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From the Rector

There are many ways to be offensive, and many ways to be offended.

A television personality is caught, on camera, making lewd comments about his female co-presenter. Amid a flurry of public outcry he is sacked from his **job for his “sexist and offensive”** behaviour.

A garish yellow and black label stuck to a windshield alerts passers by that **the vehicle’s owner has committed a “parking offence”**.

A wealthy businessman is invited to deliver a university address. His talk is disrupted by a group of students: **“How dare you lecture us on peace and prosperity when your money was made by selling weapons? We are offended by your presence.”**

After the high-profile trial of a gang of youths who killed another in a racist assault, the mother of the murdered boy tells reporters that she forgives the attackers. Many people are **perplexed. “How can she let those thugs off the hook like that? It’s offensive to common sense.”**

Today many of us too have chosen to associate with Jesus by meeting together in his Church. Yet it is precisely here that the possibility of offence raises itself. The hard saying Jesus poses to his disciples he poses **to us: “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.” Does this offend you? If not – watch out!** For those who are not



offended at Jesus often become an offence to others.

The first generations of Christ’s followers who chose not to be offended by his claim to be the source of life in all its fullness found themselves seriously out of step with their society. The early Church was notorious for the way that men and women from different ethnicities, religions and social classes abided together in the name of Jesus. Their meetings were considered so subversive and odd that a common slander against the Christians was that they were cannibals – a rumour based, of course, on this very passage. But those who found life by taking on **Jesus’ life soon found other ways to offend. To society’s disgust these** Christ-abiders took the gods so seriously that they claimed there was only one way to be saved. They took in unwanted children. They fed the undeserving poor. They stayed behind to tend the sick while everyone else fled the plague. They had hope. They practised forgiveness. They offended common sense. As we too abide in Christ and he in us, it is good to look at our lives and our Church and ask of our society – **“Does this offend you?”**

Friendship Club

Ray Ward, who is known to many of us in Whitbourne, came to our July meeting and regaled us with stories about some of his experiences in the Met Police. There was much laughter and also reminiscing as to how things used to be. Ray obviously enjoyed his time in the Met; so much so that on retiring from the Met Police he continued working with them as Manager of Imbercourt, one of their Sports and Social Clubs in South West London/Surrey. Many thanks Ray for an entertaining talk - we will be inviting you to join us again!

There is no Friendship Club meeting in August due to Summer Holidays etc. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September at 11.00am in the Small Hall. Everyone is welcome and if you want further information, please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501). *Ann Roberts*

Saltmarshe W.I. meeting

We had a very hands-on evening this July. Norma Sydney demonstrated painting on silk scarves. The result was highly decorative and colourful - the translucent silk giving a gossamer quality to the scarves. The painted design can be as accidental or precise as one wants. Every scarf is unique. Norma acquires all her materials on the Internet as it is difficult to track down specialist stores selling the particular paints and dyes. She, personally, uses paints as opposed to dyes and the method is relatively uncomplicated. She uses a resist

called Gutta, which is a rubber solution which outlines the design and forms a barrier to the paint. Some people use wax as a resist as in batik. The silk is stretched on a frame. Wooden frames are available but Norma invented her frames using plumbing pipes attached together making a square. The paints are waterproof and the colours are very varied. The interesting part of the design comes about with the use of salt on the wet surface. Dishwasher salt is preferable. It seems to bleed the surface of the paint making random, interesting patterns. When the painted silk is completely dry, the salt is brushed off, the silk is ironed and then hand washed.

The session seemed to bring out the artist in all of us. The resultant scarf, which a few of us had a "go" at painting, was drawn in a raffle and one lucky lady won it. I can foresee that there will be a lot of Christmas scarves given this year. *Eve Currie*

Clifton upon Teme W.I.

At our July meeting we were treated to an armchair walk through Victorian Worcester by Jocelyn Howells. We were fascinated by the many famous people who have lived and visited Worcester and were treated to attractive slides of the places these people lived and worked. Elgar took centre stage and we were surprised at how many houses he and his family either lived or worked in. Later this month we are going to visit the new Worcester Hive and are looking

forward to our guided tour. If you would like to come along to the WI new members and visitors are most welcome. Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on September 11th and the speaker, Angela Bushaway, will be talking about Shiatsu. For further information contact our President, Charlotte Durling. Tel: 01886 812310. *Sheila Harris.*

Whitbourne WI

This month's meeting featured Mike Dummet who spoke on 'Easier Gardening for the Aging and Forgetful! Mike, formerly of Pershore College and a horticultural consultancy, has a 2.5 acre garden in Berrow Green. Every one was hoping that he could give some good advice. He showed us some good examples of beautiful coloured shrubs and discussed gardening clothing, gloves and a 'man bag'. Then came gentle exercises as quite a lot of calories are burnt whilst gardening. Safety issues were next followed by a discussion of easy maintenance of plants using metal supports, flexi-ties and mulch. Weeds were considered next and a demonstration followed with an onion hoe. Mike also talked about weed killers and squirting WD40 around the rims of pots to stop snails and on bird feeders to stop squirrels climbing up. After questions, a vote of thanks was given by Heather and we closed the meeting with tea and cakes. *Linda Grey*

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Village Hall 200 Club Draw

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*July 174 P. Judge £50; 41 B. Malkin £35; 14 Julia Evans £25; 133 E. Foxwell £15; 138 Mrs Dixon £10
Peter Baseley*

The Bromyard Grammar School Foundation

Applications are invited for awards to support education, travel and training opportunities for the year 2012/13. Details may be obtained from: bgsf@googlemail.com or 01885 482543. The closing date Friday 19th October 2012. *Mary Seldon*

Herefordshire Council to stop supplying black waste sacks

Herefordshire Council has reluctantly taken the decision to stop supplying black refuse sacks to residents this autumn. The move will save the authority, being squeezed by severe cutbacks in government funding, £200,000 a year. The decision also means the council can continue to provide weekly refuse collection to residents across the county. Further information about how it affects you at http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council_gov_democracy/news/60774.asp. *Keith Butler*

Whitbourne Hall



our Shires Festival
ood, Arts, Crafts

19th August 11am-5 pm
£2, free parking

At a glance

Sunday 5th August 11.00am - 5.00pm Music & Art, Food & Flowers.

Bromyard Garden Festival presents "A Hot Day in August" for St. Michael's Hospice. Adults £5. Children 4-16 years £1. Guide dogs only. At Moors Meadow Garden & Nursery, Collington, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4LZ. 4 miles North Bromyard on B4214. www.moorsmeadow.co.uk. 01885 410318.

Saturday 11th August 2-5 p.m. Tractor Open Day and Cream Teas. Hosted by Dave & Chris Townsend at 1 Old Gaines Bungalow, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5RD. Children most welcome - Supervised Trailer rides. Donations in aid of Transporting Fergie TEF20 Tractor to Romania - Tel. No. 01886 821762.

Monday 15th August. Garden Outing to Broaden Green Cottage Garden. Meet at Whitbourne Village Hall at 11.15am. Further information from Sheila Dodd (01886 821835).

Saturday 18th August. **St Michael's Hospice Fete, 1-4 pm** in the Hospice grounds. There will be vintage tractors, a bouncy castle, go-karts, Morris Men, face painting, hook-a-duck, cake stalls and lots more.

Wednesdays at 7.00 pm from mid-September— early November. An Autumn Course at the Bromyard Local History Centre. The Working Landscape: A Thousand Years of Farming, Woodland Management and Quarrying in Eastern Herefordshire. Tutors: Sylvia Pinches & David Lovelace. This course of six lectures examines how people have worked the land of Herefordshire and exploited its natural resources. Learners will be introduced to sources for landscape history and to techniques and technologies for analysing and recording the landscape. Cost: £38. To book a place, ring Jennifer Weale on 01886 821368.

Friday 14th September, Venus Challenge, the women only 10k midnight walk **in aid of St Michael's Hospice.** Online entries for Venus Challenge are now open and for the first time girls over the age of 12 can take part too. Visit <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/Fundraising/events/list-of-events/venus-challenge-2012> for more information.

Coffee morning at Winley Farm, Tedstone Delamere.
Saturday 25th August at 10-12.30.

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs William North.
Draw; Bring and Buy, Coffee and Biscuits
Visit the newly-planted Jubilee Wood (weather permitting).
Entrance £2.50.
All proceeds to Tedstone Delamere Church.

Sunshine smiles on the village fete

The fete committee would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone who helped with Whitbourne village fete on Saturday July 14th, in the face of some awful weather beforehand and the soggiest ground possible on the village green. Those who helped us to set up, then manned stalls and created such a great atmosphere, and then those who overcame tiredness and their own battles with the elements to help us to dismantle and pack everything away – they all deserve a vote of thanks. We hope that everyone who came enjoyed themselves – we were very lucky that the rain held off for the afternoon. There will be a more detailed report, including the amount raised, next month.

Whitbourne Village Fete Committee

Triple celebrations in Whitbourne!

Hot on the heels of the Jubilee picnic, villagers gathered together once again to celebrate. On this occasion we had three reasons to make merry. The Community shop celebrated its fifth birthday, the first cut was made to begin the new shop build and along with new landlords we celebrated the re-opening of the Live and Let Live pub. Our venue was the pub garden where we all enjoyed locally produced beef burgers and sausages, ably prepared by the pub chef. Despite the rather wild weather it was a very happy gathering and an exciting step in the history of our village shop.

Eileen Badger, a founder member of the team of volunteers made the first cut of the new ground assisted by Aiden Neale. Much hard work and careful thought has gone into the new build and now we watch with anticipation as our new spacious premises take shape.

If, like me, you loved playing shops when you were young you will really enjoy being a shop volunteer. However short a shift you can offer, you will be very welcome to join the team. (I also used to enjoy playing at being a bus conductor so if you know where I can lay my hands on one of those ticket machines **bring it on!**) *Margie Wall*



The Cooke Family (left), the new landlords of the Live, and Eileen and Aiden (right) cutting the first ground at the site of the new shop.

Whitbourne School at the Three Counties Show

The end of the summer term is always packed with events of all kinds and this year is no exception; Whitbourne pupils proved to be prize potato growers at the Three Counties Show – they grew a whopping 3.6kg of spuds to take the lead in the local heat of the national Grow Your Own Potatoes competition. They weighed theirs in at the show, having collected the seed potatoes at the showground back in March. They now go forward to a regional event and hope to win a new picnic table and bench for the school.



Head teacher Mrs Julia Millwood said: **“We are really proud of our efforts this year – the wet weather certainly helped!” The children had the chance to make ice-cream and try their hand at some science experiments at the show as well as visiting plenty of its attractions.**

Clay modelling, a chance to soak the vicar, some outstanding face-painting and craft activities were on offer during our family fun day – we had a visit from some of the Longlands

Farm animals, with a horse-drawn cart proving an instant hit.

Our leavers have, as always, had a plethora of events to enjoy – they attended Crucial Crew in Hereford, where they learnt about all kinds of wider social and practical issues, from elementary first aid to how anti-social behaviour affects society. It was, as always, an informative and interesting day. They also attended the diocesan Leavers Service at Hereford Cathedral, which brings together Year Six children from all over the diocese – the service, at the end of activities sessions, attended by the Bishop, was both memorable and enjoyable.

With the chance to sing for the Queen in Hereford, a visit to the Iron Age fort on the Malvern Hills, performing **at Whitbourne’s fete and holding a charity coffee morning**, the end of term has been as busy as ever and we end this year looking forward to our holidays and a great new academic year ahead. We especially look forward to starting our new venture - Whitbourne Pre-School starts in September every Thursday morning, from Thursday 13th September, from 9am until 12 noon. The new session is for children who are 3 years and over and will be held in school.

Rachel Evans



Flooding at the entrance to Whitbourne.

On Friday July 6th, the entrance to Whitbourne at the Wheatsheaf Pub was blocked by flood water. This regular flooding problem is caused by run-off from higher ground and from Stocking Lane which collects at the bottom of the hill just before Sapey Brook, blocking access to everything but large 4x4 vehicles. In addition, when Sapey Brook fills it can overflow across the bridge creating a dangerous current for people trying to wade through the flood. This was not the case on Friday though.

There are three issues that require attention. Firstly, that a proper high capacity drain be created to take the water away from the problem area at the bottom of the hill into Sapey Brook. Secondly, that the capacity of Sapey Brook be inspected and the stream cleared where necessary of debris and sediment. Thirdly, that the drains opposite the Live & Let Live Public House (where water bubbles up through the tarmac) be inspected and repaired or their capacity increased if necessary.



Flooding at the Whitbourne entrance

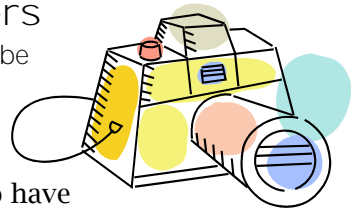
In addition there are very clear planning and housing issues. For example, the impact of any further building within and near Whitbourne needs to take into account the impact on the loss of "soak in" natural drainage pushing yet more water to channels that the tarmac roads naturally become. Also, if any further building work takes place within the watershed for this catchment, there needs to be a major increase in the capacity of the groundwater drainage system.

I will also be asking my Councillors and their advisors to take this into consideration when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. *Keith Butler (Although Keith is the Parish Clerk, he writes here in his capacity of an affected resident. He will, however, report any views expressed to him to the Parish*

Calling all keen photographers

Do you take pictures? Do you have any that might be suitable as covers for this magazine?

I've done quite a few of them recently, but I'd love to see some different pictures on the cover. So after a couple more that I've got ready, I propose to have a break from it - or even retire. Mark Powell, the editor, or I would be very happy to look at possibles, or offer tips. So now's your chance - what do you want to see on the cover? *Paul Lack*



Exam success at Queen Elizabeth Humanities College

QE Humanities College has gained national recognition for being one of the top 10% of schools at adding **value to their students' achievements** at GCSE. The College qualified as one of the top 10% of schools in England for added value at GCSE by scoring 10 points or more on the SSAT value-added scale for achieving five or more GCSEs at grade A*-C including English and maths.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of **SSAT said: "The College should be** congratulated for their stunning performance in adding value to their **students' achievements. The College is** one of the best schools in the country at outperforming expectations for their pupils and improving their future prospects. These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at Queen Elizabeth Humanities College and a vindication of their belief in high expectations, good teaching and ambition for every **young person."** *David Kemp, Assistant Headteacher*



Ollie James and Becky Bouston—Head Boy and Girl.(photograph taken by James Ball, year 10)

A new start for the Live at Whitbourne

We are Mark, Samantha, Michael (12), Declan (11) and Elisha Cooke (10). Mark was born in Sligo, Ireland but moved to England aged 15 to live in Manchester. He became assistant manager at Toby Hotel and Carvery in Chester, where upon he met me, Samantha, as I had been working there for 5 years. We have since gone on to run everything from a village pub like the Live & Let Live to our previous appointment - a 14th Century coaching Inn with 33 bedrooms, 2 function rooms, 2 bars, a coffee shop and a restaurant. The New Inn was a massively different business to the Live but after 20 years in the pub and hospitality trade we are hoping that Whitbourne will clip our wings and keep us busy for many years to come.

We plan lots of things for the Live & Let Live; we want to return it to the centre of the community it once was. We want it to be everything from a meeting place to a dining, drinking, social pub for adults and children. All the food is good, wholesome and homemade and cooked by our chef, Roy Bosworth, a great believer in traditional game and fresh fish. Roy has worked in places around Worcester such as The Manor House and The King Charles. He started working as a pastry chef many years ago for Japanese Airlines so has a lot of experience in catering.

We will be keeping a regular Wye Valley beer on the pumps but we will be alternating on a regular basis. So far we have had a selection of Wickwar

Bob, Butcombe Bitter and St Austell's Tribute.

We have an array of forthcoming events lined up with something on every day of the week. Mondays-Film night, Tues -Quiz nights, Weds - Curry Club, Thurs - Two for Thursday menu, Fresh Fish Friday, Steak and Game Saturdays and Carvery Sundays. We are planning to have a Northern Soul & Motown evening at the end of the month. We will advertise this on one of our many blackboards that adorn the front of the Live. *Samantha Cooke*

Bishop of Tanga

The new (elected September 2011) Bishop of Tanga, Maimbo Mndolwa, visited Whitbourne on Sunday 8th July. He was in this country for the Diocesan Conference, and staying with Rev. Walter Gould, former Vicar of Bromyard.

Bishop Maimbo (William) came to the 9.30 service, then afterwards told us a bit about the problems he is facing in his Diocese, and his very ambitious plans for tackling them. He also mentioned the problems faced by Tanzania itself. Although in a much better position now than ten years ago, with many new schools and universities, this has led to a severe shortage of teachers. Extensive new finds of natural gas and minerals, inflation approaching 20% and continuing political and religious problems, especially in Zanzibar, all mean that the future of the country over the next decades will be interesting!

After a very nice lunch with friends in the Wheatsheaf the Bishop was taken

by the rector on a tour of the rest of the Greater Parish before relaxing by the fire (yes, a fire, in July!) watching Federer beat Murray at Wimbledon.

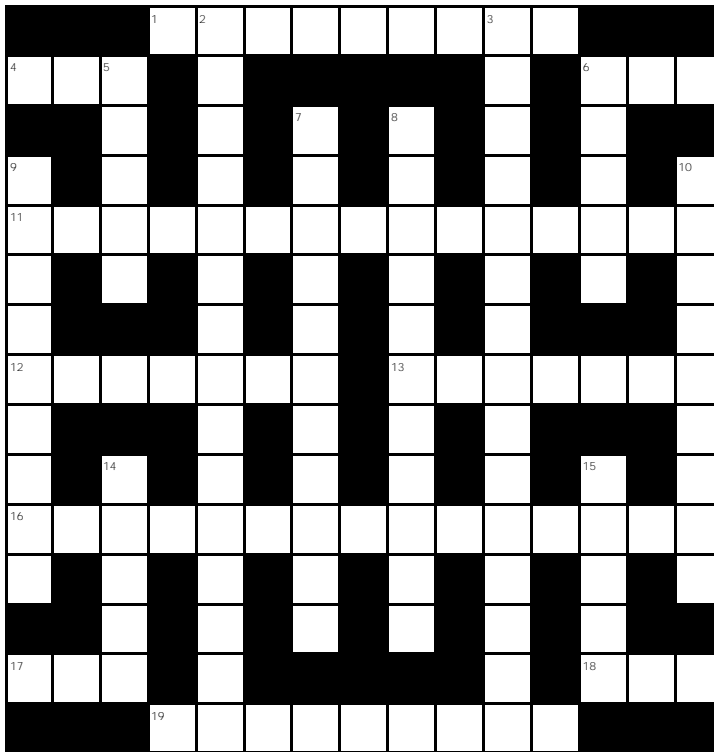
The Tanga in Touch Whitbourne Christmas Appeal for 2012 is now accepting donations. Last year we raised £800, which enabled around 80 children to continue with their schooling. They were given school uniforms, books and pencils, and secondary school children had exam fees paid.

The Bishop has kindly agreed to be a Patron of Tanga in Touch. Patrons do not have to actually do anything, but it is very useful to have an independent contact in Tanzania who is outside our general programme area and can be called on from time to time for advice - and he is good at answering his emails! Our other two patrons are Bishop Michael Hooper - now retired - and Bishop John Ramadhani, also now retired but still living in Zanzibar. *Brenda Allan*



Pene and Alan Seabrook (Alan is Rural Dean for Bromyard), Bishop Maimbo, Doiran Williams, Hazel Gould, Walter Gould, David Howell, Sue Morris, Maureen Williams and John Allan. Sitting at the corner table are Annette Howell with Jacob and Rebecca.

Crossword No. 4 (Compiled by Lord Threadneedle)



Across

1. Disagreeably nerve-wracking (9)
4. A precious stone (3)
6. Oft-replaced joint (3)
11. **Lunceford's Sue; so unrefined!** (15)
12. **Carly Simon's mirror dance** (7)
13. Latin lover abhors tea! (7)
16. The thief of time (15)
17. **A golfer's support** (3)
18. Regretful Road (3)
19. The science of water (9)

Down

2. Creating faraway pictures (15)
3. Providing no assistance (15)
5. One who Endeavours to Inspect (5)
6. Open, untilled land (5)
7. Supposed origin of life? (11)
8. Being of many cultures (11)
9. Self-write (9)
10. Coming together at the midline (9)
14. Dorset coastal town (5)

Solution for Crossword No. 3

Across 1: underestimate; 7: tie; 8: emu; 10: Gospel Oak; 12: end; 14: Edwy; 15: quandary; 16: logistic; 17: free; 20: Ulmus; 21: Palladian; 22: gnu; 23: dated; 24: mastersingers.

Down 2: ne'er-do-well; 3: enigma; 4: Eros;; 5 Icelandic; 6: trek; 7: The Yearling; 9: unaddressed; 11: pedant; 13: hygrometer; 15: quicklime; 18: sun-dog; 19: Hindi; 21: puma.

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes do it for a crown that will not last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever.”

These words were written almost 2,000 years ago by St. Paul to Christians in Corinth and are especially appropriate at the moment.

I am always challenged by the hours and hours of practice that top athletes commit to, as well as their single-mindedness and dedication, not just over a few days or weeks or months, but consistently over many years. If they are prepared to go to these lengths and make the associated sacrifices required for their sport, how much more should we be prepared to spend dedicated time over weeks, **months and years for God’s work**, which is the goal and meaning of our lives?

A few weeks ago, over 500 Year 6 children from our Church Schools gathered in their Cathedral focussing **on the theme of “Going for Gold”**. Among other things, they were asked when they were last told that they were **“as good as gold”**?

Their theme prompted me to explain to them that bishops wear a gold mitre, with its distinctive shape and colour, as a reminder to all of us of the gift of the Holy Spirit, which, on the first Pentecost / Whit Sunday, was seen as a golden flame of fire on the heads of each of the disciples. At our

Baptism, and when we come to him in faith, God gives his Spirit to each of us - and not just to bishops! Each of us is a **“dwelling place of God’s Spirit” - God in us. He is the “gold” in us, our treasure, our real worth.**

As we delight in the spectacle of the Olympic Games, celebrate the Olympians and praise the medallists, let us be encouraged to review our own training, so that the gold that is already in us may shine out. That needs us to grow into a way of being more **in tune with God’s Spirit at work in us**, and it needs us to do something, too. It needs us to recommit to our training of prayer, worship and learning, which leads us deeper in our collaborative working for the common good, serving one another and our communities better.

Bishop Anthony Priddis

Agricultural Chaplain’s Report

Bovine TB Update

The Badger Trust’s challenge to Defra’s proposed cull took place in the High Court on 25th and 26th June. If upheld the two proposed pilot culls in Gloucestershire and Somerset could be delayed or scrapped. The Trust argues that the culls should be overturned on three grounds: that they fail the strict legal test of “preventing the spread of disease”; that Defra’s cost-impact assessment is flawed; and that the Secretary of State did not have the legal powers to give Natural England responsibility to issue licences for the cull. Although culling badgers is likely to reduce the incidence of bovine TB within the des-

ignated areas, the Badger Trust argues that that there will be an increase in areas surrounding these, the so-called "perturbation effect." Bovine TB cost £91m in England during 2010-11 in compensation paid for the slaughter of 25,000 cattle.

.Future of Dairying

A recent report on the future of the dairy industry offers long term hope. The sector is worth £10.12bn in the UK and has one of the highest degrees of market penetration of any consumer product. The consumption of dairy products is rising; 99% of people regularly eat or drink dairy products (up from 96% in 2010) and 96% regularly consume fresh milk (up 2% on the year). In spite of the longer term prognosis dairy farmers still face price uncertainty with rumours of a further price reduction during August. Many are already losing money on each litre produced. One of the exceptions is the Sainsbury's Dairy Development Group which has introduced a "cost tracker formula" which reflects the costs of production including feed, fuel and fertiliser costs. From 1st July Sainsbury's will increase prices paid to farmers by 0.26 pence per litre.

Milk producers and processors are discussing a voluntary code of practice governing their relationships. If successful, this would allow farmers to terminate contracts with processors if the farmgate price fell too low much more easily than at present, but details about the requisite notice periods etc., remain to be determined. It is hoped that the Code will be an-

nounced at Livestock 2012 in September.

Food Inflation

Food price inflation is predicted to fall throughout the rest of 2012 according to a European agribusiness consultant. Food inflation peaked at just over 7% last June, but has since fallen back to 4% and is forecast to end the year at between 2 and 3%. One of the contributory factors is the better than expected prospect for northern hemisphere grain harvests which should help to bring down world grain prices and feed through into lower feed costs for animal production.

Rev'd Nick Read

'As you like it' - We loved it!

Gifted and able English students from QE College went to see a performance of **William Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' at the Commandery, Worcester, on Thursday 14th June.**

Although the rain meant that the performance was moved from the garden into the Great Hall, students still **enjoyed the evening's entertainment.**

Harry Hall, one of the students who **took part in the trip, said "I'm pleased I went. I understood the play even though I didn't know the story beforehand."** Tamzin Moon, who recently had a starring role in the **school's very successful production of 'Les Miserables', said "The actors did an amazing job! I really enjoyed it and I understood it all".** Poppy Lane was inspired by the performance: **"I can't wait to see another performance of one of Shakespeare's plays!"**



(left to right) Tamzin Moon; Harry Hall;
Poppy Lane

Bonnie Griffiths, Deputy Head, was **delighted with the trip's success.** "All of the students coped admirably with the challenge of seeing the play without studying it beforehand. As always, the students behaved impeccably and were excellent ambassadors **for our school.**" *David Kemp, Assistant Head Teacher*

Tiblands Nursery and Pre-School news.

The children have been busy this term. We have enjoyed celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and also the Olympics with many races. We also had a visit from Bromyard Fire Station who very kindly came to show the children what they do and to have a play with the equipment. It was a great afternoon and we sincerely thank the team who gave up their time to bring the fire engine out! The children talked about it for days after.

We have also been working with Father David who visits weekly to read the children a story, and each week we have learnt more about the story



with a map and stickers. This has been great fun and a big thank you to Father David.

Sadly, we say goodbye to many faces this term as they prepare for school. We wish them all well and hope to see them on future visits to reception classes. We say goodbye to Evie Lady, Laney Cridland, Amy Wake, Rosie Garness, Sophie Garness, Isabelle Symonds, Katie Price, Lexie Sewell, Lewis Hood, Hannah Marshall, Kate Pyatt, Dillan Benthon-Lane and Jack Cartwright. If anyone wishes to visit the school, please contact Trish Garness on 01886 821394. *Trish Garland*



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Growing up on the farm

- By David Townsend

Episode Four (of Eight)

Feeding the animals. In the summer the cattle needed much less feeding, for the cows with their calves could go out on the pasture to graze. But in the winter months much time was spent morning and late afternoon preparing and distributing the food for feeding the stock (animals) with the added chore of mucking out the pigs and giving all the animals a layer of loose wheat straw on the floor for warm bedding. Around 7-30am in the morning, you would hear the corn grinder rattle into life. The mangolds would be carted and tipped onto the barn floor next to the beet cutter from where they had been winter stored. Once the beet was forked into the feeder hopper, the beet cutter would carry the mangolds along the top of two close running horizontal drums with angular metal teeth to clean the loose soil off and then cut the mangolds into 4 inch slices much like a larger runner bean slicer. Both the corn grinder and the beet cutter were belt driven connected to a pulley on a large shaft running across the upper storey of the bottom barn, driven by an electric motor in the engine house next door. In one corner of the barn were large sacks filled with dried sugar beet pulp, and between the two machines was a clean open concrete space for mixing the food.

Sugar Beet was one of our saleable crops, we had the option either to buy back dried pulp in sacks, or have the

raw damp pulp delivered loose in the lorry bed. A quarter of a sack of pulp was placed on the barn floor, with half a bucket of water added in a space in the centre of the pile parted with the shovel. A portion of bran (the outer shell of wheat) together with a shovel or two of pulped mangolds were added and generously mixed together.

You knew when feeding time was imminent, for Jack Burraston could be heard whistling a tune, as he mixed the food to the sound of the shovel sliding across the barn floor. A few moments later the latch on the barn front door would drop open and Jack would emerge carrying a large galvanised steel food bin on his shoulder.

During extreme winter conditions the cattle would be kept in, so besides being fed with the ground corn, mangolds and sugar beet pulp mixture they needed hay, bedding straw and an ample supply of water. Jack could not drive the tractors, so he had to fetch the bales from the rick yard by hand. Most straw was used for bedding, but in the depths of winter you would often supplement hay with oat straw, as it was the only straw with any nutrients in it, helping to keep **the animal's stomachs full.** Both the large enclosed cattle yards had tanks of water with an automatic ball cock to keep them full, but the smaller enclosed sheds, needed water carrying to them. Cows can drink up to ten gallons each day, so this meant a lot of buckets of water. The cows would draw the water up at great speed emptying the trough in moments.

Morning and evening the cows would be brought into the cowshed and tied up. Then the calves that were kept in a shed attached to the cowshed would be let in to the cows to suckle. One of the cows would have had some of her milk taken off by hand milking for the farmhouse.

Dad often told the story of the young lad experiencing his first day on a farm. This lad knew nothing about farming or country life. The farmer standing outside his farmhouse door called for the lad, and presented him with the traditional wooden three-legged stool, and a metal milking bucket, sending him off without instructions into the cowshed to milk the cow.

A short time later the farmer could hear noises coming from the cowshed. He could hear the feet of the cow slipping on the hard stone floor, together with the metallic sound of the bucket being given some rough treatment, not to mention what type of language the lad was giving the cow for not co-operating. Some moments later the lad emerged with the bucket crumpled almost flat and the stool with its legs missing. Seeing the lad emerging from the shed looking somewhat distressed, the farmer hastily emerged from the farmhouse greeting the lad with "*What's the matter son*". "**Sir**" he responded "*I could not get the cow to sit on the stool.*"

One or perhaps two nine-month-old pigs would be slaughtered each season for bacon for the farmhouse. Some parts were boiled as ham and others for bacon, with the head and feet (trotters) used for broth.

Each spring dad would take me out in one of his first cars, either the Ford 8 or later the Austin 12 to the railway station at Knightwick to collect a delivery of day old chickens. The chirp of the chicks was enjoyable to listen to as we made our way back through the lanes back to the farmhouse. The chickens were primarily the responsibility of mum to feed and collect the eggs. Once the chickens started to lay, the older hens would be culled off, making a tasty Sunday dinner.

In my early teens, I had the responsibility of shutting up the hens each night. One morning I went to open up the hen house to be met by hens heads scattered on the ground. I had forgotten to shut up the hen house door the previous night. The fox had made his nightly visit, found the door open, and had prepared his next month's dinner, by killing them all. When confession time came at breakfast, mum seemed to keep her thoughts to herself, but dad did not seem too concerned, as I believe it was a convenient way of closing the chapter on keeping chickens, because no more chickens were kept.

To be continued.....

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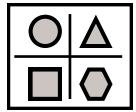
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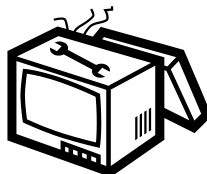
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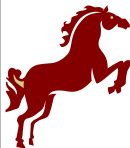
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Church Rotas

Flowers and Brasses

| | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 5th August | Mrs H Colley |
| 12th August | Mrs A Taylor |
| 19th August | Mrs A Taylor |
| 26th August | Mrs M Jones |
| 2nd September | Mrs M Jones |
| 9th Sept | Mrs D Baseley |
| 16th Sept | Mrs D Baseley |
| 23rd Sept | Mrs D and Mr L Haddock |
| 30th Sept | Mrs D and Mr L Haddock |

Any queries relating to flowers, please contact Mrs Ann Taylor on 821744.

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 5th August | Mr D. Shaw |
| 12th August | Mr S Bland and S Cole |
| 19th August | Mrs M Kneen |
| 26th August | Mr J. Allan |
| 2nd September | Mr J. Cummins |
| 9th September | Mr D. Shaw |
| 16th September | Mr S Bland and S Cole |
| 23rd September | Mrs M Kneen |
| 30th September | Mr J. Allan |

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

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|----------------|------------------|
| 5th August | Mrs M Kneen |
| 12th August | Mrs S Bland |
| 19th August | Mrs B Allan |
| 26th August | Mrs S Dodd |
| 2nd September | Sir N Harrington |
| 9th September | Mr J Allan |
| 16th September | Mr J Bland |
| 23rd September | Mrs M Kneen |
| 30th September | Mrs S Bland |

Any queries relating to flowers, please contact Mrs Ann Taylor on 821744. Anyone wishing to be included in the cleaning rotas can contact Carol Wilde on 853491 (Upper Sapey) or Claudia Buxton on 821583 (Whitbourne). New volunteers for any of the rotas are always welcome.

If the dates shown for the rotas are inconvenient and you are not able to change with anyone else on the list, please let Claudia Buxton know on 01886 821583. Thank you to all those who put so much effort into keeping our Churches running smoothly.

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

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|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 4th August | Mr J & Mrs B Allan |
| 11th August | Mrs E & Miss E Badger |
| 18th August | Mrs A Evans |
| 25th August | Margaret du Feu & Becky Edwards |
| 1st September | Mrs M Kneen |
| 8th September | Mr J & Mrs B Allan |
| 15th September | Mrs E & Miss E Badger |
| 22nd September | Mrs A Evans |
| 29th September | Margaret du Feu & Becky Edwards |

Upper Sapey

| | |
|-----------|--------------------|
| August | Carol Evans Fisher |
| September | Audrey Clark |

Coffee - Whitbourne

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|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 5th August | Mrs A Taylor & Mrs M Williams |
| 12th August | Mrs A Evans & Mrs M Schoonenberg |
| 19th August | Mrs E Badger & Mrs P Ransley |
| 26th August | Mrs W Cummins & Mrs S Dodd |
| 2nd September | Mr J and Mrs S Bland |
| 9th September | Mrs A Taylor & Mrs M Williams |
| 16th September | Mrs A Evans & Mrs M Schoonenberg |
| 23rd September | Mrs E Badger & Mrs P Ransley |
| 30th September | Mrs W Cummins & Mrs S Dodd |

Church Services

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday 5th August | 8am | *Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Ninth Sunday after Trinity | 9.30am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sunday 12th August | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Tenth Sunday after Trinity | 11 am | Holy Communion, Upper Sapey |
| Sunday 19th August | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Eleventh Sunday after Trinity | 11 am | Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere |
| | 3 pm | Holy Communion at Edvin Loach |
| Sunday 26th August | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Twelfth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Sunday 2nd September | 8am | *Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sunday 9th September | 10 am | Patronal Festival Edvin Loach |
| Birth of Virgin Mary | | |
| Sunday 16th September | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity | 11 am | Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere |
| | 3 pm | Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach |
| Sunday 23rd September | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Sunday 30th September | 10 am | Patronal Festival Upper Sapey |
| St Michael and All Angels | | |

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

5th August Upper Sapey
12th August Tedstone Wafre
19th August Tedstone Delamere
26th August Whitbourne
2nd September Wolferlow
9th September Edvin Loach
16th September Upper Sapey
23rd September Tedstone Wafre
30th September Tedstone Delamere

Confirmation Classes will be starting at the end of August if you would like to be confirmed or have a relative who would be interested please contact the Rector on 01886 821285.

The Holy Eucharist will be offered at Whitbourne every Wednesday at 10.30am

* denotes Book of Common Prayer

