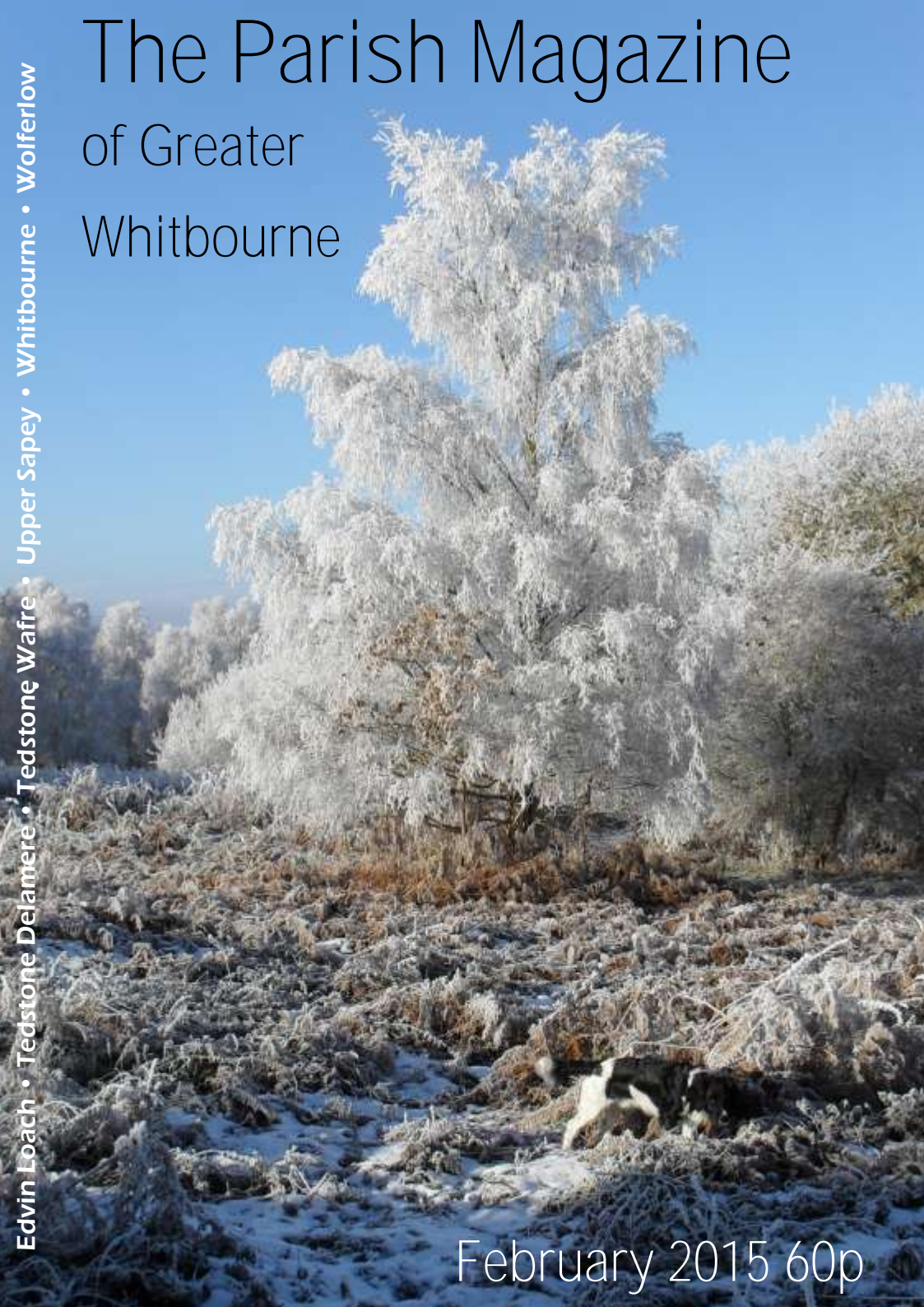


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From the Rector

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – 1 February

In his challenging and deeply perceptive book *The View in Winter*, Ronald Blythe offers a rich and multifaceted view of the experience of old age. He listens to a huge number of elderly people from all walks of life, recording their individual experiences and, from them, drawing universal principles. His assessment of the plight of the elderly in Britain today is **a bleak one: “For all our new caring and planning, to be old today is contemptible.” Blythe’s analysis as to why this is so sees the old as “part of a huge and ordinary multitude, a section of society so fast-growing in its needs and demands as to create another kind of helplessness in the young and middle-aged, making them feel guilty and resentful.” Up to the fairly recent past, continues Blythe, the presence of illnesses for which there were no cures meant that few people lived on into real old age. “The reason why old age was venerated in the past was because it was extraordinary.”**

With the celebration of Candlemas we remember the visit of Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth. This was an important ritual in the life of a Jewish family, and the presentation of a child in this way was not an unusual event. The legal ritual requirements for purification and dedication meant that families would have been visiting the Temple week in, week out, to offer their firstborn sons to God.



But the way events unfolded on this particular occasion was not so ordinary. Mary and Joseph are first approached by Simeon. We are not actually told that he is old, but that is **certainly the impression given: “It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.” Immediately, Simeon sees the importance of this seemingly ordinary baby, recognising him as the Christ: “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace...for my eyes have seen your salvation.” But Simeon’s recognition is much more than a vague sense of “specialness”: he has discerned that Jesus’** significance would spread far beyond the Jewish race, that in his life many would be opposed to him and that Mary herself would suffer because of what was to happen to him.

Our society is not quick to recognise or acknowledge the gifts and wisdom of the older people in its midst. Too often the elderly are considered a **problem, a drain on society’s** resources. The Gospel for Candlemas demonstrates the prophetic gifts of Simeon and Anna so powerfully, that it provides a strong rebuke to a society that continues to measure the value of people in terms of their

looks, age and general earning capacity. Even those whom we love we may take for granted; when our parents and grandparents are no longer alive there may be many things we wished we had asked them while we had the chance. Candlemas pictures the elderly as repositories of experience and spiritual wisdom. That, if we will accept it, is their gift to us.

Lent Lunches

Wednesday 18th February Ash
Wednesday; Lent Lunch in Church at 12 noon.

Wednesday 25th February; Lent Lunch at Gaines Lodge

4th March; Lent lunch at the Friendship Club.

Parish News

Friends and Neighbours' Coffee Mornings

There is a coffee morning on 11 February 10.30-12.30 at Margaret Lloyd-James in aid of church funds. Margaret lives at Brook Meadow, Bottom Lane and all are welcome to join her. *Maureen Williams*

Coffee & Chat

Please come for Coffee and Chat every first Wednesday of the month in Whitbourne Village Hall at 11.00am. Next meeting - Wednesday 4th February. *Ann Roberts*

Coffee Mornings, Upper Sapey Church

Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church.

Meet friends new and old for a chat, and see how plans are progressing to repair and develop this little church.

Tanga in Touch Christmas Appeal - Target reached!

There were some very generous people around in December. In spite of a late start, we reached our target of £800 in record time on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to you all, especially the two gentlemen who offered to make up the total - they are giving half each. This could be literally a life-saver to the children who benefit, allowing them to continue their education. Asanteni sana, wote!
Brenda Allan

Whitbourne Garden Society

The Society invites you to join them for the following talks in the Village Hall:

Wednesday 18th Feb at 7.30 - Steve Grosvenor (Frank Matthews - Trees for Life). Fruit trees and shrubs, their care and pruning.

Weds. 25th March at 7.30 - Charles Chesshire (Treasures of Tenbury) - Clematis.

Make a note to come and hear these experts and pick up the hints and tips they have to offer. Free admission for members; £3 for non-members. *Noel Knight*

Donald Collins BEM

If you are a reader of the Hereford Times, you may have noticed in the New Year Honours list that Mr Donald Collins, an operations field team leader working on flood prevention and rescue for the Environment

Agency, received the British Empire Medal (BEM) for Services to the Community. Donald is referred to as coming from Bromyard, as indeed he does. Those of us with long enough memories know that he also comes from Whitbourne, having been born and brought up at The Batch, Rosemore.

Many congratulations, Don! *Chris Evans.*

Learn the Basics of Digital Photography at Whitbourne Village Hall

Do you have a digital camera but are not sure how to use it properly?

This course will help you master the basics of a normal compact (or more advanced) digital camera, with individual support from an experienced tutor:

- Get your pictures sharp and clear
- Explain those mysterious buttons
- Hints on composition, and feedback on pictures
- Transfer pictures to a computer, email them and keep them tidy
- Do some editing and even add effects - like a vignette

Five week course on Tuesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm at Whitbourne Village Hall starting Feb 24th, £45.

Also available as a day-time course at the HOPE Centre, Bromyard, on Thursday mornings.

For more information and booking, contact Paul Lack on 01886 821 978 paul@lack83.plus.com. *Paul Lack*

Bromyard Downs Common Volunteer Work Parties & Events Winter/ Spring 2015

Sat 7th February. Racecourse Clearance. Central car park 10am, bring lunch

Sat 14th February. Winter Tree Identification (Advance booking required). Learn how to ID common trees in winter. Warren Farm 10am, lunch provided.

Sat 7th March. Coppicing & Learning To Work With Traditional Handtools. Brockhampton Primary car park 10am, bring lunch

Thurs 2nd April. Family Day: Burning Brash, Lunch By The Fire, Easter Egg Hunt!! Central car park 10.30am - 3pm. (Advance booking required)

Sat 18th April. Habitat Management. Central car park 10am, bring lunch

Unless otherwise stated work parties will start at 10am and continue till 4pm, when we provide refreshments in the Royal Oak. Please bring your own gloves and wear suitable clothes, all other equipment provided.

Hannah Welsh

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Wags and Wellies Dog Walking Events This Spring

Your four-legged friends are invited to our series of sponsored dog walks.

There will be routes through Herefordshire's most picturesque fields, woodlands, riverbanks and country lanes.

There is a real sense of community spirit at the heart of this ever-popular event. Wags & Wellies is perfect for getting out and about with friends and family, and a chance to meet new people.

There will be many doggy-themed stalls from local businesses for you to browse after the walk, so you will be supporting your local community as well as your Hospice.

Collect three special St Michael's Hospice dog tags - one from each event.

There will be plenty of dog-tastic entertainment for pets and their owners at every venue.

Hereford, Sunday 8th March

The 5km walk starts and finishes at Wyevale Garden Centre, Hereford with halfway refreshments at Breinton Village Hall. All dogs will receive a **doggy treat and a blue St Michael's Hospice dog tag.**

Leominster, Saturday 18th April

The 4km walk starts and finishes at Brightwells in Easters Court and takes you along part of the beautiful Kenwater river. All dogs will receive a **doggy treat and a red St Michael's Hospice dog tag.**

Ledbury (venue and date TBC: please contact the Events Team to receive priority booking)

All dogs will receive a doggy treat and **a green St Michael's Hospice dog tag.**

For each event, there will be demonstrations from the Paws For Thought Display Team (you can even have a go yourselves in the Doggy Dash!) and a professionally-judged "Just for Fun" dog show.

Entry fees

Individual walks: Pre-entry £5 per adult - £3 per child under 16. On the day entry £7 per adult - £5 per child under 16.

All three walks: Pre-entry for all three walks £12 per adult - £7 per child under 16.

For more information and for terms and conditions, please contact the Events Team on 01432 851000 or visit our website on www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/Events/wags-wellies

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Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week

February 9-15th, 2015

Established in 1995, the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) is dedicated to inspiring people to practice kindness and pass it on to others.

What are RAK's goals?

- To inspire others to be kind.
- Legitimise kindness as a way to improve society.
- Be a highly-regarded, visible social and emotional learning education program.

But you don't need to be a member of RAK, everyone is capable of independently delivering random acts of kindness!

Scientific studies have found that kindness is contagious. It is truly a win/win/win situation. The person you are being kind to benefits through your help. You feel good for having helped someone. And the world is a better place through your kindness.

To get you started here's a very small list. Put them into practice and also create your own:-

- Send someone a note of thanks.
- Buy a lottery ticket for a stranger.
- **Put some coins in someone else's** parking meter.
- Buy a coffee for the man on the high street selling The Big Issue magazine.
- **Cut your neighbour's hedge.**
- **Walk your friend's dog.**
- Give a compliment about your waiter / waitress to his / her manager.

- Send someone a small gift anonymously.
- Stop and help someone replace their flat tyre.
- Let someone jump the queue at the bank.
- Pay for the drinks on the next table at a café.
- Treat a friend to the movies for no reason.
- Give a huge tip to someone when they least expect it.
- Hold the train door open for someone rushing to get in.
- Give up your seat for someone, not just an elderly person.
- Pick up some rubbish in the road.
- Compliment a work colleague.
- Recommend a competitor to a potential client.
- Give another driver your parking spot.
- Tell all your family members how much you appreciate them.
- Buy an inspirational book for a friend.
- Send a thank you note to a person who has helped you in the past.
- Smile a lot.

What goes around is sure to come around – happy helping :-)

Never underestimate the impact of a single act of kindness. I still remember, after many years, the time someone stopped and helped me after my car had broken down. Since then, I have stopped on the road myself and helped stranded motorists a number of times. All because of that single act of kindness by a stranger. Finally, remember it is important to carry out your acts of kindness without expecting anything back.

Bringsty Common & the Manorial Court

A QI-style quiz for readers

Parish Magazine readers shared in some of what Paul Friend, the Chairman of the Bringsty Common Manorial Court (BCMC), said at Whitbourne **W. I.'s November meeting** [see December issue, p.4]. Bringsty commoner Alan Matthews sees more to intrigue in the way that the Common, a national asset as well as a local treasure, is being managed.

Alan has put together a quiz, in a format inspired by the popular QI (quite interesting) quizzes on TV and in newspapers. The (only) prize offered is satisfaction at being better-informed! His answers appear at the end.

Q1 Keeping it recreational

In his talk, Paul spoke about Bringsty **Common being “a recreational rather than a grazing common” now. How does the law say that the modern Common should be managed?**

- a) In ways decided through majority vote at BCMC meetings.
- b) As determined by the owner and commons registration authority, Herefordshire Council.
- c) As recommended by Natural England, the Government natural environment body.
- d) As an open space, according to a Scheme drawn up in 1951 under the Commons Act 1899.

Q2 Stewardship grant payments Grant money totalling £8,000 p.a. is **being paid to the BCMC “for improving the fauna and flora”, the W.I.** heard. How does the stewardship scheme aim to achieve that improvement?

- a) By cordoning-off areas to stop people trampling on violets, a butterfly-larvae foodstuff.
- b) By erecting scarecrows to stop birds eating rare High Brown Fritillary butterflies.
- c) Through maintaining or restoring the grassland in specified areas of the Common.

Q3 Managing scrub overgrowth

Paul would like the Common “to be grazed, as a good way to maintain it, but this is not practical”. How was an offer of scrub management money, to help the BCMC maintain some 8 hectares (equivalent to 16 hockey pitches) north of the old Foxhalls site, dealt with?

- a) A simple plan of the work to be done was submitted to Natural England, as requested.
- b) No plan of work was submitted, and the offer of scrub management money is withdrawn.

Q4 Permanent grassland designation

The 8ha area of the Common, seen by Natural England as deserving scrub management payments, was **designated ‘permanent grassland’** when the stewardship scheme began in 2007. What preceded a redesignation?

tion, announced in 2014, of the area as ‘woodland’?

a) The Council stating, in 2011, that it is using the area to produce long-term timber crops.

b) Several commoners protesting that the sustained neglect of the area goes against its history.

c) Uncirculated correspondence between the Council, BCMC people and Natural England.

Q5 Land character & accessibility

The 1951 Scheme for the management of the Common requires (at clause 3) that the Council do nothing **that may “vary or alter the natural features or aspects of the Common or interfere with free access to any part thereof”**. **Clauses 4 and 5 require the Common to be kept free of encroachments, for the public to have access to every part of it for all types of recreation.** What has been the reaction to protest that the 8ha area is suffering loss of character and accessibility through scrub and tree overgrowth, while the Council uses the land for forestry, all in breach of the 1951 statutory scheme?

a) **The Council’s County Land Agent** is reconsidering the appropriateness of its forestry there.

b) The Bringsty Ward Councillor is seeking early revision of the policy of neglect.

c) The Parish Councillors for Brockhampton Group and Whitbourne are pressing for change.

d) All of the above, including the three Councillors who are involved with the BCMC, appear unmoved.

Q6 Commoners voicing opinions

Local comment includes that “The Common should be managed as the essentially-open land that it was. The natural environment in that area would be improved by a return of pasture, and most people would prefer the extra light, landscape variety and views, restored in that way. The last significant tree and scrub management action in the area of the Common north of Foxhalls was **around 1995, as I recall”, and “**During my time, there were virtually no trees on the Common. They were removed as saplings, or were pollarded, by local people using their own initiative. The material obtained was put to use in their homes or trades, as fuel, for fences or tools, or for jumps for the local horse-riding community. The Common kept a fine, open character, bringing pleasure to all**”.** Who put those comments on record?

a) Alan Matthews, banging-on about a loss of fine views since he bought his property in 1988.

b) Mrs Liz Matthews, hoping that she may yet see land-character restoration north of Foxhalls.

c) Two commoners, each with over 60 years of experience of living on the Common.

Alan’s answers

Q1 (d). Q2 (c). Q3 (b). Q4 (a), (b) & (c). Q5 (d). Q6 (c).

Alan Matthews

What a spread!

The November Open Meeting of the Whitbourne Garden Society brought out all the ingenuity and talent in the parish. The evening was intended to taste produce from the garden as a celebration of the fruits of our labours. With Annie and Robert Barnsley spear-heading the organisation of this evening, a positive banquet was laid out in the Village Hall. Cheese and ham were provided by the society itself so the huge range of chutneys of all colours and tastes, and salads (yes salads in November!) were a perfect accompaniment. A massive bowl of freshly picked grapes (we did have a good summer and autumn) were manfully tackled but there were still plenty of bunches at the end for people to take home. Delicious quiche was washed down with grape cordial, pear juice or even perry (really alcoholic!) all produced at home. Those **with a sweet tooth weren't disappointed**: apple crumble, apple scone, courgette cake and trifle were just some of the delicious items on offer. **The picture below doesn't really do the table justice**, but should set your stomachs rumbling.

It was great to see some new faces, swap some recipes and have a lovely



social time before all the build up to Christmas. A couple of general gardening questions were raised by individuals and answered by others as we settled to digest our desserts and drink coffee and tea. Group seed and compost purchasing was mentioned with a reminder that requests should **go via the Garden Society's e-mail address**. Overall it was a really successful and highly enjoyable evening on which to end the gardening year and our first year of meetings. We look forward to seeing more of you in the Spring. *Christine Battrum*

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Feb 25 Hereford Fire Choir

Feb 28 Folk in the Foyer - Broom
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Attention Carers and Disabled People

In April 2015 the new Care Act comes into force, and has national guidelines, which all local authorities must adhere to.

What does the Act do?

The Act creates a single consistent route, establishing entitlement to public care and support for all adults who require care and support. It also creates the first ever entitlement to support for carers, on a similar basis.

The Act outlines steps that must be followed to work out entitlement, and understand the process. Following a **person's 'journey' in the care and support system**, an assessment will demonstrate eligibility (including a financial assessment). This will determine whether people need to pay for their own care, and in future will include the new capped costs payment system. Once complete a decision can then be made whether the adult is entitled to care and support arranged by the local authority.

When must the local authority **meet a person's care and support needs**?

The Act sets out a new legal duty for **an adult's "eligible needs" (determined by assessment) to be met** by the local authority, subject to their financial circumstances.

The Act says clearly that a person will be entitled to have their needs met **when the adult has "eligible" needs, is ordinarily resident in the local area**

and any of the five situations below apply to them.

- 1) The type of care and support they need is provided free of charge.
- 2) The person cannot afford to pay the full cost of their care and support.
- 3) The person asks the local authority to meet their needs.
- 4) The person does not have mental capacity, and has no one else to arrange care for them.
- 5) When the cap on care costs comes into force, their total care and support costs have exceeded the cap.

On 18th March you can find out more from the Director of Adult Social Care at Hereford Council, Helen Coombes. She will be speaking at Hinton Community Centre, Hereford as part of the Herefordshire Disability United (HDU) Open Meeting. HDU is a local charity providing quarterly information sessions, on topics relevant to the disabled and their families, carers, and older people in this county.

The meeting from 10.30- 2.30 pm is FREE, but you would need to book your place. Other speakers too, all relevant to social care, will be present. A buffet lunch is provided plus the opportunity to speak personally to other organisations present.

Contact Sylvia Nicholls on 07817 473813 or email:

sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com for more details and to book your place.

Check out their website too: www.herefordshiredisabilityunited.org.uk

At a glance

Wednesday 4th February Village Coffee and Chat at Whitbourne Village Hall 11am. All welcome.

Saturday February 7th 2-4.40 Papercraft workshop. Contact Liz Cousins 07976153775 for details and see advert below.

Saturday 14th February Curry/Lasagne Evening at Sapey Golf Club. Tickets £13 from Kathleen Harris 01885 483681 (proceeds - see advert on page 15).

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday Lent Lunch in Church at 12 noon.

Wednesday 25th February Lent Lunch at Gaines Lodge.

Wednesday March 4th Lent Lunch at the Friendship Club.

Saturday March 14th 2-4.30 Papercraft workshop. Contact Liz Cousins 07976153775

Sunday April 19th 2-4.30 Papercraft workshop. Contact Liz Cousins 07976153775

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Upper Sapey Village Hall Whist Drives. 8pm

Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church.

Still Time to Make A Difference

Will Writing Fortnight 2015

Been meaning to get your affairs in order? **Here's a great opportunity** for local people to take a weight off their shoulders by taking part in **Will Writing Fortnight 2015**. **There's still time** to book your place!

From 9th to 20th March 2015, Sally Smith of Harrison Clark Rickerbys Solicitors, Hereford (01432 349670) and Nansi Webb of Gabbs Solicitors, Leominster (01568 616333) are offering to waive their Will writing fee in exchange for a donation to The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC). This opportunity relates to basic Wills i.e. where the instructions outlined in the Will are not complex.

The suggested donation is £95 for a basic single Will and £150 for basic mirror Wills. The money raised will give students at the RNC the opportunity to prepare for the workplace or further education. To avoid disappointment, book your place now with one of the two participating solicitors.

For more information, call 01432 376 371 or email: fundraising@rnc.ac.uk.

Papercraft workshops in Whitbourne

Why not join one of my daytime workshops this spring at my warm and cosy Studio in Whitbourne. Suitable for beginners or improvers (aged over 16)

Call Liz Cousins on 07976153775 for details

Each workshop has a different theme and costs £20. Refreshments, tools and basic materials are included .

Church Services

Sunday 1st February Candlemas	8 am *Holy Communion, Whitbourne 9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 8th February Second Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne 11 am Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 15th February The Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne 11 am Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere 3 pm Holy Communion, Edvin Loach
Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 1st March Lent 2	8 am *Holy Communion, Whitbourne 9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 8th March Lent 3	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne 11 am Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne 11 am Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere 3 pm Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach
Sunday 22nd March Lent 5	9.30 am Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday	9.30 am Palm Sunday Procession and Holy Communion Whitbourne

Useful numbers

(all numbers 01886 except where stated)

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Live and Let Live (Bringsty) 821462

Letter from The Bishop of Hereford

First Impressions

I'm well aware of the dangers of

sounding like someone who spends a fortnight on holiday somewhere and comes back claiming to be an expert on the place. So, by all means, contact me

(bishop.richard@hereford.anglican.org) if you want to put me right, but here are ten of my first impressions of life in the diocese of Hereford.

- 1) Second only to the wheel, the sat-nav is a wonderful invention.
- 2) There are many extremely friendly people here. Kay and I appreciate more than we can say, the warmth of the welcome we have received.
- 3) There is much heroic, faithful and imaginative Christian ministry being exercised across the diocese, by clergy and laity alike. In many **places, it's tough** – a lovely environment does not automatically make Christian ministry easy.
- 4) There is more deprivation than is immediately apparent. In many places, churches are responding to this, but I do hear some anecdotes of congregations which seem reluctant to really engage with the community as a whole.
- 5) I have some great colleagues and the staff in the diocesan offices are outstandingly good.
- 6) Just like so many other places in the Church of England, we get things out of proportion too easily; mountains and molehills come to mind.

7) Money is one subject over which we sometimes get the worst of both worlds – talking about it endlessly without ever really cracking it. We do have to talk about money some of the time – in order to avoid ending up talking about it all the time. Having the lowest level of giving in the Church of England is not a record to be proud of.

8) There is an urgent challenge to share our faith with others. I understand English reticence and the need to be sensitive and appropriate, but the Christian faith is for all. I long to see more people becoming Christians.

9) I am really enjoying living and working here.

10) Yes, the cider is excellent and so too is the apple juice.

+Richard

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Minibus Link Scheme (MLS)

Solving transport needs for not-for-profit organisations

hvoSS (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service) MLS throughout Herefordshire; linking groups wishing to use minibuses at low cost for one-stop journeys with minibus owners who will benefit from a contribution towards their vehicle's running costs.

MLS is available to all properly constituted not-for-profit organisations such as community and voluntary organisations, uniformed youth groups and youth clubs, schools and colleges. Upon joining the scheme all groups have access to a list of vehicles appropriate to their needs - passenger numbers, ramp and lift requirements, a list of volunteer drivers - all at affordable rates. Minibus owners submit details of their vehicles, indicating when they are available for loan. These organisations provide a valued community service whilst increasing their own financial efficiency and publicity through a wider use of their vehicles. MLS administer a smooth and safe booking process, ensuring both borrower and lender needs are considered.

hvoSS is grateful to have received some funding support provided by Herefordshire Council and MLS aims to make transport accessible to all schools and community groups, helping to keep minibuses well-maintained and well-used by everyone. We are looking for both lenders

and borrowers to use the scheme regularly.

MLS is also looking for volunteer drivers to join the scheme. If you enjoy driving and meeting people, then driving community minibuses is a great way to get out and about in your spare time.

Drivers must have D1 category and we encourage all drivers to have MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) training.

If you are interested in receiving this training please email MLS for more information. To read more about MLS visit:

<http://www.hvoSS.org.uk/categories/community-transport.aspx>. If you would like to contact MLS, please email mls@hvoSS.org.uk or telephone Rachael Manacchini-Godfrey at hvoSS on 01432 343932.

CURRY/LASAGNE EVENING

at Sapey Golf Club

7.30 pm

Saturday

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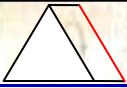
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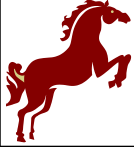
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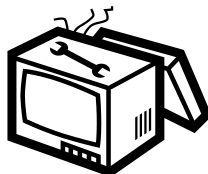
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29th March	Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

1st February	Mrs B. Allan
8th February	Mrs S. Dodd
15th February	Sir N. Harington
22nd February	Mr J. Allan
1st March	Mr J. Howell
8th March	Mr J. Bland
15th March	Mrs M. Kneen
22nd March	Mr C. Short
29th March	Mrs S. Bland

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

31st January	Mrs E. James
7th February	Mr J. Allan
14th February	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger
21st February	Mrs A. Evans
28th February	Mrs G. Stormonth Darling
7th March	Mrs A. Howell
14th March	Mrs M Kneen
21st March	Mrs E. James
28th March	Mr J. Allan

Upper Sapey

February/March Carol Evans Fisher/Helen Miles

Coffee - Whitbourne

1st February	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
8th February	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
15th February	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
22nd February	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
1st March	Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley
8th March	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
15th March	Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen
22nd March	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
29th March	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams

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 Myrtle Kneen on 821707 (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 Myrtle Kneen know on 01886 821707. Thank you to all those who put so much effort into keeping our Churches running smoothly.

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