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From the Rector

Each Saturday evening thousands of people tune in to the television with their tickets in their hands and hold their breath waiting to see whether this week they have won the lottery. Their heads are no doubt full of dreams of what they could do with millions of pounds - full of cars, houses and holidays. For many people, winning the lottery is a wonderful experience. They are able to give up humdrum jobs and spend more time with their family. They are able to enjoy good things, to travel and see the world. They are also able to be generous, to provide for family and friends and support deserving causes.

But for some, winning the lottery is a disaster. They do not know how to handle having so much money. They cannot cope with the envy of friends and the demands of family. There is conflict and trauma, and the money is quickly squandered. They find being rich a responsibility that can be overwhelming. It imprisons them.

In the Gospel of Mark there is a story about a rich young man. He has studied the Jewish Law and been diligent in keeping it all his life. And he knows that God has rewarded him. He has read the scriptures, and there he has discovered that God blesses the righteous with prosperity. He has everything he needs and more. But perhaps, in the very corner of his mind, there is a niggling question. Is it really enough? He has heard about the teacher who talks about God's kingdom, and he wants to make sure he is not missing out on his place in it.



So he asks the question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' initial answer is the standard answer of the rabbi – a summary of the commandments. The man is satisfied. Yes, he thinks to himself, that's right, I've done all that and more. He is not expecting Jesus' challenge. "There's more you could do, though, if you're really serious about it," says Jesus. "You could sell all your stuff, give the money away to those who need it, and come with me. Commit yourself to eternal life here and now. Join my mission."

The man is shocked, we are told, and sad. Jesus has disappointed him. Why would he give away all his possessions? Surely they are his proof that he has lived his life in accordance with the will of God? His wealth is not just the product of his own efforts, it is God's gift to him and his descendants. It cannot be thrown away in order to join an itinerant teacher. That would be irresponsible; worse, it would be throwing God's gift back in his face.

When the man has gone, Jesus uses him as an object lesson. It is very hard, he says, for the rich to enter the kingdom. He turns on its head the

teaching of parts of the scriptures familiar to his listeners. Wealth may be a blessing from God, but it can also be a trap. It makes people dependent on it for their security. It imposes constraints and responsibilities. It makes people less free to see what is really important in life and act on it. Better to have nothing, to want nothing, to find fulfilment in God and other people rather than in money and things. In God's kingdom, the rich do not have a special place. The first are last and the last first. The poor are blessed, and the rich become empty. God rewards the undeserving as well as the deserving, and not with money but with eternal life.

This teaching of Jesus can be hard to hear. Of course we cannot go out and sell all we own. We have responsibilities to care for ourselves and for others. We cannot depend on others to feed us, as Jesus seems to have done. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the good things our money can buy.

But we hear a warning. It is easy for us to be imprisoned by our need for things. We can slip into thinking that what we have is a reward for good living, and think ourselves superior to others who have perhaps not worked quite so hard or saved quite so carefully. The love of things, the need for financial security, the desire for comfort, can stop us hearing the Gospel news of freedom in a new order where possessions are irrelevant and there is eternal life for all

Heating Emergency

Dear Friends. After a regular inspection by a heating engineer the heating system in Whitbourne church has been condemned. We are therefore appealing to you for any financial help you can give to pay for a replacement system. If you can help, please contact the churchwardens or Jerry Cummings. Thanks for your support. *David Howell*

Parish News

Saltmarshe W.I. meeting

"Golden lads and girls must as chimney sweeps come to dust." From Gabby Sanchez, funeral director, we learned how to arrange a dignified funeral service when we shrug off our mortal coil. It is not entirely necessary to have a funeral director. We could arrange the funeral service ourselves in the village hall or even at home but most relatives would prefer to hand over the job to

someone who has experience and knowledge of all aspects. The question is do we want a burial or a cremation. 55% in the Bromyard area opt for a burial because there is enough land here but a cremation is cheaper. In this area a rota system is operated night and day to ensure the telephones are manned and to have a team available to take the body into their care.

In caring for the deceased the overriding requirement is to check and check again the identity of the dead person. What if there were two John Smiths side by side in the mortuary or the chapel of rest? It is particularly important if the decision has been made to have a cremation as there will be no DNA afterwards. After deciding what kind of funeral is wanted, religious or non-religious and where - in a church or the crematorium the decision has to be taken as to what kind of coffin is needed. Here the sky is the limit from cardboard coffins to picture coffins to willow, wool, MDF, solid wood as ornate or as simple as is wished. There are also limitless choices for coffin transport - horse drawn, Harley Davidson three-wheeled trike and trailer or even a decorated skip. Also will there be floral tributes or donations to charity in lieu? Serious questions have to be answered concerning the departure of our loved ones. Death is not something that is easy to talk about and many decisions have to be made at a time when we are least prepared. It is kinder to the relatives if some clear decisions have been made beforehand as to the chosen arrangements. Eve Currie

Friendship Club

Oops, sorry I put the wrong date in the magazine for September's meeting. I do hope no-one turned up on the 12th - Eileen did try to ring everyone she could think of before the meeting which was held on the 5th. Most people who were not away did turn up on the 5th and we enjoyed a coffee (or tea) and chat, catching up on everyone's news.

October's meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd and we are hoping to have a speaker from Air Ambulance to tell us more about this invaluable service. Please come and join us if you would like a tea/coffee and chat with friends and neighbours who live in and around Whitbourne. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 11.00am. If you would like more information please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821501). Ann Roberts

Dog Bye-Law

Residents of the Parish are reminded that bye-laws prohibit dogs from the playing field. The Herefordshire Dog Warden will occasionally be in attendance and will hand out on-the-spot fines if the bye-law is breached. Keith Butler on behalf of Whitbourne Parish Council.

Pilates classes

Pilates classes are starting on Tuesday mornings at Whitbourne Village Hall. Contact Sue Bratton for details or to book a place. Telephone 07974 343609 or email sue-bratton@tiscali.co.uk.

Clifton upon Teme W.I.

We have had a very busy summer; members have visited the Hive in Worcester and were treated to a guided tour around the new library. We were fascinated with everything the library has to offer and many members have been back to use the

library. A wedding in Clifton kept us busy supplying and serving hors d'ouvres after the marriage service and then preparing and serving food for the reception at the Village Hall. Lots of effort and teamwork was involved but there were plenty of compliments from the family.

Our September meeting was a talk by Angela Bushaway on Shiatsu; Angela gave us the history of Shiatsu and also demonstrated on our members. 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 October 9th and the speaker, Paddy Hannigan, will be talking about Suffragettes & Votes for Women. For further information contact our President, Charlotte Durling. Tel: 01886 812310. Sheila Harris.

Elizabeth Tomlinson

Elizabeth Tomlinson was a key member of the team that got the village shop off the ground in its early days. Since her move to Hampshire (or was it Wiltshire) I have lost contact with her and would like to make contact to let her know how things are going now and to invite her to the opening of the new shop. I wonder if anyone in the village is in touch with Liz or her family. If so could they give her my contact details and say- please get in touch! Liz Cousins. liz.cousins2@virgin.net

Whitbourne W.I.

What a lovely evening for our September meeting. Mary, our President, is away so Ann Roberts took the chair beginning with business. After a long break it was good to see everyone. A lovely meal and a good chat was enjoyed at The Live on Bringsty by some members. Lots of correspondence was read out and put out for people to look at and fill in if appropriate. We're renewing our 200 club sub for next year for the Village Hall.

The speaker was introduced to us. Vivienne is a product distributor for Aloe Vera products and talked about the plant, the history and the products. The plant is harvested by hand otherwise the goodness is destroyed. If the plant is cut it heals itself. The jelly is the only thing used in the products. It helps all kinds of skin problems, sun burns etc. A very interesting, illustrated talk followed and we then had lovely tea and coffee and cakes. Our next meeting is 9th October with Wendy Hill—More about Elgar. All welcome. Linda Gray.

Thank you—from Kathleen Harris

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning at Winley Farm. It was a very happy occasion and a profit of £350 was made. I also rang the Church Bells at Tedstone Delamere to welcome in the Olympics. It was much appreciated by all who heard them. And better late than never... Thank you also to all who supported my 70th Birthday at Sapey Golf Club back in February. I was able to divide £900 between the West Midlands Air Ambulance and our own Bromyard First Responder.

Kathleen Harris

All welcome to this Year's

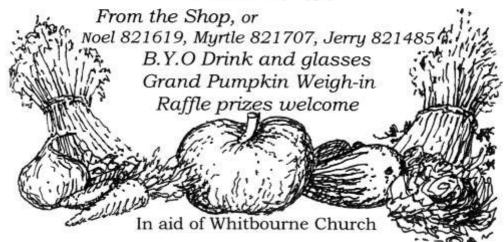


at the Village Hall

Sat 13th October

7.30 for 8.

Tickets, only in advance, £8 under 16 £4



Growing up on the farm - By David Townsend Episode Five (of Eight)

Fruit Picking - In spring once the fruit has set, and the petals had fallen, the trees were sprayed against fungus, disease and pests. We had acquired an ex-army trailer to carry a 500-gallon tank, and a twin piston pump attached to a petrol engine. You could easily reach all the branches from off the ground by using the tubular extensions.

Having finished harvest, having emptied the yards of the manure onto the ground, having ploughed the manure in, and with the winter corn planted, it would be late September. The damsons would be ready for picking. Following close behind, the plums would be ready, by which time the apples were ready to pick. One of the trailers, less side boards would be taken down and drawn alongside the granary, to collect the ladders and fruit baskets.

Grandad Davis had made most of the ladders, being a wheelwright. The ladders were stored along and in between the cross beams of the granary, above the loose grain of oats, with the picking baskets hanging from them. They would be gently slid out from between the beams and placed one on top of another along the length of the trailer, with the foot of the ladders placed over the front vertical screw mechanism for tipping the trailer, as a support. The ladders would be roped on at the rear end, and the baskets hung by their hooks dangling from the rear. The trailer would then

move to the top barn to load the fruit boxes, used to carry 48lbs of damsons and 40lb of pears, plums and apples, and delivered by the fruit merchant some days previous.

Once in the orchard the ladders needed unloading with care, because they could easily be broken. You needed to be strong and have a steady hand to lift the ladders and place them into the trees. If it is one of the large ladders, with 40 rungs and 30 feet in length, and because of its weight and difficulty to balance, you would lower the ladder spikes into the ground, holding it vertically for a few moments, to allow you time to decide where to place the ladder in the tree for the safest position.

You need to be agile and nimble as well as having a good head for heights together with a degree of confidence to climb and manoeuvre on ladders. There are times, when you see that perfectly shaped apple which is sitting right on the farthest point of a twig. You have to lean out with one hand anchored to the rung of the ladder, with your weight helping to balance the ladder, without both you and the ladder twisting or being pulled sideways and coming out of the tree.

As well as ensuring you pick a suitable ladder for the tree there is an art to picking fruit. Damson trees are a good introduction to fruit picking, as they do not grow very large, so you will only need a 15 to 20-rung ladder. The fruit is easy to pick, but you must ensure you do not pick the fruit with the stalk on, and make sure you do not include leaves, to avoid a reprimand from the farmer. Pears have to

be picked with their stalks on, but if the trees are not replaced before they get very old, they will, like apple trees have branches reaching straight up into the heavens. Having to climb to the top of a tall tree where the ladder is only propped by the top branches of the tree, calls for extra support to prevent the ladder springing as you climb. A pair of props, made from a couple of hazel poles, with a fork at the top, would be placed diagonally, up against the rungs, with feet splayed out, behind the ladder to create a rigid triangle and much needed support. Plums are picked easily without their stalks on, but apples have strong stalks and require a full twist with the wrist to part them from the twigs.

As it was autumn the afternoon daylight would come down quickly, so by mid-afternoon it was time to load the full boxes of apples onto the trailer, and get them back to the farm before it was totally dark. The bramleys were tipped onto the top barn floor, on a mat of straw, but all the other fruit would stay in their boxes. Dad would spend his evenings sorting, grading and weighing the apples and pears,

for the merchant to collect the following evening, to free up much needed space for the next picking. The damsons and plums just needed weighing. It was very difficult to pass the top barn at any time of autumn and winter, when there was fruit stored in them. The aroma of the fruit was so inviting, that each time you walked up the drive past the barn, you succumbed to going in and picking up either a Cox's Pippin eating apple or a Conference pear to give you some appetising refreshment. The cider apples were left till last. Jack would take to the orchard a long pole with a hook on the end and start to shake the branches to dislodge the apples. We would employ the same group of women folk who helped with the potato picking, to collect the apples into buckets and tip them into hessian sacks. Once there were a sufficient number of bags filled, we would inform the haulage company to collect the bags, and transport them to the cider processing plant at Bulmer's in Hereford.

At the end of the 1950s Britain joined the Common Market, with large quantities of fruit being imported in from

Europe. Britain could not compete with the quality of imported fruit so the government encouraged farmers to uproot all their orchards by offering them grants. Seeing the way the fruit farming industry was moving Dad applied for a grant, rooting up most of the



trees, but just keeping a few damsons, plum and pear trees for the farmhouse.

The following summer after reseeding one of the smaller orchards down to grass, we noticed poppies growing in great numbers in amongst the freshly sown young grass. It was an amazingly sight and quite unique for poppies never grew again in that orchard.

Later in the season in the same orchard we had another surprise. This orchard just for one season grew an enormous amount of mushrooms, producing up to two fruit baskets full each day. *To be continued.....*

Whitbourne Belfry Bulletin



The current crisis to hit Whitbourne church is the heating, which we have been told is illegal. Of course, it has been there almost

longer than anybody can remember! An expensive replacement is needed and we need to do some fund-raising, so for the time being we have suspended fund-raising for the Bell Restoration Fund.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed. We have had the crack in the bell frame mended (the first stage in the programme), meaning that we can ring to a limited extent. The fifth bell, however, has a problem with her bearings and we have been advised not to ring her. We have had two or three practices, but ringing with one bell missing is rather like

riding a lame horse. The result can be painful!

But instead of ringing, we can still chime (hitting the bells with a hammer instead of full circle ringing). Some of you might have heard them. But the Victorian chiming mechanism is very out of date. Ropes tend to break, which means that somebody has to find the break and mend it – normally a two-person job needing the powers of a contortionist to get down among the bells.

We have enough money in the Bell Fund for the new electronic chimina mechanism (the second stage in the programme), which will make life much easier and more tuneful. This is a set of hammers activated electronically according to a pre-set program. We hope it will be in place by Christmas. Any remaining funds will be put towards the next stage - the new ringing gallery. Before this is built, a Structural survey of the tower is needed. There are cracks which some experts claim are due to settling when the tower was originally built (in the fourteenth century) and which have worried every generation of churchwardens and architects since. We need to pay for a qualified person to sign a piece of paper which will satisfy architects and builders.

When the heating is sorted out, we just need to raise another £70,000 or so if we do decide to go ahead with the final stages of the bell project.

Thank you for your support so far, and if we decide to continue with the project next year we will let you know. *Brenda Allan*

Your Community -Your Say

Herefordshire Council is inviting all residents to take part in a series of public Your Community – Your Say events across the county in September and October. This will be an opportunity for local people to share their views about the local area and to help inform the decisions made about local public services.

The events will help Herefordshire Council and other public service providers understand whether they are focusing on the right priorities and providing the services needed within local communities. This is part of a fundamental review of services the council is currently undertaking, in response to the many challenges facing the delivery of public services over the next decade. The events form part of an overall consultation. and engagement process, which includes online discussion forums and social networking and will take into account potential differences in communities across Herefordshire.

The aim is to develop rich and sustainable conversations with communities, especially those who may not always get their views heard. This is why working with voluntary and community organisations and parish councils is a key ingredient to the success of the consultation process.

If you would like to attend an event (the nearest one to Whitbourne is at the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard on 9th October at 7.30 pm), please register your interest by contacting Herefordshire Council on 01432 383001 or

<u>yourcommunityyour-</u> say@herefordshire.gov.uk.

If you are unable to make an event, you can still contribute your views online via:

www.yourcommunityyoursay.co.uk @haveyoursay_

www.facebook.com/
YourCommunityYourSay

Remembrance Crosses

I have a dozen Remembrance Crosses with poppies attached. If anyone would like one to place at the Whitbourne War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, please contact me. They are free of charge and



offered on a first come, first served basis. *Kate Lack 821878*



New Term at Whitbourne School

The new term is off to a cracking start at Whitbourne primary school, with our new Reception class settled in and enjoying their new experiences. Many have been coming in for weekly sessions at school since the beginning of 2012, so the transition has been especially easy for them. Our new pre-school sessions have started for three-year-olds on a Thursday morning and the tractors, trains, water and sand pits were much used in September during some lovely weather when all the children could spend the morning outside. Our Little Stars toddler group on a Tuesday morning has started for the year, so young visitors are a regular occurrence!

Our new laptops, funded by the hard work and generosity of our PTFA, are now fully in use and being much enjoyed by both staff and pupils – the staff are enjoying the swift connection time and the pupils like the smart new machines.

The summer holidays held a special bonus – the children won first prize at Alfrick Show for their depiction of the Olympic torch and the impact of the Games; we plan to spend the £50 prize money on new games equipment for them, as a fitting way to continue the Games' influence. Congratulations to all those who contributed to the finished article. Rachel Evans





Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

Forty years ago, two people recognized the need to begin a chaplaincy for national agricultural work. One of the two was an Anglican priest, Canon Peter Buckler, the other, Lord Rank. So was born the ARC (Arthur Rank Centre).

The work of the ARC has grown significantly over the years as it has addressed different rural issues. It has spawned the Rural Housing Trust, the magazine "The Way", the Farm Crisis Network, the Addington Fund, Computers for Rural people. Always it has wanted to support not only rural communities but the life of the Church within them and serving them. That remains the case to-day and the work is as much needed as ever.

While ARC is a helpful resource (see its excellent website), the work of engaging with every aspect of rural and farming life continues for us all: the list of needs does not get any shorter! We are more conscious than we were of the need for sustainable communities, as Bishop Alistair wrote last month. This needs expressing at every level if all rural communities are to flourish. The issues of affordable housing, employment (nearly half the 16 to 24 year olds in rural areas are without jobs), fuel and transport, services, and broadband are but some of the pressing issues challenging individuals and communities.

With the wettest summer for over a hundred years, it is hardly surprising

if yields are down for so many of our crops and, with the drought in USA and bad harvest also in Russia (again), grain and maize prices have already gone up significantly, which will raise food prices for everyone, as well as for the livestock, affecting our meat prices as well.

Yet, we do have food. We do have harvests. We do have sufficient for everyone's need, but not greed, if only we can devise fairer political and economic ways of distributing to all people, and this means in every country, particularly the poorest.

All is not yet "safely gathered in", and we cannot know what "winter storms" there may or may not be. But we can give thanks to the Maker and Creator of all. We can give thanks for our farmers and food industry. We can do our best not to take it all for granted, but support and sustain our precious farming and rural life. Bishop Anthony Priddis

Cover Photographs

Thanks go to Paul Lack for the many



photographs he has supplied for the Magazine cover. Also to Alan Matthews and Dai Jones

for contributing cover photos for the last two issues of the magazine. Noone has yet volunteered to offer photos on a regular basis so if you have any photos that you feel would make good covers, please email them to me at parish.magazine@yahoo.co.uk. Many thanks. *Mark Powell*.

Crossword No. 6 (Compiled by Lord Threadneedle of Whitbourne)

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Sponsored by the Live and Let Live Pub, Whitbourne.

To enter a prize draw for a meal for two at The Live, please submit your completed crossword to the village shop by the 15th of the month (a purple folder is held under the till to receive magazine contributions). Please include your name, phone number and/or email address. The winner will be notified in next month's magazine.

Across

- 1. To make trim and neat (6,2)
- 7. Nanki-Poo's father (6)
- 8 & 12. Abode perhaps of diminutive colonel, say. (6, 3)
- 9. Like a guardian (7)
- 11. Allotment goal (5)
- 14. Olive stuffing (7)
- 15. _____ B, Father of NHS (7)
- 16. Finish first (3)
- 19. Council, concealed (5)
- 21. Foolish fellow (4-3)
- 23. Expressive speed variation (6)
- 24. Reason for shaking hands (6)

Down

- 2. Province of western France (6)
- 3. One who rises to join but never equals (7)
- 4. The last (5)
- 5. Seer's sage (6)
- 6. Apocalyptic quartet (8)
- 9. To dull and spot with age (7)
- 10. Till slip (7)
- 12. Present (3)
- 13. To thrash soundly (3)
- 14. Bullish city's streets (8)
- 17. Dante's hot spot (7)
- 18. Swelling of the neck (6)
- 20. Who dares at 16 across? (6)

Congratulations to Eve Currie **-winner of last month's crossword completion** and a meal for two at The Live and Let Live, Whitbourme.

Solution for Crossword No. 5

Across 2. Columbine; 6. Tala; 7. ibis; 9. plea; 10. effendi; 13. conker; 14. beast; 16. harvest; 18. freeman; 19 ennui; 21. enwrap; 22. sadness; 25. lull; 27. fond.

Down 1. fall; 2. Caracas; 3. brier; 4. Eire; 5. wind; 8. Wykeham; 9. proboscis; 11. fleece; 12. illogical; 15. treble; 17. renewable; 20. napless; 21. Essen; 23. agon; 24. neds; 26. laud.

QE College in Photographic completion

Congratulations to the seven pupils from Queen Elizabeth Humanities College, Bromyard who will have their Photographic Competition entries in an exhibition at Worcester Cathedral between 4th and 14th September in the **Dean's Chapel**. Three of the photos have been highly commended and one is a particular individual **Judge's Favourite**. **Eliot Behan in year 9** has two photos Highly Commended and Tina Williams in year 10 has one photo Highly Commended. Victoria McMillan year 9 has one photo – a **Judge's** Favourite. *David Kemp*. Picture opposite: A Moment in Time by Victoria McMillan.



At a glance

Friday 19th October, 'Come Dine With QE' event at Queen Elizabeth Humanities College starting at 7.30pm. Six course meal - two starters, one prepared by the boys and one by the girls, followed by a similar arrangement for the main course and dessert - bar, music and auction. Hosted by Year 11 Students to help with raising funds for Bromyard Gala. Tickets available from the school shortly after the start of term and cost £25 per head.

Saturday 24th November. Coffee morning and Open Meeting to celebrate ten years of Tanga in Touch.' Further details to be announced.

2nd Thursday of the Month. Upper Sapey Whist Drive at Sapey Village Hall. 8.00 pm. All welcome.

9th February. Valentine Dance at Upper Sapey Golf Club. Further details to follow.

Advance notice for 2013: Caribbean Evening at Sapey Golf Club. Further details to follow

Two Poems by Shirley Whittall

Words

Nice kind words make you feel warm Harsh cold words make you feel forlorn

A smile and a touch, will relax a troubled mind

Remember this when someone needs you to be kind

Never hide your feelings, be honest and true

Then life will run smoothly in all that you do

We all make mistakes in our life now and then

So accept it, not fret about it, talk to a friend

Life is for living, the best way you can God gave us this gift, that was his plan.

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Washing Day

A lovely day, the sun is shining Through the clouds like a silver lining Washing hanging on the line Blowing in the breeze so fine The scent of washing powder in the air

Clothes clean and fresh, handled with care

A washing line tells the story
Of home life in all its glory
Visitors have been to stayExtra bed linen in all its array
Lets hope the weather keeps just fine
For all this washing on the line!
Pressed and ready to be packed away
Till next time visitors come to stay.

Conquest Theatre—Bromyard

Sat Oct 6 Africa Entsha. An acapella group from Soweto. 8pm

Sun Oct 14 London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra play Celtic, Cajun, Cossack, country blues and....comedy. 7.30pm

Sat Oct 27 Hereford Fire Choir. 7.30pm

Sat Nov 3. Bootleg Bee Gees. 8pm

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Fri Oct 26 My Week with Marilyn

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New Shop Progressing Well

As you know, earlier this year, after five years of running the shop in what might be the smallest space possible, we were delighted to hear that our bid for a £250,000 lottery grant to build a new shop and to help develop local food production and consumption had been successful. Most of you will have seen the sign outside the new shop site and may be wondering what has been happening since then.

The building work on the new shop started in early July....or rather, it didn't. A few negotiations on the contract had to take place and then the rain started in mid-July which meant that the newly negotiated foundations could not be constructed because the trenches kept collapsing due to the saturation of the soil. Consequently the designers had to go away and redesign the foundations to be set on piles sunk into the solid clay. This obviously took time but once they were designed our builder, Spectus of Pershore, was able to get in the piling rig and the piles were created at the end of July. The reinforcing steel for the ground beams had to be set into shape in workshops away from the site and the special sheets that the ground beams sit on also had to be manufactured. These were delivered to the site in mid-August, placed in position, concrete delivered and the ground beams constructed. So, as we enter the second week of September, the long awaited brickwork is arising from the foundations. All of this delay has meant two things, of course.

Firstly, the cost is going to be greater than we had hoped, although it will still be within our contingency limit; and secondly, our aim to be in the new shop by Christmas is now not going to happen. Spectus are working on a new timetable but don't forget, once they hand the building over to us it will take two or three weeks to fit it out and test the new arrangements before the first customer steps over the lintel.

In the meantime, the new shop committee has just had a meeting devoted to planning the next steps between now and the opening. So we now have a detailed action plan for the coming months.

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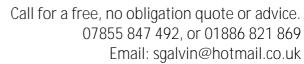
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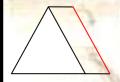
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7th October Mr J. Cummins
14th October Mr D. Shaw
21st October Mr S Bland and S Cole

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Church Services

Sunday 7th October	8am 10 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Confirmation Service, Whitbourne
Sunday 14th October	9.30 am 11 am	Harvest Holy Communion, Whitbourne Harvest Holy Communion, U. Sapey
Sunday 21st October	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Harvest Holy Communion, T. Delamere Harvest Holy Communion, E. Loach
Sunday 28th October	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 4th November	8am 9.30 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion , Whitbourne
Sunday 11th November Remembrance Sunday	10 am	Remembrance Service, Whitbourne Followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sunday 18th November	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere Holy Communion, Edvin Loach
Sunday 25th November	9.30 am 11 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Upper Sapey

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

7th October Upper Sapey
14th October Tedstone Wafre
21st October Tedstone Delamere
28th October Whitbourne
4th November Wolferlow
11th November Edvin Loach
18th November Upper Sapey
25th November Tedstone Wafre

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