** (7pm to 9pm). £6 Adult, £4.50 Child, Family ticket £18 (2 adults and up to 3 children).

Looking ahead to May half term we **have Bird Box Building on Wednesday 29th May** (£12 per child) and a **free drop-in craft session on Friday 31st May**.

For more information about any of our events or to book your place, please call 01746 781 192.

Susie Comaish, Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre Manager 781192

ALVELEY W.I.

Our open meeting in April was a huge success. Reg Moule gave us and our visitors some wonderful advice on growing vegetables and treating our lawns. Then, with great knowledge and patience, answered all of our questions about our gardening problems. I hope that by putting his advice into action you all have the most wonderful lawns, crops and success over the coming growing season. Our ticket sales and raffle raised £100 which will be donated to Alveley First Responders.

Please can I remind members that subscriptions are due. The cost will be £24.40, cheques should be made payable to Alveley WI. Anyone wishing to join our happy band would be very welcome.

On 8th May at our members meeting, Angie Astell will, we hope, finally be able to join us to tell us all about her life in Show Business. For different reasons we have had to cancel Ms Astell twice before so we have our fingers crossed that all will run smoothly in May. Tea hostesses will be Diana Hadley, Judy Horton and Joyce Roberts.

15th May will see members going for luncheon. This time we are going to try the Waggon and Horses at Iverley.

On Wednesday 12th June we will be having our annual afternoon tea. This year it will be for members only as we are having outside caterers. Would any member who is unable to attend please let a committee member know as soon as possible so that we can give accurate numbers to the caterers.

In June our bi-monthly breakfast will be a week later on **18th June**. Please let Liz Bullas know if you would like to join us.

Thursday 20th June sees a group heading off to the Rose Theatre to see 'The Good Life'. Please note that **we do not have** the community bus for this outing. Would those going please ensure that they pay £13.00 for their ticket by our May meeting.

Pam Worton

A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

ALVELEY CRICKET CLUB

Home-made Food coming to Four Oaks: Every Friday and Saturday night the club will be open and will be serving home cooked food, from 5.30pm with a cost of adult £6 children £4. We don't want to waste food, so it will be available on a first come first served basis until we know rough numbers for catering. Please see social media for details of the set menu for the coming week.

Four Oaks Pavilion, We have many new additions to the bar, new spirits and draught cider. We will be continuing with our Friday Fizz £15 a large bottle of I Prosecco. Please bring family and friends and make Friday night the best family night out.

Women's softball. The fastest growing female sport is back. It takes place every Thursday evening from 6.30pm, for just £3 per session it's a great way to get fit and have lots of fun. If child care is an issue don't worry, the children are welcome within the Pavilion or can play outside.

Junior coaching Every Friday evening, for ages 5 and over. Simply come along and enjoy the fun. Sessions start at 6.30pm.

For junior training and women's softball all the kit is provided, all you need to do is turn up in shorts or tracksuit. Sessions delivered by ECB qualified coaches.

Race Night Friday 3rd May – FREE entry, come for a great evening for the family.

Live Music Popular band The Follicles will be performing on Friday 31st May 7.30pm.

Worcestershire County Cricket Club This year for the first time Four Oaks has been selected as a hub site for the County Club. We have matches from U13s through to U18s as well as over 50s and 60s games. The first games start in May, the bar and Pavilion will be open all day. Come along and see some of the future stars in action.

Tuesday 28 May: Worcs CCC U14 Sub Academy v Shropshire 11am

Wednesday 29 May: Worcs CCC U14 Sub Academy v Shropshire 11am

Saturday Matches Our 1st and 2nd teams are in action every Saturday, please come along and support your local club. Pavilion open all day, a very safe place for children and families, everyone very welcome. Home fixtures:, starting at 12.30pm

Saturday 4 May: 1st XI v Himley CC 3rd XI

Saturday 11 May: 1st XI v Cutnall Green 1st XI

Saturday 18 May: 2nd XI v Stourport-on-Severn CC 3rd XI

Saturday 25 May: 2nd XI v Hagley CC 3rd XI

Midweek T20 matches . Home fixtures, starting at 6.15pm

Wednesday 1 May: Alveley T20 v Gas CC T20

Wednesday 15 May: Alveley T20 v Watermill CC T20

Richard Twigg

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME 'QUATT'

I have had an enquiry, via Pat and Ken Morton of our village, from a reader of this magazine who lives in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia. The aboriginal name for a crow is Wagga but in their language they have no plurals so a place with many crows becomes Wagga Wagga. This most far flung of our readers wants to know the origin of the name Quatt. Well I didn't know so off to Bridgnorth library to find out. The first book I found on Shropshire villages didn't even mention Quatt or Quatford. The second book by the Shropshire branch of the Women's institute did have some history of Quatford, but relatively recent. It said there was a ferry there until 1940 which used to bring the parishioners from Eardington over the river for church services and when the road was widened in 1960 a vicarage, schoolhouse and 3 cottages were demolished, but it said nothing on the name.

The next book, a Dictionary of English Place Names, said Quatford: Ford with obscure first name and Quatt-originally Quattun. Tun meaning farmstead with obscure first name. So the library was not very helpful.

The next book, The Concise Oxford dictionary of English Place Names, which I found for just £2 in a second hand bookshop, had a much larger entry but was still none the wiser. And then a bit of luck. Whilst rummaging in another second hand bookshop (there are worse hobbies!) I found a booklet of historical transactions and an article by a David Horovitz of over 7000 words on the very subject. This is what he found.

Quatford is first mentioned in the Anglo Saxon chronicle when the Danes (Vikings), having been pursued across England by an army, settled there in the late autumn of 895. It is variously recorded as Bryce, Bricge and Cwatbrycge. It is also mentioned in the tenth century chronicle of Aethelweard when a Danish army crossed the river in 910 before being defeated at the battle of Tettenhall by a combined West Saxon and Mercian army. The use of the word Brycge (bridge) has caused some confusion amongst historians who originally thought Cwatbrycge and brycge (Bridgnorth) were one and the same place. However there is no evidence for a Roman road crossing the Severn at Bridgnorth whereas there is evidence of a Roman road from Wenlock Edge via Morville and Upton Cresset to Eardington over the river at Quatford then up towards Swancote.

Bridgnorth is not mentioned in the Domesday book (1086) but Quatt and Quatford are. There has probably been a ford at Quatford since prehistoric times and certainly since 1056. A bridge across the Severn existed by 988 and probably in 910 when Aethelweard said it was crossed by the Danes. Aethelweard was the great great grandson of a brother of King Alfred (he that burnt the cakes). There was no settlement at Bridgnorth until Robert de Belleme built his fortification on Castle Hill and probably the bridge at the same time in 1101. The 'north' was adopted in or around that time to avoid confusion with Brycge (ie Cwatbrycge). The Anglo Saxon bridge at Quatford was probably destroyed around 1101 and it reverted to a ford.

But what about the name? Cwat is first recorded as a personal name in 1015. One Leofrine Cwat is mentioned in a will, and Cwatt could be a nickname from middle English meaning lump, hump or mound. And of course Quatt Church is built on a small mound or slightly domed plateau. And there was a motte and bailey castle at Quatford on top of the 60 foot sandstone knoll, which could indicate that the two villages were separate and not named after one another. We had better leave the last word to one William Shakespeare. In Othello he uses the word Cwatt as meaning a pimple or pustule. So Quatt or Quattun could simply be a farmstead associated with a pimple like lump or owned by a farmer with acne.

Roy 'Spotty' Page

ALVELEY STROLLERS AND STRIDERS WALKING GROUP

The Alveley Strollers and Striders walking group is not strictly a “walking for health” group. Norma and I joined the group, when we retired, for the companionship and personal contact, as well as the enjoyment of walking in the countryside around the village. We thought of it as a bonus if it was good for our health too.

For the benefit of people’s health German, Austrian, Czech and Swiss spa towns attracted people, from about 1800 onwards, by offering sessions of water treatment. For anaemia, tuberculosis and age-related problems people flocked in large numbers to spa towns to “take the waters”. Between bouts of water-treatment they were tempted outside for restorative walks by the carefully engineered panoramic walking trails. Spa towns became famous as much for the healing power of their good clean and healthy air as for their mineral springs.

The fashion soon spread to England and in the new spa towns like Bath, Buxton, Cheltenham and Harrogate public gardens were laid out to encourage patients to take advantage of fresh air and exercise as well as the waters. That must have seemed a real tonic after continually breathing the polluted air of towns and cities. Charles Darwin, on completion of his “The Origin of Species” in 1859, went to recuperate in the small spa town of Ilkley in West Yorkshire. Although no longer a spa town, Ilkley has kept its many “health paths” on the edge of the moor, complete with artificial tarns (small lakes), waterfalls and ornamental walkways.

Alveley has never laid claim to healing springs, but we can boast clean air and our own natural “health paths”. What’s more these can be enjoyed free of charge in congenial and entertaining company every Tuesday morning.

Do feel welcome to join us at any time throughout the year. We meet for a 10.00am start every Tuesday morning in The Three Horse Shoes car park (arriving 5 minutes earlier to register). For more information you can speak to Norma or myself on 01746 780478 or 07712389131.

Andrew Crabtree

We all know mirrors don't lie - I'm just glad they don't laugh!

FUN FOOTBALL VILLAGE EVENT, MONDAY MAY 6th

This is a final reminder about the Fun Football and other sports events on the Recreation Ground on Monday May 6th from 12.30pm onwards.

Everything is in place for you to come along and have a go at the sports activities and Maypole dancing, so if you ever thought that you would like to try anything that is on offer, now is your chance.

Drinks will be available at the Sports and Social Club and in the Village Hall and you will be made most welcome. Bring a picnic if you would like to and enjoy a pleasant social afternoon.

I would like to thank Kyle and his parents Sarah and Gordon, who have been so helpful to me. Please support us and make it a happy village event.

Una Coombs (Phone 780568)

ALVELEY ART GROUP

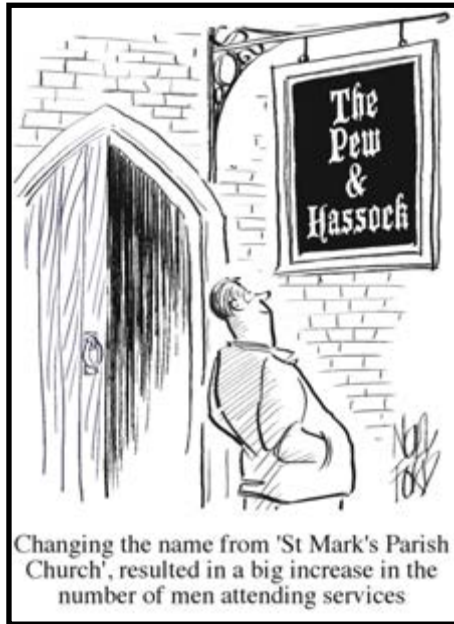
Our theme for April was glass - it seemed like a good choice as we're going to our glass fusion workshop this month in Jackfield, Ironbridge. We've been looking at a wide range of glass, from wine, gin and beer glasses to different shaped jugs and a multitude of jars and bottles. Drawing and painting these from life is quite the challenge - it's amazing what you see when you take the time to look. The light from the village hall windows creates white squares, and the colours from the table and other surrounding objects create your colour palette. Then there are the labels, seen from the front or through the glass of the label's reverse. And not forgetting the ellipses - well these are the trickiest parts to get just right. Perhaps easier is using magazine photos - we've looked at images of cocktails and gin and tonics for colourful inspiration; we've also looked at some paintings by famous artists, whether still life pictures or interior scenes. 'A Bar at the Folies-Bergère' by Édouard Manet is a painting showing a Parisian nightclub. It shows a barmaid looking out at us surrounded by bottles and upturned hanging glasses and reflections of all the party-goers in the huge mirror behind her. If you get chance to look online (or in person at the Courtauld Gallery in London) see what you make of her expression - I don't think she really wants to be there!

For information on Alveley Art Group, please call Deb on 01746 780243 or email Colin in xalv7973@gmail.com *Deb Parker*

You do not need a parachute to skydive - you do need a parachute to skydive twice.

ALVELEY LADIES' GUILD

We enjoyed an interesting talk and slides from John Butterworth about his journey overland to Nepal. Our get-together in May will be a games afternoon, so come and join us on May 20th in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. *Kath Bishop*



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Two of Shropshire's five recycling sites could close, according to a proposal by the county council. The group worries that closing any of the recycling facilities will likely result in more costs than savings, put additional strain on the environment, and seriously inconvenience residents. Specifically, fly tipping will no doubt increase, resulting in substantial additional costs for farmers and the highways department of Shropshire Council, as well as causing environmental issues.

We are encouraging people to complete Shropshire Council's survey and express their views (Garden Waste Charging and Household Recycling Centres Consultation Survey at surveymonkey.com). The consultation will close at 11:59pm Monday, 20th May. For a printed form, check if the shop have copies or try Colin Taylor, our local Councillor. We have also set up a petition. To find it, search: 38degrees.org.uk Save Bridgnorth Recycling Centre.

Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST, will host the 'Accelerating Change: Spurring on Climate Action in Our Communities' county climate conference on Saturday May 18, from 9.00am to 4.45pm. The conference's main focus is on ways to engage local communities to accelerate action to achieve net zero in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Businesses, groups, and individuals are welcome to attend. Tickets, which include lunch, need to be booked through Eventbrite. For a small cost, organisations can reserve a space at the conference. Donations are accepted.

As well as at the conference, Sustainable Bridgnorth will be popping up with other stalls over the next few months. Look out for us at the forthcoming Pam's Pools Mini Open Days at Underton Cottage, Bridgnorth WV16 6TY on Sunday May 19th and Sunday June 30th 10.00am – 2.00pm, which raises funds for Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Kath Norgrove

I recently called an old engineering friend and asked what he was working at these days.

He replied that he was working on 'Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment.'

I was impressed until, upon further investigation, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision.



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For 2024 we have 56 gardens opening. We are delighted to announce 8 new gardens including the nationally important Cherry Tree Arboretum and a special NGS Open Weekend at David Austin Roses. Our gardens range from small cottage or town plots to large country estates. Gardens are important to our well-being and the wellbeing of the environment, so what better than a garden visit to find inspiration for your own plot, whatever its size? As entry to most gardens is around £6 or less, with children free, it means that everyone can enjoy a great day out whilst raising essential funds for our nursing and health charities.

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48 Bramble Ridge, Saturday 29 June (11-5.30). Admission £5, child free (Also by arrangement: April - September for groups of 20-30).

Stanley Hall Gardens, Sunday 2 June (2-5.30). Admission £5, child free.

Westwood House, Sunday 28 Apr (2-5). Admission £5, child free.

Hundred House Hotel, Wed 1 May, Wed 3 July, Wed 4 Sept (11-4). Admission £5, child free.

We are actively recruiting for new gardens to open, Town & Village Trails, new volunteers.

For further details, or if you want to open your garden with us, please contact Andy Chatting, Shropshire County Organiser, telephone 07546 560615, email: andy.chatting@ngs.org.uk.

Andy Chatting

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

'Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Open Gardens' have 'The Leasowes' garden opening on 5th May. 'The Leasowes' is situated 2/3rds of the way along the 'straight', after leaving Cressage, on the left heading towards The Riverside Pub and Restaurant.

The garden, a young one, is laid up a valley with water and pools. It is heavily planted with Rhododendrons and many young trees of 'interest'.

Last year we liked a young Californian Great Fir, also a Chinese Plain Tree and found a Handkerchief Tree in blossom. *John Johnson*

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Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Chalice	Sidespersons	Refreshments
May 5	Liz Bullas Acts 10.44-48	Michael York John 15.9-17	Penny Jenkins	Dale & Sue Chidwick	Fred & Pauline Cooper	Pat Bowyer Irene Orford
May 12	Laura Simms John 17.6-19				Alison & Keith Pearson	Anne & Laura Simms
May 19	Kirsty Ritzenthaler Acts 2.1-21	Ian Maddock John 15.26-27; 16.4-15	Benoit Ritzenthaler	Alison & Keith Pearson	David & Jackie Hampson	Alison & Keith Pearson
May 26	Diana Kennedy John 3.1-17				Dale Chidwick Colin Taylor	

DIARY 2024

- May 3** Dawn chorus walk, S.V.C.P. 6.30am (p 11)
3 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel,10.30am-12.30pm
3 Alveley Cricket Club Race Night (p 13)
4 Messy Church, St. Mary's, 3pm-5pm (p7, 17)
6 Fun football event, Recreation Ground 12.30pm (p 16)
7 Alveley & Romsley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Pavilion (p 7)
8 Alveley WI meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm (p 12)
9 Sustainable Bridgnorth meeting
10 The Last Picture Show, Quatt Village Hall (p 6)
11 Creatures of the Night, S.V.C.P. 7pm (p 11)
13 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
15 WI lunch, at Iverley
15 Alveley & Romsley Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm (p 12)
17 Chapel Crafters Malvern trip
17 Alveley Entertainers' Film Night, Village Hall 7.30pm (p 8)
18 Shropshire Climate Conference, Shrewsbury (p 18)
20 Be café, Old Chapel, 2pm-4pm
20 Alveley Ladies ' Guild, Village Hall 2.30pm (p 17)
29 Bird Box building, S.V.C.P. (p 11)
31 Free drop in craft session, S.V.C.P. (p 11)
31 Alveley Cricket Club live music event (p 13)
June 10 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
12 Alveley W.I. afternoon tea (p 12)
20 Alveley W.I. theatre trip (p 12)
24 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
29 Charity wine tasting, Alveley Village Hall,7.30pm (p 10)
July 8 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
22 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
August 5 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
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THE BACK PAGE

Today is another of those wet and blustery days which have been all too frequent lately. No hail, this time though, which is a small blessing. What a contrast to yesterday though, when I played golf. The sun was out and the course looked magnificent - not a word my playing partners would have used to describe my performance, unfortunately. You could detect the amazement in their occasional encouraging shout of 'Good shot'.

The course was lovely, thanks to the efforts of the greenkeepers. Fairways beautifully cut and delineated and delightful greens to putt on - though I did prove that it is possible to miss a putt from less than two feet, however good looking the green. The flower borders, lovingly tended by volunteer members, are in full bloom. Add to this the sights, smells and sounds of nature at her most sublime: trees arrayed in bright blossoms, the smell of new mown grass, birds singing and even the knocking of woodpeckers. We spied one great spotted woodpecker, but when we thought we heard another it was actually a stray golf ball rattling through the trees!

Nature is indeed wonderful. We have so many examples around us in Alveley and Quatt, let alone the unforgettable films of Sir David Attenborough and others. Unfortunately, however, there is a less positive side to nature that we have recently discovered. When we moved here in 2020 we had to rip out the garden, which consisted largely of concrete slabs and gravel, and landscape with lawn and raised beds. The process included extensive drainage and this has worked well - till recently apparently. In contrast to the golf course fairways and greens, our lawn started to disappear, leaving great swathes of bare earth, growing browner slowly but surely. We came sadly to the conclusion that the drainage had given up the ghost after the deluges of recent months. Last week, however, the operatives arrived to give the grass its regular treatment. I explained that I thought the lawn had drowned but the operative asked if the birds had been active on the grass. I said that they had, assuming that they were getting worms and maybe some moss for nesting. Not so. Soil samples were taken from different parts of what had once been a lawn. We are plagued by leatherjackets, the larvae of the caddis fly (daddy longlegs) who lay their eggs in the autumn. The leatherjackets eat the roots of plants from underneath causing death and destruction to the lawn.

It is said that each of God's creatures has a purpose, but for the life of me I haven't got a clue what the purpose of a daddy longlegs or its leatherjacket larvae might be, other than to wind me up!

Ian

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