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## The Rector writes

Dear Friends

As I write this I am preparing the next service to be held in St Mary's on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, which is Pentecost.

How many of you remember the line in the song from Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds from the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper album "I get by with a little help from my friends"?

I always think it is a good song for Pentecost/Whitsun.

Pentecost is about us getting a little help. Indeed, on the first Pentecost when the disciples were sitting around fearful, dazed and confused, what the Holy Spirit seems to have done is give them help to get out there, live as Jesus had told them and pass on the good news.

The Christian faith is not about believing 101 very odd things before breakfast. It believes the world and universe is not here by chance – the force and energy behind it, which we call God, is one of love. Jesus shows that not only in word, but in how he lives and dies. And we are to show that love in our lives.

Which is where, if you are anything like me, a little bit of help is needed! Because actually, and in truth, I am often not very good at it. I have a natural inclination to put myself, my views, my needs first. That is true of almost all of us. And it explains a lot of why society seems so challenging and difficult – because all our individual wanting our needs met, means we are always fighting over the resources available.

So, I need help in trying to put others first, to be loving, forgiving, gracious and charitable. And in my experience that is what the Holy Spirit can be about – helping me to grow in those things. This is not claiming a magic box of tricks, part of the journey is getting it wrong and trying again. But I do feel reflecting on the love Jesus shows, and with the Spirit helping me know about God's love and forgiveness and challenging me in the right sense, then at least I can try and go in the right direction.

Early June has one of my favourite saint's day, who can help with this: St Barnabas is remembered on 11th June. He is known as the son of encouragement – because when the early church was struggling and sometimes arguing, he was usually to be found, bringing people back to listen to one another and just working hard and loyally for the faith. And I too need encouragement – as we all do, trying to live good, decent lives and keep body and soul together. And as I get older and bits seem to fall off, I need more encouragement. The church should always be a place where people find understanding and encouragement in the trials of life, (and I am always deeply shocked when the church falls short of that). I hope that people's experience of encouragement, care, support and love – are found in our churches here.

*Every blessing,*

Rev Jon

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## From the Parish Registers

<b>Wedding</b> April 25	<i>'Those whom God has joined together.'</i> Andrew Pilsbury and Abigail Thompson,	St Andrews
<b>Memorial Service</b> May 17	Joan Thompson	St. Mary's

### 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

St. Andrew's, Quatt from Quatt Cricket Club ground.  
Photo by Anne Edwards

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## JUNE SERVICES

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

### **Sunday June 2**

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

### **Sunday June 9**

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

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

### **Wednesday June 12**

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

### **Sunday June 16**

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

### **Sunday June 23**

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

### **Wednesday June 26**

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

### **Sunday June 30**

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

**N.B. All June services subject to change.**

## **D DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

Are you a pensioner in the parish born before, during or just after World War Two? Why not join us at the Three Horse Shoes on June 6th at 2.30pm for a fish and chip or faggot and chip late lunch courtesy of the parish council?

Please ring the Three Horse Shoes (01746 780923) to book your place. Availability is limited so first come first served.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Isley Jakeman, Chair Alveley and Romsley Parish Council*

## **ALVELEY VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Charity Wine Tasting Evening at the Village Hall.**

Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled for this date but may be promoted again at a suitable time in the future. Thanks to Edgmond Wines for their understanding.

*Norma Crabtree*

*'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.*

## NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S, QUATT

Summer is here at last and who knows what weather we can expect - it could be a hot sunny one or it could be a disappointing wet one.

Whatever we get I hope that we can find a positive way to enjoy it.

It's during these summer months that I am sad that we here in Shropshire live so far away from the coast. Walking along a sandy beach and paddling in the sea (I'm not too sure about the safety, health-wise, of swimming in it these days!) always lifts the spirit I think.

I have a forward date for your diaries - we are holding our Harvest service followed by a hot roast meal on Sunday 29th September. As this is the fifth Sunday in the month it is a United service here at St Andrew's when our good friends from St Mary's join us. This year we will hold the service in church and then go across to the Village Hall for the meal afterwards. This is always a popular event so please make a note of the date .

As our Quinquennial inspection is due to take place next month I am very keen to get a group together to have a good cleaning and decluttering session before then. If you can help in any way, no matter how small, please give me a call on 01746 761138.

Our churchyard continues to look lovely thanks to Chris and Rob. A few moments or longer sitting on a bench looking over to the cricket pitch is always a good place to gather your thoughts.

*Ann Lee*

## QUATT VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 5th July, 7.30pm at Quatt Village Hall we welcome Tim Chu and Ian Bailey performing 'A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel'. Tickets from Quatt Farm Shop or see our website.

*Steph Hinton*

## VISION FOR THE FUTURE - PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting to discuss the results of the Alveley Community Village Survey will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm at Alveley Sports Club**. Your attendance and views will be welcome.

*Doug Portsmouth*

*The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman would not be able to attend. He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing. The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head and in all sincerity, said: "There being no clergyman present, let us thank God."*

## **ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **4th June in The Pavilion, commencing with open forum at 7.30pm**. The agenda will be available on the notice boards prior to the meeting. All very welcome.

We currently have two vacancies on the council so why not come and have a look and see if it's for you.

### **Steve Kerry**

We are pleased to welcome our new permanent clerk, Steve Kerry, who will be clerking the meeting. You can contact Steve on 07711 788782. Steve is a highly experienced clerk having recently retired from Hereford City Council after many years working for various London boroughs. Steve lives in the village and he is looking forward to getting to know more of you now that he can spend more time in the village.

*Isley Jakeman, Chair, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council.*

## **ALVELEY ART GROUP**

Our theme for May has been Faces - human and animal - so we've been looking at photographic images and copies of artists work for inspiration. In amongst the pictures were the disturbing faces of Welsh artist Shani Rhys James, she uses a lot of red in her flesh tones; the mixed media pictures of Deborah Roberts, an American artist who makes composite faces and figures from different photographic images; and the dog portraits of Sally Muir, the Bath based artist who paints in an expressive and unique way - she was our favourite!

As I write this, we are making the final arrangements for our trip to Lilleshall Hall on 20th May - we're going to see the International Watercolour Masters Show - we're very excited.

For information on Alveley Art Group, please call Deb on 01746 780243 or email Colin in [xalv7973@gmail.com](mailto:xalv7973@gmail.com) *Deb Parker*

## **CHAPEL CRAFTERS**

We are finishing off the Christmas Ring in different shades of green fabric, they are all different and look lovely! Our thoughts now turn to our Craft Day in July, this year we have a choice between making a Fabric covered box or a Water Lily patterned bag. By the time the magazine is printed we will have enjoyed our day out at Malvern Spring Quilting Show and hopefully bought our fabric etc.

We welcome two new members Pat and Janine.

Happy Crafting. *Jenny and Angie.*

*When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall. - Anon*

## ALVELEY OLD CHAPEL

The Old Chapel numbers are gradually rising. There are a few regulars now from far afield. Our menu changed slightly from 1 May to incorporate the theme of Spring/Summer. We have introduced afternoon teas and cream teas to the menu. **This will be on a pre paid booked basis.**

We are still desperately short of cake makers and volunteers. This is particularly noticeable during holiday periods. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer please pop in for a chat and a cuppa any Tuesday or Wednesday during opening times.

I'd like to remind you we can offer a small space for parties, wakes and village group meetings. For more information please ring the Chapel on the above number or call in during opening times.

*Mo Morgan, Manager, Alveley Old Chapel Tearoom 01746 781277*

## ALVELEY TENNIS CLUB

Alveley Tennis Club is offering Discounts to encourage all ages to join our fabulous Club. New players and previous members who have not joined in the last 5 Years are offered discounted fees for the first season:

Adults £65 ( existing Members £105)

Family £120 ( Existing Members £210 )

Single Parent Family £90 ( Existing Members £150) Junior / Student £20 ( Existing Members £30 ) Primary School Children £15 Parents playing with Primary Child £15

Sessions available at present:

Monday Nights 7-9 ( Men's Mixing )

Tuesday Afternoons 1-3 ( Ladies and Gents Mixing ) Saturday Mornings 10-12 ( Ladies and Gents Mixing , all levels ) Coming soon Mid Week Night , all levels Ladies and Gents Mixing 7-9 . Watch this space for more information .

Contact: Roger Whitworth 07946 094488.

*Brian Davies*





## ALVELEY CRICKET CLUB

**Women's softball** The fastest growing female sport is back. 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.

**June fixtures (Saturday games at 12.30pm, Midweek at 6.15pm)**

**Saturday June 1st**

1st XI v Chaddesley Corbett 2nd XI (Home); 2nd XI v Droitwich Spa 3rd XI (Away)

**Saturday June 8th**

1st XI v Halesowen 3rd XI (Home); 2nd XI v Kidderminster 4th XI (Away)

**Saturday June 15th**

1st XI v Belbroughton 2nd XI (Away); 2nd XI v Bewdley 3rd XI (Home)

**Saturday June 22nd**

1st XI v Bromsgrove 3rd XI (Home); 2nd XI v Highley 1st XI (Away)

**Saturday June 29th**

1st XI v Old Vigornians 2nd XI (Away); 2nd XI v Old Halesonians 1st XI (Home)

**Midweek team (6.15pm)**

**Wednesday 12th June** v Oldswinford (Home)

**Wednesday 19th June** v Gas CC (Away)

**Wednesday 26th June** v Watermill CC (Away)

**COUNTY GAMES**

**Wednesday June 26th** Worcestershire CCC Over 50s v North Wales (**12 noon**)

**Sunday June 30th** Worcestershire CCC Under 18s v Staffordshire Under 18s (**11am**)

**Under 9s Junior Festival Sunday June 23rd at Alveley CC 2pm**

*Richard Twigg*

**Alveley and Claverley**

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## MONDAY CLUB - AGE UK ALVELEY

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10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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## ALVELEY DAY CENTRE - AGE UK

### Are you:

Looking for company?

Wanting a reason to get out of the house?

Keen to join in some lively conversation with like minded people and to participate in some fun activities?

Eager to have the opportunity to go on days out? **Then we need you!**

Alveley Day Centre meets every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the Community Centre in the village from 10am to 2pm. It is run by volunteers with the aid of Age UK. We provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment with a two course lunch provided to our members for a cost of £6 per session.

If you would like to find out more we are holding a coffee morning with home made cakes on Monday 1st July from 10.30 to 12 noon when we look forward to meeting you.

Alternatively you can contact us on these numbers:

Angie Lander 07952172691 Sue Taylor 07973 343491 Pat Bowyer 07964 377840.

*Sue Taylor*

*The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone." Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."*

## SEVERN VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

Our rangers and volunteers have recently been working on a nesting project and I've asked ranger Guy Border to provide some details.

The Common Swift has suffered a population decrease and in 2021 was added to the Red List of UK Birds of Conservation Concern. This is largely due to a reduction in suitable nesting sites. Research shows that swifts will readily use nestboxes positioned on walls, so long as they are high enough off the ground (at least 5 metres) with clear flight paths.

The Miners' bridge at the park was identified as a suitable structure to attach swift nestboxes to, offering enough height as well as clear flight paths to the river where the birds could happily feed. Swifts often nest nearby to one another so it was determined that more than one box would be fixed to the bridge, in order to hopefully develop a colony.

Our volunteers then set about making four nestboxes, as well as devising a plan to install the boxes without the use of ladders, which was deemed too unsafe. Once ready, the boxes were lifted up on poles and fixed to the bridge. In order to attract swifts to the boxes, our volunteers purchased a speaker which automatically broadcasts the mating calls of swifts for an hour at dawn, which has proven successful.

Fingers crossed that the new boxes are discovered and deemed suitable, so that the park can provide a home for this struggling species. We would like to give a big thank you to our volunteers for making this project a reality!

### **Opening times and our next events**

The visitor centre and café will be open Wednesday to Sunday throughout June. See our website [www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/severnvalleycountrypark](http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/severnvalleycountrypark) for current opening times.

Wednesday 29 May, Bird Boxing Building. 11am-12.30pm, £12 per child, accompanying adult free, suitable for age 6 upwards.

Friday 31 May, Free craft drop-in session, 11am-12.30pm.

Wednesday 5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June & 3 July, Wild Toddlers, £5.50 per session, suitable for 18 months to 4 years (toddling toddlers). Younger siblings are welcome (no charge for under 18 months).

Friday 21 June, Moth Morning, 6.30am-8.30am, join our ranger to see what early summer moths have been collected overnight in our on-site moth traps. (Our traps are harm-free.) Take time to identify these nocturnal beauties. Which of the 2,500 of UK species will you see? Bring your camera, as there will be the opportunity to photograph the moths before they are released. Price: £10 per person (including breakfast bap & hot drink).

For all events (except the free drop-in session), please call 01746 781 192 to book and pay for your place.

*Susie Comaish, Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre Manager 781192*

## ALVELEY W.I.

We had a fabulous meeting when we were finally able to get together with Angie Astell. It was wonderful to hear the story of her life in show business right from her being a toddler in dance school, through her time with the Black and White Minstrels, Ken Dodd, to being the assistant to Faust the Illusionist on cruise ships. During her working life she travelled to many different countries. We were very envious of the beautiful dress that was made for her in Japan to appear there with Faust, although I think we would all have liked it to be lined!!!!

It was with mixed emotions that we said goodbye to Pauline Cook. Pauline has organised some fantastic speakers and events during her time as Social Secretary, for which we were all immensely grateful. We wish her the very best for her house move and hope that she comes back to see us whenever she can.

**On Wednesday 12th June** we will be having our annual afternoon tea starting at 2.00 pm in the pavilion. This year it will be for members only as we are having outside caterers. If you are unable to join us and have not already told us this, please let Sue Taylor (07973 343491) know by Thursday 6th June. Sorry, but I am unable to join you on that day but I hope you all have a wonderful time.

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 event.

**Wednesday 10th July** is our next evening meeting when David Rushforth, a former crew member of Britannia, is coming to tell us all about 'Life on Board the Royal Yacht'.

And finally, **Wednesday 17th July** sees the ladies that lunch group heading out to the Cat at Enville. Please ensure that you put your name on the board in June if you would like to join us.

*Pam Worton*

*A certain vicar had a kindly, pastoral heart. He often wrote little notes to any parishioners in distress, assuring them of his prayers. Then came the day he heard that one of his favourite old ladies in the church had been injured in a bad fall. The vicar felt so much sympathy that he wanted to add a note of pastoral affection. He thought of the little postscript that his young niece always added to her emails to him, which he took as a sign of her affection, and decided to add that to this note.*

*It read: "Dear Mrs Gantry, I am told that you fell down the stairs, broke both legs, and may be in hospital for some weeks. This is just to assure you that you are much in my thoughts." Then he added the postscript: LOL.*

## ALVELEY STROLLERS AND STRIDERS WALKING GROUP

We all enjoy walking the wonderful and varied network of footpaths which surrounds the village. However in the summer months a number of paths become overgrown and difficult to negotiate. A small group of volunteers do regular work on stiles, gates, and generally keeping the paths open for everyone, but there's a simple way in which each one of us can make a difference. May I please pass on to you this request from our volunteer group. As we walk on the paths around the village could we all tread back the nettles and soft growth, or if we use a stick hit the undergrowth back? This would stop paths getting too narrow and eventually blocked. It's one of those cases where a lot of small actions can make a big, big difference. Another way in which we can help is by having a pair of secateurs in our pocket so that we can cut off any troublesome brambles (they grow very quickly!) or small branches.

We might find that our walks take two or three minutes longer, but we can bask in the satisfaction of knowing that we are benefitting not only ourselves but also everyone else who uses those paths.

*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*



## ELLACOMBE'S APPARATUS

The bellringers of today are generally a softly spoken, clean living, intelligent group of people. (Really?) However things were not always so.

Mediaeval bells were not set up for full circle ringing as they are today. The bell was simply clamped to a large block of wood called a headstock, this swung on plain bearings, often not greased, and the bell rope was attached to a short piece of wood sticking out of the side of the headstock. This meant that to ring the bell you just pulled the rope as hard as possible, and so bell ringing appealed to young strong men showing off to other young strong men. All of this meant they would work up quite a thirst and so drink would be taken after ringing and sometimes before and during with predictable results. (Disgraceful!) Even in the 1600s when full circle ringing, which required more style than strength, started to become popular, bellringing was still the preserve of men and men that often liked a drink or two or three. (Typical!) At this time bellringing was associated with secular occasions as much as with sacred ones and bells were rung for November 5th, for Oak Apple Day, for the King's birthday, for election victories, for horse races and in 1763 when a tax was put on cider the bells of Ledbury in Herefordshire were rung muffled on and off all day. (At Alveley we ring our bells half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday as a mark of respect).

Also at this time ringing competitions were organised by local publicans and they became occasions for gambling and drunkenness. Belfries even had their own jugs for collecting ale from the local licensed premises. Some of these receptacles still exist in modern belfries (shameful!).

Enter the Reverend Henry Thomas Ellacombe. At last - a decent sober man. Born in 1790, the son of a parson, he graduated from Oxford in 1812 and went to study engineering under Mark Isambard Brunel at Chatham dockyard. Mark was the father of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, perhaps the greatest engineer of his generation. He designed the S.S. Great Eastern launched in 1858 that could carry 4000 passengers around the world without the need to refuel. He designed many of the bridges and viaducts on the Great Western Railway (GWR actually stands for God's Wonderful Railway). He also designed S.S. Great Britain that eventually towed back from the Falkland Islands to be restored and put on display at Bristol, partly paid for by Sir Jack Haywood the then owner of Wolverhampton football club. But I digress. Back to the Reverend Ellacombe. In 1816 he had a change of career and returned to Oxford to study for ordination. He was appointed curate-in-charge of Bitton, a notoriously rough parish between Bath and Bristol. One night a lone traveller met Mr Ellacombe on the Bristol Road and immediately pulled out his money saying "Here is all I've got, please

don't hurt me." Ellacombe strongly disapproved of his ringers' behaviour and eventually got possession of the belfry key and it must have been at this time that he invented his apparatus. A hammer is mounted next to each bell and from this a rope, via a system of pulleys, leads down into the ringing room. On the wall is mounted a wooden frame 4 or 5 inches deep and roughly 2 feet by 2 feet square. The ropes from the hammers enter through the top of the frame and are secured to pegs, not unlike how guitar strings are tightened, in the bottom of the frame. Before ringing the ropes are tightened to bring the hammers close to the bells. Then by pulling on the ropes within the frame the bells can be rung. And this meant that just one decent sober man of the minister's choosing could ring the bells even doing simple tunes depending on the number of bells. This became known as Ellacombe's apparatus and the first one was installed in 1821. Now you would have thought that one of these would have been needed at St Mary's, given the number of pubs at the top and bottom of the village at this time, but no! It is installed at St Andrews in Quatt, a village that I believe has never had a public house. So the reason for its existence is unfortunately not the drunken Quatt villagers but probably a shortage of ringers or a minister that liked tunes played on the bells by one sober decent musical parishioner, or maybe both. *Rowdy Roy Page*



*The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone." Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."*

## MESSY CHURCH



Ascension Day provided the theme for Messy Church in May. The children learnt about Jesus' days with his disciples after the Resurrection and before his ascent into heaven. The crafts involved making lots of different types of clouds – including effervescent

ones in jam-jars, sweet ones on biscuits and cotton wool ones on a silver & gold mosaic collage of Jesus rising into heaven.

Rev. Jon led worship with a children's video about the Ascension and our regular songs [with all the actions!], before everyone sat down together for tea - sandwiches, crisps and sausage rolls.

All the children of Alveley and Quatt are welcome at the next Messy Church meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm; they must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge but all donations to St. Mary's Church are welcome.

*Wendy Aldwinckle*



## DIAMOND WEDDING - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent us messages, cards and flowers on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We really appreciate your kindness. Thank you all.

*Michael & Brenda York*





## SHROPSHIRE CARERS SUPPORT

**Do you look after someone?** An unpaid carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid help and support to a family member, friend or neighbour who cannot live independently without your help. **Is this you?**

**Shropshire Carers Support Team** offers advice, information, and support on all aspects of adult caring: 1:1 Support; Assistance with planning ahead: Carer Register Events and activities; Check in calls; Local peer support groups; Information and advice personalised for you.

**Email:** [shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk) **Phone:** Shropshire Carers Support Line 01743 341995 (Monday to Friday) 9am – 5pm

**Bridgnorth Carer Support Group.** This group is a peer support group for carers and runs on the last Monday of the month – we meet at Number 7 on West Castle Street from 1.30pm until 3pm. (In the case of a Bank Holiday, we meet the Monday before).

**Carer Connect, Quatt Village Hall** This is a new group which started last month and is open to carers who can attend alone or with the person they care for. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at Quatt Village Hall from midday until 2pm. Refreshments are provided.

**Carers Week runs from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June** and we have a programme of activities.

‘Putting Carers on the Map’ Carers Week is an opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ to all unpaid and family carers in Shropshire.

The Shropshire Carer Support Team have planned multiple events to make carers visible across the week. These include an RAF Cosford Museum tour, craft workshops at Crowsmill Craft Centre near Bridgnorth, Tea with a Pony and a gentle exercise class at the Cavalier Centre near Much Wenlock, a tour and beer tasting at Ludlow Brewery and free entry to Attingham Park and Sunnycroft.

For a full list of activities available or to book your place, please email [shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01743 341995.

*Jo Weaver-Jackson*

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*I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. He wasn't very happy about it. - Tommy Cooper*

## SUSTAINABLE BRIDGNORTH

Sustainable Bridgnorth's petition against the potential closure of the local recycling centre was extremely well received and supported (with over 3000 online signatures and more than 300 on the paper forms at the time of writing). These will be compiled and sent to Shropshire Council when the consultation period is over. Thanks to everyone who signed and shared.

We are starting to make progress on training volunteers to be Energy Advisors, in collaboration with the Community Climate Connectors (CCC) project, which is being managed by the Marches Energy Agency (MEA). We would like to encourage anyone interested to get in touch (via [energyreductiongroup@sustainablebridgnorth.org.uk](mailto:energyreductiongroup@sustainablebridgnorth.org.uk)) as there is currently funding to train more volunteers. South Shropshire Climate Action (SSCA) is also building a database of tradespeople who install insulation, heat pumps, and other climate-related services.

There are over 2,500 Repair Cafés worldwide, and several Repair Cafés have now been successfully set up in the county (and across the border into Worcestershire). We throw away a lot of stuff; even items that essentially have nothing wrong with them and could be given a new lease of life with a straightforward fix are often binned. If items no longer need to be thrown away because they are being used for longer, less energy and raw materials are required to create new goods, thus contributing towards a more sustainable society. Repair cafés can save people money, reduce landfill, teach fast-disappearing mend and repair skills, and fix those "non-usable items" deemed uneconomic to repair. Highley is the latest area trying to set up a Repair Café and is looking for volunteers to help with repairs or support (such as serving drinks and cakes - the 'Café' bit). If you're interested, then email [repaircafehighley@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafehighley@gmail.com). At a later date, we hope to arrange a public meeting with various Repair Café groups to talk about their experiences and offer tips for anyone else wanting to start one up.

Sustainable Bridgnorth will be out and about at various functions, so look out for our stall. In June, we will have representatives at the St. Leonard's School Summer Fair. We will also be supporting the Mini Open Day at Pam's Pools. During September, we will have a stand under the Town Hall (instead of the Green Festival, which has been postponed to next spring). The group is still looking for more volunteers who can either participate in their various activities or provide support with Press Releases, social media, newsletters, publicity, etc. We are now meeting on the second Thursday of the month at St. John's Roman Catholic Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Supported by numerous environmental, animal, and climate advocacy groups and campaigners, the "peaceful, inclusive, legal and family-friendly" **Restore Nature Now** march is to be held on Saturday, June 22nd in central London. With support from organisations including the RSPB, The Wildlife Trusts, The Climate Coalition, WWF-UK, National Trust, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Woodland Trust, Wildlife and Countryside Link, and Rewilding Britain, it hopes to be the largest-ever gathering of nature and climate supporters in the United Kingdom. The coalition want UK MPs to demonstrate strong leadership on climate change and nature both at home and abroad: polls have shown that nature, biodiversity and tackling water pollution are key issues and nature policies could affect the outcome of our next General Election. <https://www.restorenaturenow.com/>

*Kath Norgrove*

## RIDE AND STRIDE - 14th SEPTEMBER

**Ride+Stride is a chance for YOU to raise money for your Church.** Anyone can join in - collect **sponsors**, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

The **sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church** and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which uses it to award grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels.

So 100% goes to our Churches. This is definitely a **‘Good Thing’**.

‘Ride+Stride’ is a National event by the National Churches Trust and we, at SHCT, are pleased to support it. The basic idea is twofold:

- (1) Churches try to be open for visitors on Saturday 14 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash; cake maybe).
- (2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish.

Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, or by car, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

R+S is **NOT** an event where church visits are centrally organised. The Trust does **not** have a ‘central team’ that plans any walking, cycling, or car rides.

NO ... It's **something that Churches do for themselves**.

September may seem like a long way away, but time flies. You can get a **Sponsorship Form** from our website **[www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)**

Or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed (builders, lack of staff, etc).

The next ‘R+S Day’ is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. **But** if you can't manage that date **then you can go on on any other day** – which is what a lot of people do.

It is important to maintain or increase the visiting aspect otherwise the event will cease. **The county raised £37,082 last year**, so we, the Trust, are encouraging it to continue - even in parts of the county where it has fallen ‘off the radar’ and, at present, there are few visitors to the open churches.

This event has much more potential ... For example, Dorset raised £98,000. This is 260% more than us, and it has a similar population to Shropshire. Well, actually 30% more, but raising so much for their churches is amazing.

Thank you to everyone who helped in previous years. We (you) raised a record amount last year. Congratulations. We are progressing well.

I hope you can participate this year. **Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.**

*David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)*  
*[dhardham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dhardham@yahoo.co.uk) 01588 650362.*

Full details on SHCT website: [www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

*Acupuncture is a jab well done. – Anon*

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**Please ring the churchwarden (see page 4) if you are unable to carry out your duty.**

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Chalice	Sidespersons	Refreshments
June 2	Alison Pearson 1 Samuel 3.1-10	Colin Taylor Mark 2.23 - Mark 3.6	Jackie Hampson	Dale & Sue Chidwick	Pat Haw Alison Pearson	David & Jackie Hampson
June 9	Fred Cooper Mark 3.20 - 35				Fred & Pauline Cooper	Anne & Laura Simms
June 16	Keith Pearson 1 Samuel 15.34 & 1 Samuel 16	Penny Jenkins Mark 4.26-34	Wendy Aldwinckle	Alison Pearson Carol Wall	Diana Kennedy Carol Wall	Pat Bowyer Irene Orford
June 23	Jackie Hampson Mark 4.35 - 41				David & Jackie Hampson	Carol Wall St Mary's Team
June 30	St. Andrew's Samuel 1.1, 17-27	St. Andrew's Mark 5.21 - 43	Keith Pearson	Ann Lee	St. Andrew's Ladies	St. Andrew's Ladies

# DIARY 2024

- June 1** Messy Church, St Mary's, 3pm (p 13, 16)  
 4 Alveley & Romsley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Pavilion (p 7)  
 6 D Day lunch, Three Horseshoes, 2.30pm (p 5)  
 7 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm  
 9 - 16 Carers' week (p 17)  
 10 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
 12 Alveley W.I. afternoon tea (p 12)  
 19 'Vision For The Future' public meeting, Alveley Sports Club, 8pm (p 6)  
 20 Alveley W.I. theatre trip (p 12)  
 21 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm  
 21 Moth morning, 6.30am-8.30am, SVCP (p 11)  
 24 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
**July 1** Age UK Coffee morning, 13.30am-12, Arden Way Centre (p 10)  
 5 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm (Craft day) (p 7)  
 5 A celebration of Simon and Garfunkel, 7.30pm Quatt Village Hall (p 6)  
 8 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
 10 Alveley W.I. Pavilion, 7.30pm (p 12)  
 17 Alveley W.I. lunch, Cat at Enville (p 12)  
 19 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm  
 22 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
**August 5** Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
 19 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
**Sept 2** Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
 29 St. Andrew's Harvest service and lunch (p 6)

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The Head Gardener and I recently enjoyed a convivial weekend away with a group of friends. There were 15 of us in total. We stayed in Bristol in a conveniently situated hotel. There was a large shopping centre just across the road and the stop for the water ferry was a 15 minute stroll away. Many of us visited the S.S. Great Britain (see Roy Page's article on page 14) and some followed the Banksy Trail. On the Saturday evening we all went to a somewhat quirky restaurant - fortunately a table for 15 had been pre-booked, because the place was teeming. Quirky maybe, but the food was excellent.

During the weekend I learned a salutary lesson: be fully aware of what you are doing (and about to do). One morning, returning to the room after breakfast, I cleaned my teeth without paying attention. I reached into my washbag for my (sensitive) toothpaste, and put a squeeze on my toothbrush. However, I wasn't really paying attention as I was talking to the Head Gardener about our plans for the day.

When I started to clean my teeth I thought the toothpaste tasted unusual, removed the brush from my mouth and noticed that the toothpaste had a rather pink hue instead of its normal white.

Further examination revealed that I had taken the wrong tube from my washbag and was cleaning my teeth with Germolene.

Before the trip I had cut a finger and for some strange reason had put the Germolene and plasters in the washbag instead of the medical kit. It's the last time I will do that.

On the bright side you will have noted that I use 'sensitive' toothpaste and the Germolene tube notes that not only is it antiseptic, helping to prevent infection, but also has a local anaesthetic which numbs pain - a bit like sensitive toothpaste I suppose.

However, no matter how good an antiseptic cream Germolene is (other brands are available), I would not recommend its use for cleaning teeth.

Look before you leap!

Ian

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