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From the Rector

In Herefordshire Harvest is celebrated in October, slightly later than other parts of the country; this is because apples are so important to the local economy. At harvest time we celebrate the generosity of God and his love for us in creation. From a spiritual point of view harvest is the celebration of **our life's work**. **"Let us not waste time in idle discourse!"** says one of the characters in Samuel Beckett's play *Waiting for Godot*. **"Let us do something, while we have the chance!"** But the two tramps do nothing. They wait, they talk incessantly, they even contemplate suicide, but they do nothing. They are waiting for Godot, convinced that when he comes they will be saved.

Beckett's tramps are waiting passively for the arrival of Godot, waiting for salvation. Christians are not called to passive waiting. Because we live in **"between times"** – between the coming of Jesus celebrated each Christmas and the second coming of Jesus anticipated in Advent – we are called to live the life of the Jesus who is with us now. Part of living this life is keeping alive the assurance of his second coming. This is not easy, but it is important.

The assurance of the second coming is an antidote to cynicism and despair. It tells us that the world need not end with a bang or a whimper, or be subject to futility – it can end as and when God wills, fulfilling his loving purposes for his creation. But this assurance does not invite complacency or relieve us of responsibility to care for the world



and its peoples; by our apathy or irresponsibility we could still destroy the world through our greed, ignorance, selfishness or arrogance. The assurance of the second coming gives us hope and a **reason to live the "new life in Christ"** to which we are called – the life of the Christ in our midst today.

In our active commitment to peace, justice and reconciliation the person of Jesus can be glimpsed and his love experienced. But it is not just in these **"broad brush" issues that we are** called to be faithful, for our own individual lives also should display Christ-like qualities.

Paul writes to the Colossians about the life to which all Christians are called and lists the characteristics of **this "new life in Christ"**. These characteristics are compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and love, with hearts ruled by the peace of Christ. Above all, Paul writes, the Christian should be thankful. This is the **Colossians' new life and it is ours too**. It is an active life, a life that reveals Christ and shares his love.

So, "Let us not waste time on idle discourse! Let us do something, while we have the chance!"

Village Coffee & Chat (formerly known as The Friendship Club)

In line with modern marketing practices the Friendship Club is rebranding as Village Coffee & Chat. This describes our activities more succinctly – but we are still very friendly! We will still meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.00 in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, whatever their age to join us for refreshments and chat – just turn up. There will normally be a charge £1.00 for refreshments, but to celebrate our rebranding refreshments will be FREE for the September meeting. There will also be a raffle.

If you are new to Whitbourne and would like to meet some of your neighbours, please come and join us – **don't be shy. If you have lived in** Whitbourne for some time and would like the opportunity to have a coffee (or tea) and chat, but felt that the Friendship Club was not for you, do come along and give us a try – we would love to see you.

If you need transport to get to the Village Hall please give one of us a ring and a lift will be arranged.

The September meeting is on Wednesday 3rd at 11.00 in the Village Hall. The following meetings are Wednesday 1st October, Wednesday 5th November and Wednesday 3rd December.

If you would like more information, please give us a ring – Ann Roberts

(01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501). *Ann Roberts*

Saltmarshe & District WI

Pam Davenport was our Speaker for the evening on the subject of Growing and Using Chillies. Pam's enthusiasm and passion was infectious from the start. Born in Aberdeen, growing up with her grandparents in Glasgow, she can remember being introduced to gardening by her grandfather who used to grow tomatoes on the window sills. Every space was used. This was translated into doing the same at university and then the realisation " If I can grow a tomato, I can grow a chilli ". Pam spent six years in France, during which time she developed a range of chilli oils.

Pam grows her chillies from seed, which takes up most of January and February. Seeds trays are covered in cling film, placed in stacks and rotated frequently, all the time warmed with hot water bottles. Chillies are "pernickety" things and even using the same procedures year by year can give a different success rate. There are so many different types of chilli; from the very mild to the blow-your-socks-off sort, and the amount of heat generated is measured by the Scoville rating. For example, Hungarian yellow wax is 5,000 on the Scoville scale whereas a Naga chilli is one million. One of the hottest chillies is Carolina Reaper which comes in at 2.2million on the Scoville Scale.

Chillies can add flavour to stews, salads and have sweet and savoury uses - chocolate brownies for

instance. A favourite product is a breakfast marmalade with pineapple, lime and a small amount of chilli; great at breakfast to kick start the day, useful too for glazing gammon and ham. Chillies have a medicinal effect in that they encourage the release of endorphins in the brain. Pam had brought along lots of dips for tasting and everyone keenly took the opportunity to taste all the lovely samples.

Next month, on 10th September, we welcome Andrew and Ruth Goodman who will be letting us know how to raise and cook a goose. Do come along and find out more. 7.30pm in Saltmarshe Village Hall. *Jean Spelman*

Friends and Neighbours Coffee Mornings

David, Annette and Rebecca wish to thank those who came to the Rectory on 11th July, and £280 was made for Church funds. On 12th September, Sylvia Garness will hold a coffee morning at Tiblands. Please ring Sylvia on 822175 for directions. On 18th October, Andrew and Myrtle Kneen will be holding a coffee morning at Orchard Cottage, Bottom Lane.

These coffee mornings take place 10.30-12.30 with donations and a raffle to raise funds for the Church in Whitbourne. All welcome. *Maureen Williams.*

Teme Valley Geological Society (TVGS)

We aim for top quality in our guest speakers and it is a surprise and

delight that so many are prepared to come to our little corner of Worcestershire and share their knowledge and enthusiasm for a particular geological topic, often free of charge. We are therefore delighted to announce the first three events of our Autumn/Winter programme.

Monday 22nd September - Andrew **Bloodworth** “**The Secret Life of Your Mobile Phone**”

Monday 27th October - Dr. Zalasiewicz “**The Earth After Us**”

Monday 17th November - a return visit from Professor David Siviter “**Chinese Cambrian**”

All to be held at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Further details or any queries please visit our website or ring Harriet on 01886-888382. *Harriet Howell*

Whitbourne Village Hall - Vacancy

As part of reorganisation Whitbourne Village Hall Committee has an immediate vacancy for a Bookings Administrator/ Business Planner. Very much a part-time vocation. Must be computer literate and outgoing!

In the first instance please contact the Chairman - Craig Jones - on 01886 821272

Whitbourne Village Hall Update

In the last twelve months two of the windows in the Village Hall have been broken by people playing ball games against the wall of the Hall adjoining the car park. After the first break various members of the Committee had asked that those playing these

games be very careful because of the possibility of damage; after the second incident the Committee has reluctantly decided to place a ban on ball games against any of its walls. The Committee accepts that the Hall is an important part of the community of Whitbourne and has not taken this decision lightly; however it feels that it cannot accept the drain on its resources or the time of its members without taking what it regards as appropriate action. The cost of the specialist glass alone to replace the last window was £64. Those of you who use the Hall regularly will know from the ball marks on the windows that these are not isolated incidents. This decision has been taken in consultation with local Police and was discussed at the July Parish Council meeting.

Could all householders please ensure that all family members are made aware of what has happened and the action that the Committee had decided is necessary? *Village Hall Committee.*

Whitbourne Garden Society

Having agreed to re-start a programme of meetings for those interested in gardening, our first meeting was at the Allotments in the spring. With the Village Show behind us, we have a couple of meeting dates organised as follows:

7.30 pm Tuesday September 16th
Village Hall – **“Centralised purchasing of seed and garden materials”** Please bring along any catalogues that you know have proved reputable in terms

of service and quality. We will also have a brief discussion about this **season’s gardening. Please bring a** piece of fruit from your garden if you have any ready.

7.30pm Tuesday October 7th Village Hall – **“Growing for Showing”** a talk by Bob Oliver about how to grow quality plants and prepare them for judging.

There will be a meeting in November or February, exactly which date depends on the availability of the speaker. The talk will be based on Fruit Growing. We should have details by the beginning of September. There will be a further meeting in the spring, subject and venue to be decided. As this is a new committee, we are running a little bit hand to mouth in terms of securing dates for meetings, but I am sure that we will soon get into the swing of planning well in advance.

Meetings are free for members and cost £3 per meeting for non-members. Membership is £5 per person per annum and will enable you to buy discounted seeds and gardening materials as a Garden Group if that is what is agreed in September.

Although we are re-establishing ourselves, the good news is that if **you come along you won’t be given a** job to do (unless you ask for one), as we have people lined up to do the tasks needed at present. If you have any ideas for meetings, speakers or venues we would love to hear from you. Any questions, please contact Christine Battrum 821307 or Noel Knight 821619. *Christine Battrum*

Greater Whitbourne PCC

Most of July's meeting was taken up

with a talk by John Daniels, the Local Ministry Officer, and Penny Evans, Local Ministry Development Advisor, to explain to us the purpose of Local Ministry teams and how to go about forming them.

An LMDG (Lay Ministry Development Group) is appointed by and is accountable to the PCC. It is commissioned by the Bishop and Local Ministry Officer, and lasts for four years.

It acts as a focus and catalyst, developing new ideas and thus strengthening our churches by providing services and activities which will cater for a wider variety of people. e.g. the group could organise special services (**Pets service, Songs of Praise...?**) in each of our churches. They could also organise all services well in advance, ensuring that they are well publicised. There is a certain amount of training involved for team members.

We are committed to forming an LMDG - many parishes in the Diocese now have them and certainly, if we can find the right people, a good group will be an advantage and help our four communities to develop.

The PCC will be considering a possible remit for the group and the nomination and selection process at their October meeting. Nomination could take place over several weeks; **anybody in 'the church family' can be** nominated, with or without their knowledge. The Rector then draws up a short list of nominees and asks

each person if they are able and willing.

We are hoping to press on with this and, if possible, to have a Group in place by Christmas, although this might be hopelessly optimistic.

The rest of the meeting dealt with routine matters which were despatched fairly quickly. *Brenda Allan*

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Sept 3 RSC LIVE Two Gentlemen of Verona 8pm

Sept 4 NT LIVE Medea 7pm

Sept 5 FILM Tracks 8pm

Sept 13 Last Night of the Proms Gala Evening 7.30pm

Sept 17 BFS FILM 20000 Days on Earth 7pm

Sept 18 Handa Opera Madama Butterfly

Sept 19 FILM Love Punch 8pm

Sept 20 Moroccan Style Evening (food in the foyer; booking essential) 7pm

Sept 26-28 Ealing Comedy Film Weekend

Sept 28 LIVE from the West End Billy Elliot the musical 7pm

Why not join us for coffee and a chat on Saturday mornings 10.30- 12.30

Whitbourne Village Fete, July 12th



What does it take to make a successful village fete?

good weather – this was no problem; after broiling heat of 2013 and floods the year before, we were blessed with warm sunshine and the rain held off until the last clearing up was nearly **done, at 7 o'clock.**

plenty of refreshments – with a choice of ice creams and ices, a barbeque, soft drinks, beer, wine and cider at the bar, and tea and cakes for all tastes, we were well supplied all day. The magnificent tea tent offered shelter from the sun, a grandstand view and a place to simply sit and chat, and in the process made an astonishing £390.

entertainment for all ages – we are fortunate to have an excellent **children's play area on the Playing Fields**, and it was lovely to see this facility fully occupied during the afternoon. **It's A Knockout made a real splash**, keeping the young-at-heart amused and wet, and old favourites like the Tombola and the Grand Draw pulled in the crowds.

the Flower and Produce Show – making a link with the Show has been an

important feature of the Whitbourne Fete for many years, and this year, with a new committee taking on the mantle, was no exception.

teamwork – above all, the fete relies on contributions of time, labour and goods. The committee may meet through the year, dreaming dreams and telephoning people, but success depends on everyone, from stall-holders and ticket-sellers, to prize-givers and cake-bakers, the folk who are on site soon after 7 am and those who help with the packing up at the end. And, of course, to the large numbers who come and enjoy the day.

The Lucky Programme was won by a lady who only moved in a few months ago – Welcome to Whitbourne! – and first prize in the Draw went to a gentleman who has lived here for many years (his ticket was sold by Margie Wall, so you know where to get prize-winning tickets next year!).

The Fete Committee had hoped that 2014 would see us break the £3,000 barrier, but this was not to be; we missed by a mere £80. Perhaps we will make it next year? Meanwhile, we can make substantial donations to our three charities: *Acorns Hospice*, *Tanga in Touch* and *Whitbourne Parish Church*.

If you would like to hear more details about the fete, or make suggestions for charities to support next year – or even offer to join the committee! – come along to the AGM on 24th September, 7.30 pm in the small meeting room at the village hall.

Kate Lack (Fete Chairman)

Whitbourne Garden Society Show

What a wonderful afternoon! The village hall was filled with the scent and sight of beautiful flowers and packed with a range of produce, flowers, photographs, foodstuffs and crafts. A lot of last minute entries brought the number of individual entrants to over 40, a recent record. Whilst the craft and cookery sections needed preparation in advance, a lot of the garden **produce entries were “found” on the morning of the show.** Roses, sweet peas and a selection of weeds were probably the most popular entries, suggesting that many of us should be able to find something to enter if we step out into our gardens and look for something that fits the bill. The limerick competition was as popular as ever, proving that the level of wit and talent within the village remains high.

Prize-giving took place at the end of the Fete, and the following people were awarded cups as listed below:

The Whitbourne Garden Society Challenge Cup for the most points scored in section A, garden produce: Rachel Freeman

The Howard Mayson Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in section B, flowers: Christine Battrum

Pimpernel Art Trophy for the most points scored in section C, arts and crafts: jointly awarded to Andrew Kneen and Shirley Whittall

Juro Trophy for the most points scored in section D, photography: Penny Hayward

Silver Jubilee Trophy for most points scored in section E, flower arranging: Liz Cousins

Clarissa Jones Challenge Bowl for most points scored in section F, cookery: Rachel Freeman

Tiblands Trophy for best exhibit from an under five year old: Megan Adshead

Thanks to all those who helped on the day and the entrants, including Tiblands Nursery who brought a fine selection of **“Cress Heads”** from the pre-school group; there were some ingenious models. Information **about next year’s show will appear** early in the New Year. We hope that a number of you have been inspired to give it a try and support an event that has been running for over 100 years in the village. If you want to find out **more about “Growing for Showing”**, there will a Garden Society meeting in October at which Bob Oliver, a regular competitor at regional and national level will take us through some top tips. More information can be found on page six of the magazine and keep a close eye on noticeboards. *Christine Battrum*



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Christopher John Harris

3-7-1923 – 11-7-2014

Chris was born at Chepstow, Monmouthshire. He was the second eldest of 13 children. In 1926 his family moved to Bockleton and in 1928 to **'The Firs' on Bromyard Downs**. Chris attended Brockhampton School and was a choirboy at the Downs Mission. He left school in 1937 aged 14 and went to work for Mr Tom Oliver as an errand boy. After 6 months he went to work for Mr Henry Hughes, a gentlemans outfitter in Bromyard for 3 years. Chris joined the Navy on 15th September 1941 at the age of 18 on an escort minesweeper. His first 2 years were spent on HMS Tadoussac escorting convoys to and from America, Canada, Newfoundland and Iceland. After D-Day he joined the aircraft carrier HMS Begum and sailed across to the Indian Ocean, where he served until VJ Day (Victory over Japan). He was awarded the Burma Star with the Pacific clasp for this. He was also awarded The Atlantic Star, The Pacific Star, The 1939-45 Star and the Oak leaf emblem and the 1939-45 War Medal. He was on his way home in the Indian Ocean when HMS Illustrious was attacked by the Japanese so he had to stay. He was demobbed in March 1945.

He worked with his brother Jim at Upper Norton for Mr Charlie Page. **He lived at 'Hedge House Farm' and 'Ireland Cottage' before moving to 'The Upper Grounds' to work as Farm Bailiff for Major M.A. Belleville in 1950. In 1985 he moved into 'Forge Cottage', Tedstone Delamere**

where he lived until his death. He had 5 children: Elaine, Mervyn, David, Wendy and Lucy; 11 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren. Chris loved his family, his country (England and Wales) and especially Tedstone Delamere, his Church and his beloved sheep. He still farmed his sheep long after he retired.

Chris was Churchwarden for many years at Tedstone Delamere. He was also Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the PCC. He served on The Greater Whitbourne PCC for many years and was Vice Chairman. He was Chairman of the Standing committee and a member of the Deanery Synod. He was a Parish Councillor for Tedstone Delamere and later Upper Sapey, on the North Bromyard Group Council and also Chairman for many years.

He was Treasurer, Secretary and later President of Saltmarshes and District Hall. He was Chairman and Treasurer of the Flower Show Committee. He was MC at whist drives and organised discos for the Hall. He loved hunting with the Clifton-on-Teme **Hunt where he was 'cap' man**. He was a superb dancer and he liked to play whist, darts and crib.

His funeral service was very well attended and donations for Tedstone Delamere Church amounted to £1,045. I would like to thank the staff of Monnow Ward at the County Hospital Hereford, Bromyard Hospital, everyone at Nunwell Surgery, the carers and Emma and staff at **Handley's Funeral Directors for their care** of Chris and their kindness and help to me and my family. Also Ann, Sue

and staff at Sapey Golf Club and for all messages and donations received in our sad loss. They have been such a comfort. *Kathleen Harris*

Denys Gueroult MBE

“The death is announced of Denys Gueroult, after a long illness, at the age of 87.

After service in the Royal Navy he was fortunate enough to work for the BBC during the extended period of its unchallenged excellence. His interest in the arts, especially music, his eye for the absurd, his ready sympathy, together with a prodigious memory, made him a formidable interviewer (and, in later years, a wonderfully indiscreet raconteur).

On retirement he moved to the Welsh Marches with his partner Chris Philip. Together they maintained a superb garden at Lakeside, Whitbourne, and **created the “Plantfinder”.**

After his partner’s death Gueroult turned his energies into fund-raising for the hospice movement, and it was chiefly for his efforts in that field that he was honoured with the award of **the MBE.”**

The foregoing appeared in the national broadsheets last month. Here in Whitbourne we remember Denys as an energetic and generous member of our community for nearly 30 years. We remember his enthusiastic management of the elaborate sound and lighting system for WADS productions, we relished his own highly individual pantomime scripts and enjoyed his regular opening-up of Lakeside in aid of good causes. And at the dinner-table an endless supply of

tales of the great and not-so-good. Not to be repeated here. Bravo, Denys! *Doiran Williams*

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WHITBOURNE VILLAGE COFFEE & CHAT

Coffee & Chat meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 11.00 in the Village Hall. It is a coffee (or tea) morning open to everyone who would like some refreshment and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours or just to escape from the house or garden. The only charge is £1.00 for refreshments; there is also an optional raffle. If you need a lift please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886821501).

Special offer
Free refreshments on
September 3rd

Church Services

Sunday 7th September 12th after Trinity	8 am 9.30 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 14th September Birth of Virgin Mary	10 am	Patronal Festival, Edvin Loach
Sunday 21st September 14th after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach
Sunday 28th September St Michael and All Angels	10 am	Patronal Festival, Upper Sapey
Sunday 5th October 16th after Trinity	8 am 9.30 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Pets Service, Whitbourne
Sunday 12th October 17th after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am	Harvest Communion, Whitbourne Harvest Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 19th October 18th after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Harvest Communion, Ted. Delamere Harvest Communion, Edvin Loach
Sunday 26th October The last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne

* denotes Book of Common Prayer. Wednesday mornings are set aside for Home Communions. Please contact the Rector on 01886 821285 if you would like a visit.

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Great Witley Surgery 01299 896788
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Nunwell Surgery, Bromyard 01885
483412
Brockhampton Primary School 01885
483238
Bromyard Town Council 01885 482825
Saltmarsh & District Hall 853512
Herefordshire Council 01432 260000

Upper Sapey Village Hall 853512
Worcestershire Council 01905 763763
Whitbourne Village Hall bookings 821823
(email book.wvhall@gmail.com)
Police – West Mercia 0300 3333000
Police - CSO Stephanie Annette 07970
602354
Clifton-upon-Teme Village Hall 812880
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The Wheatsheaf Inn 822282
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Edith Silcock Memorial Hall paves the way for success with Caplor Energy's Community Energy Initiative

Advertisement feature

It's been over two years since Caplor Energy installed 3.99kWp Solar Panels on the Village Hall in Upper Sapey. The Hall was one of the first to take part in Caplor's unique Community Solar Initiative (CSI) enabling communities to benefit from Solar Panels without the barrier of the up-front costs, by paying these costs back over time. CSI has been so successful that it has now been rolled out to incorporate our other technologies such as Solar Hot Water and Biomass Boilers called the Community Energy Initiative.

We hope it's given you all great satisfaction and pride knowing that your community building is actively reducing its operational carbon emissions. The latest European aim is to cut carbon emissions by 40% by 2030 so Edith Silcock Memorial Hall is ahead of the game!

Did you know that you could be helping the Village Hall pay off the CSI loan quicker? Anyone who is referred to us by Edith Silcock Memorial Hall and has a renewable technology installed, will enable £150 to **be taken off the Hall's loan repayments.** So if just 3 of you decide Solar PV, Solar Hot Water or Biomass heating is for you - your Village Hall will have £450 taken off. If 6 of you come to us through Edith Silcock

Memorial Hall, that's a whopping £900 saving. That's on top of the Feed-in-tariff and electricity bill savings already being made.

Remember - mention to us in the office that it was Edith Silcock Memorial Hall that referred you and your community will reap the rewards. You could get your friends and anyone else who uses the Village Hall to think about renewable energy and how it could help them. You could save £300 - £400 on your energy bills, achieve guaranteed payments for 7-20 years with the Renewable Heat Incentive and Feed-in-Tariff respectively. **Perhaps you're** already doing work to your house or building from scratch; this is an ideal time to install renewable energy as much of the initial outlay is in labour costs. Installing whilst work is already taking place increases the savings you will make.

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Whitbourne and Planning Policy : Letters

Andrew Kneen writes:

I have been shocked to read the criticisms of Gary Swinford in last **month's magazine**. **The time and effort** that he has given to Whitbourne is amazing, when he represents so many other parishes as well. We are very lucky to have him and I hope that he will not be discouraged from continuing to serve us.

On the morning that I read the letters, the headline on the front page of the **Telegraph** was: **"Nimbys have had their day," says new housing minister**. He went on to explain that this was the result of the new policy, introduced by this government, of a **"presumption in favour of sustainable development."**

Though no one in Whitbourne is a Nimby, this presumption means, if Herefordshire Council refuses **Whitbourne Estates' application and Whitbourne Estates** appeal against the decision, the Government Inspector hearing the appeal must decide in favour of the application, unless it is contrary to planning law. Why would Herefordshire Council refuse the application, when they know that it will be approved on appeal and they will bear the costs?

Whitbourne Estates could have submitted their application without telling anybody in advance. Instead they have gone out of their way to consult residents. The access through Acreage was not in their original plan, but was forced on them by the Chief Plan-

ning Officer. We should be thankful that the opposition to it, supported by Gary Swinford, has helped them to persuade the planners to allow access from the main road, as they originally proposed.

Whitbourne Parish Council voted not to discuss the proposed development with Whitbourne Estates. They would have better served the interests of residents by seeking to negotiate improvements to lessen its impact on existing properties.

John Archer suggests that we should vote against Gary Swinford at the next election. I suggest that, if you are against the results of the presumption in favour of sustainable development, you should vote against the party that introduced it, at the next election. *Andrew Kneen*

Stuart and Rosalind Andrews write:
We have been following the recent exchanges in the Parish Magazine relating to planning policy, but feel the debate has now drifted away from a healthy and productive discussion to a "who said what" blame game. Why don't we instead concentrate our efforts on protecting and improving what is important about our Parish? Let's all respond to any consultations **on new planning proposals and let's** engage with the next Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation and each make our views known. We can do so safe in the knowledge that, as John Archer rightly recognises, any

elected persons (including the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Working Party) have a duty to faithfully represent the current views of

the residents of Whitbourne. *Stuart and Rosalind Andrews*

At a glance

Wednesday 3rd September Relaunch of the Friendship Club; Coffee & Chat in the Village Hall at 11.00am. Free refreshments and a raffle as well as the opportunity to catch up with your friends and neighbours. Further information, from Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501).

Saturday 6th September. Rude Wines present a wine tasting evening at Hanley Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 per in advance from Trace 07972183164 or Alex 07803251322.

Saturday 6th September Produce Sale and Coffee Morning at Bishops Frome Village Centre, 10am – 12 noon. In aid of St Giles Church, Acton Beauchamp. Lots of home made cakes, preserves, free range eggs, plants and much more.

Wednesday 10th September Garden Outing to Coughton Court. Meet Village Hall at 11.15 am. To book phone Sheila Dodd 01886 821835.

Wednesday 24th September, Whitbourne Village Fete AGM 7.30 pm in the small meeting room at the village hall.

Saturday 4th October. Whitbourne Harvest Supper

Saturday 4th October. Saltmarshe & District Hall Harvest Supper

Wednesday 8th October Bromyard & District Local History Society invites you to a talk given by Pamela Hurlle: Malvern Women of Note. 7.30 pm at the Conquest Theatre. Members free, non members £3.00

Thursday 16th October Garden Outing to Newport House. Meet Village Hall at 11.15 am. To book phone Sheila Dodd 01886 821835.

Saturday 18th October. Upper Sapey Village Hall Harvest Supper

Saturday 15th November Albert Jones of Tedstone Delamere is organising a **fundraising event for St Michael's Hospice at Sapey Golf Club (see advert on page 13).**

Saturday 29th November. Upper Sapey Christmas Fayre ~ 11am-2pm at the Hall. All Welcome.

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month except June, July and August. Upper Sapey Village Hall Whist Drives. 8pm start.

“I almost went to Church”

I almost went to Church last night
But couldn't find the time
So much to do in the garden
To have left it would have been a crime
So I dug and hoed and weeded
And wearily went to bed
But I made a resolution
I'd go next week instead

I almost went to Church last night
But some old friends of mine came
And to have closed the door on them
Would have been an awful shame
So we talk and chatted and gossiped
Until the goodbyes were said
But I made a resolution
I'd go next week instead

I almost went to Church last night
But my favourite programme was on
And by the time it was finished
The time for Church was gone
So I sat before the telly
Until the set was dead
But I made a resolution
I'd go next week instead

I almost went to Church last night
But I left it rather late
And lack of punctuality
Is a thing I really hate
So I sat before the fire
Took up a book and read
But I made a resolution
I'd go next week instead

I almost went to Church last night
But a certain preacher was there
And for his kind of preaching
I really didn't care

So rather than go to Church
And come back with a heavy head
I made a resolution
I'd go next week instead

I almost went to Church last night
But found it was too late
The Church was locked and silent
And 'For Sale' was on the gate
Oh, the remorse, which now I felt
The little Church was dead
And I - Yes I had killed it
By going next week instead.

*Anonymous. From Offa Tree News
January 2003 and submitted by
Anne Lewis/John Taylor*

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Village Hall Events

Public Events List for September

- 2nd - Parish Council 19.30
3rd - Dog Training 10:30; Coffee & Chat 11:00
5th - Yoga 10:15-11.30; Teme Valley Western Dancers (TVWD) 19.00
6th - Dog Training 10.30-13.00
8th - TVWD 17.00
9th - Pilates 09:30-10.30; Women's Institute 19:30-22:00
12th - Yoga 10:15-11.30; TVWD 17.00
13th - Dog Training 10.30-13:00
15th - TVWD 17:00
16th - Pilates 09:30-10:30
18th - TVWD 19:00
19th - Yoga 10:15-11:30
20th - Dog Training 10:30-13:00
22nd - TVWD 17:00
23rd - Pilates 09:30
24th - Fete AGM 19:30
26th - Yoga 10:15-11.30; TVWD 19:00
27th Dog Training 10:30-13:00; TVWD 19:00
29th TVWD 19:00
30th- Pilates 09:30

Contacts

Yoga (Christine Harris) 01886 821807; Pilates (Sue Bratton) 07974 343609; Teme Valley Western Dancers (TVWD; Geoff and Thelma Mills) 01886 821772; Dog Training (Janet Culham) jculham@uwclub.net

Please remember that these events are open to everyone and your participation is most welcome (other unlisted dates are private events and not open to the public). Also, the Village Hall is available for private hire at very reasonable rates.

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Dear Whitbourne Parish Magazine.....

As a relative newcomer to the greater Whitbourne area, I am very happy to be living in such a richly active community as this one, although I am very fully engaged in my own adventures and can only participate at the moment quite frugally in wider activities.

I am however very happy to receive such a magazine full of community life each month and I read it from cover to cover to see what everyone is up to.

I have to say however that I was somewhat taken aback to read Bishop Magowan's contribution to the July issue. I may be mistaken, but I thought that the Christian teaching was that "Thou shalt not kill" and I have to say that while the Bishop rightly says that war is always a mark of failure, he goes on to say that "the rights to freedom and, for individuals and nations, to self-determination remain values worth defending" and this becomes for him a justification for "the great cost both in human lives and precious resources".

I'm not a Christian, I'm not religious in a conventional sense, although I strive for spiritual maturity in my life, and I have to say that it is not the place of religious leaders, in my view, to sanctify taking another human being's life under any circumstances. It is the role of spiritual leaders to teach their flocks that the only way to resolve differences between people is peacefully, and that

to hurt, to maim, to kill is always evidence that the perpetrator has "lost it", is trying to impose their will, is trying to dominate, intimidate, threaten, abuse another through the exercise of brute violence, because they haven't been able to inspire others into sharing their outlook on life, and this is not the mark of an evolved human being.

I have a personal history that makes this issue a live one for me, and, over the years, I hope to be able to bring a modicum of sanity into the way people relate to each other when they find themselves to be at odds with another, or others - I'm not yet ready to offer anything publicly at the moment, other than, as I do today, to publicly state that killing is always evidence, not only of a breakdown, but also a declaration of failure, a declaration of despair, a declaration of having given up on the human race, a declaration of surrender to negativity and self-and other-destruction, and it cannot possibly be part of a sane and graceful and mature response to life's challenges.

So please, Mr Bishop, return to your origins, and insist that your flock mean it when you declare that "Thou shalt not kill". Otherwise, I will doubt your integrity, not only in this matter, but in other areas too, and rather than that, I want us to be able to hold hands in dignity and behave responsibly as mentors and elders and counselors to those in need, in distress and in despair.

Thank you. *Amila Y'Mech*

Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

The late Isaac Asimov, scientist and author of science fiction wrote *“The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster that society gathers wisdom.”* He wrote this prior to the digital revolution in which access to information and communications exploded through the internet and technology. If it were true when he wrote, how much more so now as information on almost any subject can be accessed at the touch of a button and an entry into a search engine such as Google.

Of course having that ability to access information is a wonderful resource and many have found it to be an enriching aspect to their lives. However knowledge and information alone do not necessarily change lives for the better. Throughout the summer, the news has made clear over and over that technology, information and knowledge do not of themselves make the world a safer place. Indeed recent polls suggest that many people feel less safe now than in years past. The rise of militancy, the use of information to exploit others and the inability of differing peoples to agree and find peaceful solutions, all point to the difficulty. While many understand that information is power there is a tendency to forget that power can be used either for good or for ill.

William Shakespeare in his play ‘As you like it’ penned these words: *the fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself a fool.* As Shakespeare alludes there is a distinct dif-

ference between wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is about information and power while wisdom is about their application for good and not for ill. Wisdom requires self knowledge and experience that is honest about the human heart, our motivations and propensities to both evil as well as good. The Christian tradition has long linked wisdom to love and to the God who is the source and author of both. True knowledge of God brings wisdom. Many things done in the so called name of God fail this test. St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians explores true wisdom and points to Jesus Christ as the one in whom the power, love and wisdom of God are fully embodied. Wisdom is something we and our world desperately need. The book of proverbs puts it like this: *Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get wisdom.* (Proverbs 4:6-7) +Alistair Magowan

Crossword Lord Threadneedle is on holiday

Solution to crossword 27

Across. 2. fluorescent; 8. Light; 10. Tan; 12. Venus; 14. Dulcet; 15. Cyrano; 17. Yew; 19. Ingot; 20. Stone; 22. Map; 25. Reduce; 27. Purify; 29. Loewe; 30. Rib; 32. Payee; 33. garden party. Down 1. Holiday; 3. Untie; 4. Rut; 5. Son; 6. Envoy; 7. History; 9. golden oldie; 11. Apple; 13. neat and tidy; 16. Foe; 18. etc.; 21. Martley; 23. Alibi; 24. Flyleaf; 26. Clear; 28. Upper; 30. Rye; 31. Bop.

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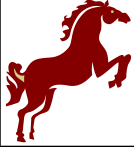
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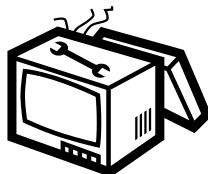
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12th October	Mrs M Malkin
19th October	Mrs M. Schoonenberg
26th October	Mrs M. Schoonenberg

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7th Sept	Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole
14th Sept	Mrs M. Kneen
21st Sept	Mr J. Cummins
28th Sept	Mr J. Allan
5th October	Mr J. Ransley
12th October	Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole
19th October	Mrs M. Kneen
26th October	Mr J. Cummins

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

7th Sept	Mrs M. Kneen
14th Sept	Mr J. Bland
21st Sept	Mr J. Howell
28th Sept	Mrs S. Bland
5th October	Mrs B. Allan
12th October	Mrs S. Dodd
19th October	Sir N. Harington
26th October	Mr J. Allan

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

6th Sept	Mrs E. James
13th Sept	Mr J. Allan
20th Sept	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger
27th Sept	Mrs A. Evans
4th October	Mrs G. Stormonth Darling
11th October	Mrs A. Howell
18th October	Mrs M. Kneen
25th October	Mrs E. James

Upper Sapey

Sept/Oct Helen Miles/Carol Evans Fisher

Coffee - Whitbourne

7th Sept	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
14th Sept	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
21st Sept	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
28th Sept	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
5th October	Mrs E. Badger & Mrs P. Ransley
12th October	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
19th October	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
26th October	Mr and Mrs J. Bland

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If the dates shown for the rotas are inconvenient and you are not able to change with anyone else on the list, please let Myrtle Kneen know on 01886 821707. Thank you to all those who put so much effort into keeping our Churches running smoothly.

A sense of belonging

Shane lives in Whitbourne and I first worked with him in 2007 on a dance film project in Ludlow. I was really pleased when he signed up for **'Beyond the Pond' which was a 6 day** community arts project led by everyBODY dance at Longlands Farm on the Whitbourne Estate.

The project involved people ages 2 to 87 years, from near and far, with and without disabilities. It included people with learning difficulties, sensory impairment and physical disabilities.

Bromyard Beavers and Malvern Special Families groups, local families and individuals visited for arts and crafts sessions led by artist Megan Evans with Anton and Helene (2 volunteer helpers). They created a beautiful stage set which transformed the cattle shed into an underwater world of strange creatures and abundant plant life.

Alongside this was the training and performance project that involved 11 aspiring dancers aged 12 to 45 and it was this that Shane became part of. He is now 15 and he, like most, arrived with no previous experience of aerial dance work and without knowing the other participants. Our first task involved getting to know names and finding effective ways to communicate with each other, as not everyone had use of

verbal language. We quickly learnt the basics of aerial dance, how to go, stop, turn upside down, spin and balance with the support of the ropes, harnesses and partners. Lunch breaks became social events and very quickly the group gelled into a diverse community that supported and trusted one another.

At the end of the 6 days we had created a 30-minute performance piece with music, costume and water! Each person had a duet and solo moment and there were ensemble unison sections that brought everyone together.

The audience responded with smiles, gasps, a few tears and many words that expressed the impact of the work, its humanness and inclusiveness. Participants, parents and carers told us how it had changed their outlook on ability and allowed them to really get to know people they might not have had a chance to spend time with before. *Rachel Freeman*

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