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From the Rector

At our last PCC meeting we looked at our Parish Mission Action Plan. We reviewed the different types of services that we have in our churches and considered reports from our different parishes. I have reproduced a shortened version of the Whitbourne Report so that you can get an insight into our discussion. The PCC would welcome any helpful suggestions from people in the Parish either by contacting the magazine or the Rector.



Whitbourne Church Warden's Report

1. The Church.

The Church looks well-cared for outside and inside. Flower arrangements are excellent and help to make the Church welcoming and alive. Its appearance is part of our mission.

2. Regular Services.

8.00 a.m. 1st Sunday/9.30 a.m. most Sundays. We are lucky to have a service on most Sundays. All the 9.30 services are very similar: Communion, usually with parts of the service sung. Bells are chimed before some services. Small but enthusiastic choir. Hymns are traditional. Excellent services booklets for all occasions produced by John Bland. Apart from the choir, a small rota of people reading the often very long first reading and the sidesmen, there is no congregational involvement in the services. Average congregation 25 (which has gone down from 30). Most are aged over 60. About 2/3 of the congregation stay afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat.

3. Special Services.

Confirmation; Christmas — Nine lessons and carols, Crib Service, Midnight Service; Palm Sunday; Good Friday p.m.; Patronal Festival; Harvest Festival; Armistice Service; Whitbourne School Services.

4. Special Events. Outreach to the local community.

Lent lunches; Good Friday activity morning; Harvest Workshop; Harvest Supper. Not always organised by the Church; Carol Singing round the village; Concerts in Church; Other events like those for Tanga in Touch and the Bell Fund; Contributions to the Parish Magazine.

Looking forward.....

1. Can we improve the Church as part of our mission? Would a welcome leaflet, saying what happens here, as often found in other churches, be a good idea?

2a. How can we improve our mission in the regular services? How might we try to (reverse the decreasing size of the congregation and) encourage younger people or do we accept that it reflects changes in society that realistically we can do nothing about?

2b. Are we welcoming visitors and new-comers sufficiently?

2c. Is the form of services what the existing and potential congregations may want? Should the congregation be more involved? Perhaps we should find out by David and Doiran and possibly the churchwardens asking or we could try a questionnaire. Would a quarterly meeting of clergy, organist and churchwardens to discuss services for the next three months be helpful?

3. How can we improve our mission in the special services? Which ones are we happy with as they are advertised, prepared for and presented now?

4. Confirmation. How can candidates be encouraged to come to church after confirmation? Last year was an exception. Would encouraging them to go on the reading or sidesmen rota help?

Parish News

Friendship Club

We did not have a meeting in August as many people were away on holiday or otherwise engaged. Our September meeting is on Wednesday 12th September at 11.00am in the Village Hall. Don't forget to bring along those books that you've read for the Book Stall and buy some replacements!! All are welcome for coffee and chat and **catch up on each other's news. If you** want any other information please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501).

Ann Roberts

Saltmarshe W.I. meeting

Saltmarshe ladies were entertained to a most engrossing talk on beekeeping by Brenda Allen. 2012 has been the worst year ever for bees in this area. There is no honey for sale at the moment. The decline of the honey bee represents a major loss in biodiversity as honey bees are not only responsible for producing honey, but play a vital role in pollinating plants.

Approximately a third of our diet is directly dependent on bees, making them central to our existence.

Bees are social insects and everything they do is for the good of the hive.

There are 60,000 female worker bees to the Queen bee with 2,000 male or drone bees. All the workers are half sisters as the Queen has probably mated with three or four male drones in her mating flight. In the old days bees were kept in straw skeps. There are still a few people who make these yet. Interestingly, there are bee boles resembling little catacombs in a wall in Hartlebury church yard. The boles were built to keep the skeps dry. Today, however, beekeepers use wooden hives which have moveable frames inside, making it easier to remove the honey.

In Herefordshire we are surrounded by fruit trees which makes very fine honey. We are also, these days, surrounded by rape seed. The bees love rape but the honey from this sets very quickly and doesn't have the best

taste. Each worker bee has a different task. Some collect pollen, some nectar and some propolis or resin which sticks the pollen together. In Summer the working life of a bee is six weeks. They wear themselves out flying backwards and forward. They navigate using infrared light from the sun. Bees also need water. Each hive uses four and a half gallons per year. They use it to regulate temperature and to make baby food. Royal jelly, pollen and honey is fed to developing queens before they are hatched. It is sold over the counter as a beauty product.

As well as the now well-known varroa mite bees have other common enemies like hornets, wasps and woodpeckers. The WI has recently had a big campaign, SOS for Honey Bees, when numbers were dropping mostly because of varroa. After months of pressure by WIs and the beekeeping community and campaign members, the Government announced that £10 million of research funding would be for pollinator health. *Eve Currie*

Teme Valley Geological Society

For those TVGS members with webbed feet there have been a variety of outdoor activities during the summer months mainly organised by Earth Heritage Trust, our local friends and mentors, but now our Autumn/ Winter programme kicks off with a **6 week course entitled “Living on the Continental Edge” presented by Dr Paul Olver**. This starts on Wednesday 26th September in Martley at the very keen cost of £25, to include a Field Trip, and we are

most grateful to the LEADER Programme for subsidising this course. Take up has been swift but it might be worth checking to see if there are any places left and this includes some concessionary rates upon request. Phone Natalie on 01905 855184.

We are finalising the rest of our events for the darker nights (trying **to avoid the “W” word** at the moment as it is still August) and shall publicise them in due course, and this information will also go on our blog : www.geo-village.eu. Meanwhile if you would like to be put on our emailing list without any obligation please contact John Nicklin on martleypfo@gmail.com . He can also give information on TVGS membership upon request. *Harriet Howell*.

Parish Council Meetings

Agendas and minutes of Parish Council Meetings are now posted in the Community Shop and in the Village Hall, in addition to the traditional notice boards by the Village Green and on Bringsty Common. They can also be found on the website. *Keith Butler*

Flooding update

Following the recent flooding at the entrance to Whitbourne near the Wheatsheaf Pub, the County Council have inspected and are going to try to resolve the problems in the long term. Stuart Beare has also written to them asking that they also look at problems on Church Bank, Bottom Lane and drain clearance by the Village Green. *Keith Butler*

An Olympic Effort!

At 8.12 am on the day of the opening of the Olympics, bells were rung in Whitbourne for three minutes.



Brenda Allan chimed the church bells and handbells were rung outside the Village Hall by Albert Jones, Gareth Williams, Maureen Williams and Julie Williams. *Brenda Allan*

Live and Let Live, Whitbourne, Sponsors Crossword with Monthly Prize

Mark and Samantha of the Live and Let Live Pub in Whitbourne have kindly offered to sponsor the crossword. Each month, they are offering

a meal for two for a correct entry drawn out of a hat. To enter the competition, please submit your completed crossword to the village shop by the 15th of the month for collection by the Editor (a purple folder is held under the till to receive magazine contributions). Please include your name, phone number and/or email address. All correct entries will be entered in a draw for the prize and the winner notified in the next issue of the magazine. *The Editor.*

Help Keep the Playing Fields Going

Due to the recent costs of repairs to playground equipment, the Playing Field Committee is currently very low on funds. To help keep these facilities going for present and future families and children, please take part in our prize draw. Tickets for the 50-50 Cash Prize Draw are £2. The draw will take place on Saturday 8th December at 8pm at The Live and Let Live. Committee members will be visiting your homes soon to see if you would like to take part. Alternatively, please contact Chris Hawkins (01886 822033) or Nigel Westacott (01886 821255). *Emma Bell*

At a glance

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. 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.

Saturday 22nd September, Queen Elizabeth Humanities College musicians are hosting a Grand Fete from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm at the school site. Face painting, a multitude of games, food and clothes stalls, handicrafts, tombolas (including a chocolate tombola), Pony Rides, Welly Wanging, Penalty Shoot Out and of course, live music. Further details from David Kemp 01885 482230.

Monday 24th September - 3rd **December Evening Course of 10 weeks “London - Royal City, People’s Capital and Global Metropolis: From the Boudiccan Revolt (AD60) to the London Olympics 2012”** 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Stanford Bridge Village Hall (between Bromyard and Great Witley). Cost £75. Newcomers are very welcome to attend the first session and pay for the course at the second session if you decide you like it. Tutor: Bob Bushaway .

Tuesday September 25th Village Fete AGM 7.30pm at the Live and Let Live in Whitbourne.

Sunday September 30th Garden Outing to Astley Towne House. Meet at the Village Hall at 11.45am. Further information from Sheila Dodd, 01886 821835.

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.

Join the Ride and Stride this year to help fund badly needed
repairs to Herefordshire’s churches



Saturday, September 8th 2012.

Cycle or walk between the churches in your area.

Half of the sponsorship you raise goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice.

To find out more go to www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride

To participate call David Howell: 01886 821285

Village Fete

Not only was Whitbourne Fete not defeated by the weather, but it made £2,125 profit, an excellent result given that the ground was water-logged and some of the helpers **couldn't even get to the village hall** without battling through floods!

After a very wet start to the day, the rain held off, and some new attractions emerged – more children had their faces painted by talented Amy Baker than ever before, and 13-year-old ventriloquist Lachlan Werner wowed visitors with his skill and humour.

Lachlan, who performs around the West Midlands, combined comedy and singing, drawing on considerable theatre experience for someone of his age – he has performed in the Swan **Theatre's Variety Show, in a British Youth Theatre show** and in a solo show, to name but a few. If you want to see more, visit LachlanWerner.com or see his performances on YouTube.

Since it was definitely 'hot drink' weather rather than 'sit outside with some beer' weather, teas proved extremely popular, with a welcoming tearoom in the small hall. The main hall provided the venue not just for **the Garden Society's annual show** but for some important stalls too, and it provided display space for some of the work of Whitbourne school pupils whose Gala entries were denied an airing because of the Gala cancellation. One of the new stalls, Bling and Things, was a runaway success.

Outside, croquet, welly-wanging, beat the goalie, Splat Attack, hook a duck,

horseshoe-throwing and a range of games, attracted all ages, while Harvey and Diane Richards fed people with fabulous pork rolls. Sadly the **llamas couldn't make it, but we hope** they will come next year.

Whitbourne Garden Society's show played a central part, with a good range of entries across the categories, despite the unhelpful weather for the flower and produce classes.

The results were:

A Vegetables and fruit: Whitbourne Garden Society Challenge Cup – joint winners: Penny Hayward and Ann Roberts

B Flowers: Howard Mayson Challenge Trophy - Lorraine Silk. Bill Pitman Trophy - Jerry Cummins

C Art: Pimpernel Art Trophy - Andrew Kneen

(In C1, the children's category, Olivia Clarke won first prize. The children produced some lovely Olympic-themed art for this category.)

D Photographs: Juro Trophy - Penny Hayward

E Flower arranging: Silver Jubilee Trophy - Lorraine Silk

F Cooking and preserves: Clarissa Jones Challenge Bowl - joint winners: Myrtle Kneen and Longlands Care Farm

G **Children's classes: Tiblands Trophy** for U5s - Rosie Garness. Age 5-8 - 1st prize to Juliet Harper. Age 9-12 - 1st prize to Felicity Neville.

The Hughes Trophy was not awarded.

This year, £1,050 will be given to Whitbourne church, £525 to Great Ormond St Hospital and £525 to the county Air Ambulance. The charities chosen to benefit do change each year **and next year's beneficiaries will be** discussed at the AGM on September 25th -all are welcome to come along to the Live and Let Live in Whitbourne at 7.30pm to suggest any charity they feel should be supported. We like to include at least one local good cause, but which it should be is open for discussion.

The AGM will also be a chance for those who would like to take part in **next year's fete committee to find out** more – we welcome new members, especially those who have a particular link to a charity with local connections, and would love people from across the parish to play a part.

Thank you again to all our helpers, who made the fete a success against the odds this year, especially to those who had their own struggles to contend with before they even arrived. It was great to work with so many damp and cheerful people – may the sun shine on us next year! *Whitbourne Fete Committee*

Fete Accompli!!

So, we weren't "blinging in the rain" after all – I really thought we would be! Actually we were tucked away in a cosy corner with our goodies, right next to the tea and cakes. Nice!

We had a very busy afternoon and it was good to see people visit and re-visit our stall. There was lots of chat and trying on of this and that – just as it should be. We really enjoyed

running the stall and would like to thank you all for supporting us so wholeheartedly.

I must also thank all of the folk who contributed the brilliant bling items. Without their generosity the table would have been bare. As it was, we raised a mighty £122.33! Special thanks must go to the gentleman who bought two items for his wife, unaware that she had donated them in the first place! A true hero!

Well dear reader, I shall not be **trouBLING** you further, so this really is **goodbye**. **Of course it's not too early** to start hunting out your bling - next year we hope we will be **douBLING** our takings! *Margie Wall and Skye Witney*

Conquest Theatre—Bromyard

Sept 1st Hop Festival archive film showing 12 noon & 2pm

Sept 7th 8pm FILM Salmon Fishing in the Yemen 12A

Sept 15th 8pm Joyful Joyce...a tribute to Joyce Genfell - "George, don't do that!"

Sept 21st 8pm FILM Woman in Black PG

Sept 29th 8pm Malvern Big Band

Sept 30th 7.30pm Ballet Cymru, Little Red Riding Hood/ Three Little Pigs adapted from the stories by Roald Dahl

Saturday morning coffee shop- join us for lively chat and good coffee!! 10.30-12.30

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Whitbourne School

Looking forward to a new school year and back on a hectic summer, however rainy it has been, children at Whitbourne School already have plans to focus on needs greater than theirs.

They ended last term with a coffee morning in aid of Scope, one of the **School Council's two chosen charities** for the year, which raised £70. They start this term planning for the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday September 28th, from 10.30am-noon, at Whitbourne Village Hall – this event has raised hundreds of pounds for the charity in the past and we hope **that this year's event will be just as successful**. It is one of the ways in which we make the community welcome in the life of the school, and is very much enjoyed by everyone.

We can't guarantee that this autumn term will be as full of excitement as the summer – the children relished their chance to sing for the Queen in Hereford with the Bromyard Trust choir; they had worked very hard on their songs and it was genuinely a day to remember for all who took part. They also all enjoyed a trip up British Camp for an end-of-term picnic and a chance to study the Iron Age fort. Pupils sang for visitors to Whitbourne Fete, which went ahead in spite of bad weather, and they were able to put their Gala entries on display there, with pupils winning prizes in the Whitbourne Garden Society show.

We start the new year with brand-new laptops for everyone - many thanks to our PTFA for helping to make the upgrade possible. We especially look

forward to starting our new venture - Whitbourne Pre-School starts in September every Thursday morning, from 13th Sept, 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*



Ben, Harvey and George look forward to a new school year

Children

Daughters are daughters, sunny and bright,
Sons are mischief-making delight.
Children are treasures, that you have made,
Mould them with care, through sunshine and shade.

The world outside is a troubled place
Teach them awareness, but give them space.

Be patient, for reward will come,
When, one day they say—
You know, you were right Mum!

By Shirley Whittall

Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

For many of our churches and villages, this month will include an annual Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper. For the farmers this has not been an easy year, but we trust that there will still be enough gleaned for some celebration. As we all know the weather has proved to be particularly trying with drought in the early months followed by summer rainfall that broke all records. Exactly why we have had such extremes and why the weather has behaved like this is complex. Nevertheless this has signalled and reminded us of the intricate way in which all things are interconnected. Sowing and reaping applies well beyond the seed that is placed in the soil. Actions have consequences and this applies to our ecosystems, environment and relationships. Where we sow to exploitation and greed we are liable to reap devastation and damage. Positively there is a growing awareness to think seriously about our responsibility to act sustainably and this is something to which we as a diocese are giving renewed attention.

At the 2005 World Summit sustainability was defined as involving the environment, social justice and economics - the "three pillars". The three pillars - or the "triple bottom line" - have served as a common ground for numerous sustainability standards and certification systems in recent years, in particular in the food industry. Standards which today explicitly refer to the triple bottom line include Rainforest Alliance, Fairtrade and The

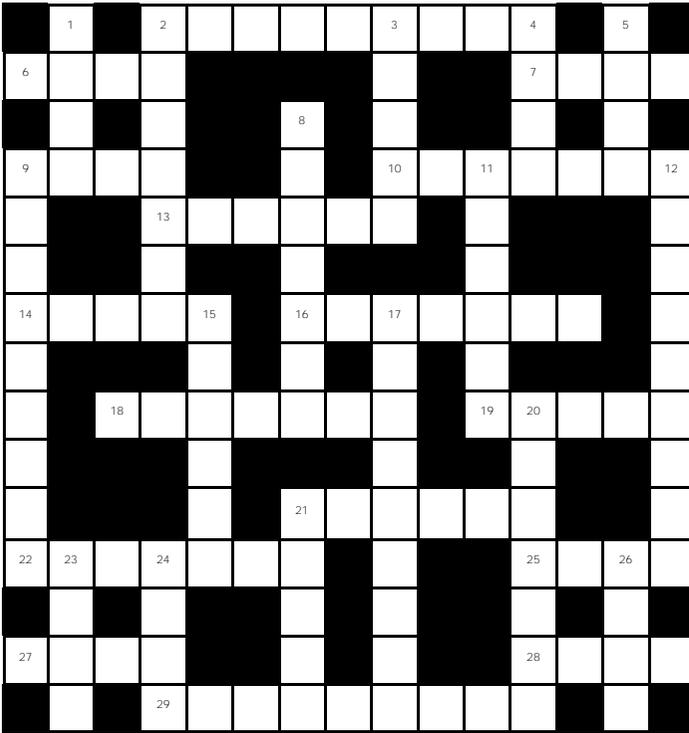
Common Code for the Coffee Community. The triple bottom line is also recognized by the ISEAL Alliance - the global association for social and environmental standards. More recently those in the forefront of this work have begun to consider a fourth pillar namely the spiritual /cultural. Who we are as spiritual beings and meaning makers, matters.

This fourth pillar is one most Christians would recognise as important. The Bible is vocal when it comes to these matters. It calls us to recognise that God is the creator and sustainer **of all things. Psalm 24 says 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness within it...'** Genesis speaks of humans having dominion, a responsible stewardship, not the same as exploitation. Human greed and evil are sad realities that impact us in all four pillars and are part of what the Bible calls sin. St Paul makes the link between our need of redemption brought to us in Christ and the groaning of the created order. Taking sustainability seriously requires us to not only join the debate and action but to bring to that debate a spiritual perspective, realistic of human sin and with it a gospel of hope in a God who judges the earth and will make all things new.

Alastair Magowan



Crossword No. 5 (Compiled by Lord Threadneedle)



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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

2. Aquilegia vulgaris (9)
6. Rhythmic cookware (4)
7. Hotel chain with sacred links (4)
9. Mitigatory leap (4)
10. Fine-fed respected Turk (7)
12. **Horse chestnut's nutlike seed (6)**
14. Savage sort (5)
16. Seasonal activity (7)
18. Bellingham _____, master of Gaines (7)
19. **"The scourge of the fashionable world" (5)**
21. Swaddle (6)
22. Low spirits (7)
25. Conversational gap (4)
27. **Sweet on, with "of" (4)**
29. Razor-sharp but morally blunt (9)

Down

1. Autumn in New York (4)
2. Simón Bolívar's birthplace (7)
3. Prickly plant (5)
4. Land of Blarney (4)
5. **Don't go straight (4)**
8. **Edward III's well-mannered builder (7)**
9. Insect feeder (9)
11. **Jason's gold (6)**
12. What Mr. Spock is not (9)
15. John Rudhall FECt 1789 (6)
17. Not depleted by use (9)
20. Threadbare and flat (7)
21. **Big Bertha's birthplace (5)**
23. Celebration of Greek Games (4)
24. Good-for-nothing hooligans (4)
26. Praise to the heavens (4)
28. Stop dead (5)

Solution for Crossword No. 4

Across 1.stressful; 4.gem; 6.hip; 11.unsophisticated; 12.gavotte; 13.Romanic;
16.procrastination; 17.tee; 18.rue; 19.hydrology. Down 2.telephotography;
3.unaccommodating;5.Morse; 6.heath; 7.abiogenesis; 8.interracial; 9.autograph;
10.adducting; 14.Poole

Parochial Church Council

The PCC meeting on 17th July was preceded by a meeting of parishioners at which Richard and Jackie Evans were elected as churchwardens at Edwin Loach.

The Treasurer presented a draft common purse income and expenditure account for the first six months of the year which showed performance against the agreed budget. The first two instalments of parish share had been paid in full to the Deanery, but two churches had been unable to pay their allocations in full. The shortfall had only been covered by income from the Parish Magazine, which has largely come in during the first six months. This is a cause for concern. The PCC also approved an application to English Heritage for a grant towards major repairs to Upper Sapey church.

The principal topic discussed was Ministry and Mission, which is being referred to separately. This topic will be on the agenda again for the next meeting in October.

QE visit to Rome

A group of students from Queen Elizabeth Humanities College in Bromyard have just returned from an eight day trip to Rome where they

studied the culture of the Ancient Civilisation. Among the sites they visited were the Pantheon, Colosseum, Forum, Paletine, Castel St Angelo (Hadrian's Tomb), Pyramid, Circus Maximus and Theatre as well as more 'modern' sites such as the Vatican, St Peters, St Giovanni (the oldest church in the world built 450AD), Spanish Steps, Vittoriana, Trevi Fountains and the graves of Keates and Shelley.

Latin Teacher and Assistant Head, David Kemp, said "This was a unique opportunity to bring the language and the wonders of the civilisation to life. Our students are enjoying studying Latin and realise the benefits this study brings to their other subjects." Head boy Ollie James, who was one of the party said, "We had a great time in Rome; the sights were inspiring and we saw so much during the week. I shall certainly be making another visit as soon as I can." *David Kemp*



Agricultural Chaplain's Report

Dairy Farming in Crisis

Thousands of dairy farmers have joined protests to reverse price cuts of up to 4p/litre from the major supermarket chains. The protests have been co-ordinated by "Farmers for Action", and have included blockades of milk plants and supermarket depots. It costs approximately 30p/litre to produce milk and most producers are being paid c25p/litre. The issues are not only about price but also about the inequalities that exist in dairy contracts. Processors need give **only 1 month's notice to change the price**, whilst farmers need to give **1 year's notice to withdraw from a supply contract**. Supermarkets have been encouraging competition between processors to ensure a low retail price for milk, maintaining their margins but squeezing out the producer.

Some farmers have relatively new "cost of production" contracts which mirror the input costs they are required to pay. Although these are averaging around 30p/litre there is no profit to re invest in the business and they apply to a minority of farmers only as fewer than 1,500 of the 10,700 dairy producers are on cost-related contracts. Andersons farm consultants estimate that a typical 150 cow herd, on a non-aligned contract, will lose 1.8p/litre produced in the current milk year. An agreement on a framework for a code of practice to oversee contracts was reached at the Royal Welsh Show, with government support, which would allow producers to terminate contracts with

three months' notice. The government has asked for the code to be finalised by the end of August.

But...farmers are normally happy people!

A new government survey suggests that farmers are amongst the happiest workers in the country. The results of the first ever "National Well-being Survey", published by the Office of **National Statistics (ONS)** found that **people working in agriculture, forestry and fishing, topped the "mean life satisfaction" tables.** *Rev'd Nick Read.*

STOKE BLISS PLOUGHING MATCH

SAT 15th SEPTEMBER, 10 AM

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NR TENBURY WELLS, WORCS. WR15 8RZ
ADULTS - £2.00. CHILDREN - FREE

Do you plough - modern or vintage?
Can you cook? Are you a veg or flower gardener? Do you make home-made wine? Are you creative? Or do you flower arrange? How **about a photo or picture? There's a children's** section with crafts, writing & cooking

IF SO ENTER OUR COMPETITIONS

For entry form and schedule please contact:
Tina Edwards 01886 853130, Liz Morris 01885 483727 or Ann Basford 01885 410380. Also www.bromyard.info/clubs&societies/SBAIS

Face painting Bouncy Castle Punch and Judy
Live crafts Demonstrations and stalls

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*

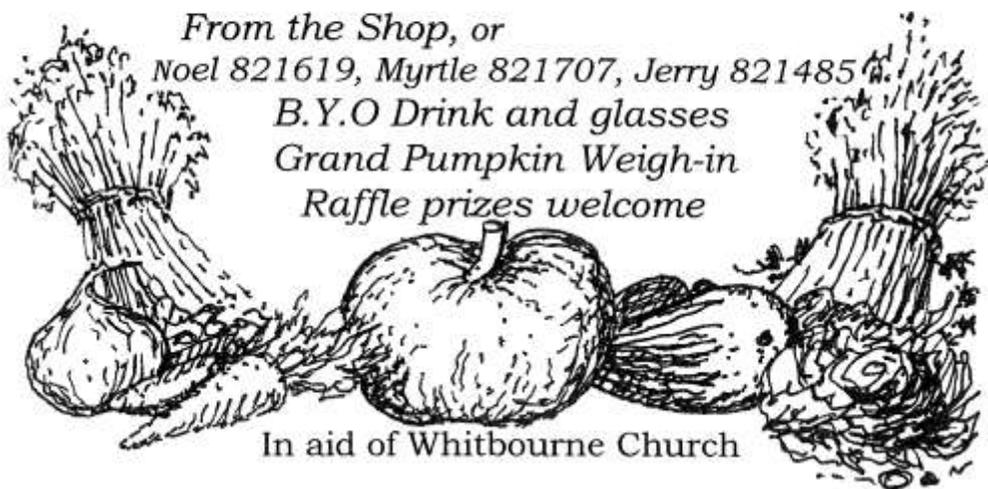
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B.Y.O Drink and glasses

Grand Pumpkin Weigh-in

Raffle prizes welcome



In aid of Whitbourne Church

Growing up on the farm

- By David Townsend

Episode Five (of Eight)

Harvest. My earliest recollections of harvesting was when I was around the age of four, accompanying John up to the field of ripe wheat, taking with him a corn hook and sickle. After the binder has travelled round three to four times round the field, there was room for a team of workers to stack the sheaves called a stooks.

As the corn binder got nearer the centre of the field, the activity of the workers would noticeably change. Knowing that we were cutting corn, members of the local game keeping fraternity, with their guns and dogs together with farming friends and other local folk with stiff walking sticks, would congregate into the field. As the binder drew to the last few lines of standing corn, the friends would encircle the field close to where the binder was passing, looking into the standing corn with great anticipation. Farms were over-run by rabbits and foxes, so some had been driven by the binder into the centre of the standing corn, waiting for the moment to attempt an escape. The driver of the tractor as he rode along the edge of the corn would occasionally stand up and start pointing into the standing corn to indicate where the animals were. Before long, folks would be shouting frantically, and signalling at one another, as the rabbits started to emerge. Then the sticks would start to be wielded, as the guns started going off and the dogs started to run in all directions

collecting the kill. This excitement would continue for some time until the last line of standing corn was cut. Then the tractor and binder and everybody in the field would suddenly go quiet, while the last dead rabbits were being collected to where the kill was proudly displayed.

The majority of the crop would be hauled to the Dutch barn, and then when the barn was full stacked in a rick opposite. You needed a good eye to make sure you kept the stack upright and the layers level.

One season Mr. Tom Taylor “senior” was stacking the rick at the top of the Windmill field, unaware that as he built the stack it was progressively leaning downhill. Without any warning the rick started to move, toppling right over onto its side, and totally **covering “Mr” as he was known. Dad** hastily ran round the side of the **fallen rick, trying to find where “Mr” was, and calling out “Mr” are you all right?** **“Mr”** hastily replied, *“Iye. I be alright, I be yust to it.*

At the onset of autumn it was always exciting to wake up one morning to hear the unusual throb of a large tractor engine, and the metallic sound of iron wagon wheels coming up the lane. Looking through the window we gazed at the large orange Case tractor slowly drawing a large orange threshing box, neatly covered with a green tarpaulin, towing a stationary bailer and a green labourers living caravan. Because of the length of the thrashing equipment being towed, the tractor was not able to drive straight into the farm drive. The threshing box and bailer and the tractor had to be ma-

noeuvred to get all three lined up in a straight and level line, for if there was the slightest misalignment, the drive belts would jump off their pulleys.

Early next morning we were awoken by the endearing and distinct sound of yum-yum-yum-more-more-more of the threshing drums, as the machinery sprang into life. In time with the hum of the thrashing machine you would hear the rattle of the box-shaped ram inside the bailer rolling to and fro along on its trolley, with a distinct thump, as it came to the end of the track hitting against the compressed straw, in tune with the **nodding horse's head popping up and down** as it pushed the loose straw into the heart of the bailer.

Jack would be busy, unhooking the full sacks and exchanging them with empty ones. If it was oats being thrashed he would detach the bags from the thrasher, and roll the well full Godsell Brown bags (which could weigh up to 2.1/4 cwt if used for wheat) onto a sack lift. When the height of the rick reaches only three or four feet off the ground, the farm dogs would be let loose and extra helpers drafted in with sticks or spades. Suddenly rats and mice would dart out from the base of the rick, and run in all directions. The workers would start shouting to draw attention to the dogs to where the vermin were escaping from, while their spades and stick would start to swing in all directions. The dogs would dart here and there, catching the rats by the neck, and with a sharp shake break its neck leaving it on the

ground to dash after another it has spotted.

One Dutch barn bay would take a full day to thresh, the laborious task of resighting the machinery against the next bay would begin in readiness to start threshing early the next day. Once the threshing was complete the wheat corn was sold onto the local grain merchant, J. W. Williams from Bromyard who would be responsible for collecting it. The oat corn was transported by dray or cart, from the tractor shed and emptied onto the granary floor over the cowshed, to a depth of two feet. In an inclement season the oats may still be damp, so it would need turning regularly, to prevent it going mouldy, and congealing into solid damp lumps.



Jack Smiths, who we hired the thrashing machinery off, introduced us to the first Combine Harvesters. Early combine harvesters needed two additional workers standing on a platform behind the driver to bag up the corn. Later because of rising labour costs and wider cutter bars the combines were designed with a large tank that discharged the corn direct into a trailer, via an auger. *To be continued...*

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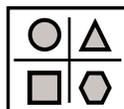
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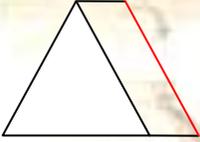


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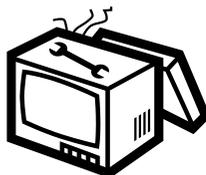
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Church Rotas

Flowers and Brasses

2nd Sept	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
7th Oct	Mr and Mrs Cunningham
14th Oct	Mr and Mrs Cunningham
21st Oct	Mrs Margaret Meadows
28th Oct	Mrs Margaret Meadows

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

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

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
7th October	Mr J. Cummins
14th October	Mr D. Shaw
21st October	Mr S Bland and S Cole
28th October	Mrs M Kneen

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

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
7th October	Mrs B Allan
14th October	Mrs S Dodd
21st October	Sir N Harrington
28th October	Mr J Allan

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

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
6th October	Mrs M Kneen
13th October	Mr J & Mrs B Allan
20th October	Mrs E & Miss E Badger
27th October	Mrs A Evans

Upper Sapey

September	Audrey Clark
October	Margaret Leek

Coffee - Whitbourne

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
7th October	Mr J and Mrs S Bland
14th October	Mrs A Taylor & Mrs M Williams
21st October	Mrs A Evans & Mrs M Schoonenberg
28th October	Mrs E Badger & Mrs P Ransley

Church Services

Sunday 2nd September	8am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne
	9.30am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 9th September Birth of Virgin Mary	10 am	Patronal Festival Edvin Loach
Sunday 16th September	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
	11 am	Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere
	3 pm	Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach
Sunday 23rd September	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 30th September St Michael and All Angels	10 am	Patronal Festival Upper Sapey
Sunday 7th October	8am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne
	10 am	Confirmation Service, Whitbourne
Sunday 14th October	9.30 am	Harvest Holy Communion, Whitbourne
	11 am	Harvest Holy Communion, U. Sapey
Sunday 21st October	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
	11 am	Harvest Holy Communion, T. Delamere
	3 pm	Harvest Holy Communion, E. Loach
Sunday 28th October	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

2nd September Wolverlow
9th September Edvin Loach
16th September Upper Sapey
23rd September Tedstone Wafre
30th September Tedstone Delamere
7th October Upper Sapey
14th October Tedstone Wafre
21st October Tedstone Delamere
28th October Whitbourne

Confirmation Classes will be starting in September. 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

