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From our

Assistant Priest

"A cold coming we had of it, Just the worst time of the year For a journey . . ."

T.S. Eliot stands astride English poetry of the last century like Olympus, but few of us claim familiarity with his higher reaches – a few boulders down below, maybe. But one piece we all recognise, especially at this time of year, "Journey of the Magi".

It seems more than usually apt this year because an inspired decision by the powers-that-be meant that on 6th November the Reverend Dawn Hyett made the short journey from Bredenbury to become our Interim Minister. Commitments in Bredenbury will claim her attention until the New Year, but from then on she will be with us full time.

The first feeling we share in Greater Whitbourne is relief. An interregnum that looked as if it might drag on and on has - for all practical purposes proved mercifully short. The second feeling is sheer pleasure, because Dawn is already known personally to many of us in the greater parish. She has lived for years with her husband and three boys on the edge of the Bromyard Downs. She taught at Brockhampton School (and elsewhere) and was finally head teacher at Cradley. Since ordination to the priesthood in 2003 she has served all her ministry in Bromyard Deanery. So we can truly claim that she is one of our own.

What does it mean, "Interim Minister"? Well, it means that Dawn will be our



full-time parish priest, and for most day-to-day purposes, as our Archdeacon put it, we shall treat her as our incumbent.

She intends to continue to live with her husband Don in their own house, convenient for all four of our churches. She will be non-stipendiary, that is, unpaid. But I hope you'll let me put financial considerations aside and simply share with you delight in the arrival of an enthusiastic priest.

How appropriate we receive this news at the season of Christmas, the time of God's unconditional gift to us of Jesus.

"A cold coming"? Not a bit of it!

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all, and to Dawn, Welcome! *Doiran* Williams

Parish News

Coffee & Chat

Would you like to meet friends and neighbours in the village for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee (or tea)? Then come and join us on the first Wednesday morning of the month at 11.00am – 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to the village it is a great way of meeting other Whitbournites.

The remaining date for 2016 is Dec 7th. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Roberts, 821063, or Eileen Badger, 821501. *Ann Roberts*

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

Well, what an evening! Our November Meeting is our AGM and this year 17 of us arrived; to be reassured that it would be a "Trump free evening" (falling as it did on the day of wall-to-wall coverage of the USA election for their next President). Our table included a simple and delightful poppy display for this Remembrance month.

The Treasurer raised a laugh or two with witty comments included in her Accounts for the past year but Wendy, as ever, gained plaudits for her rendition from the Chair doing her whole Report in rhyme!

After a quick refreshment break, we gathered again to watch Norma give us some effective ideas for Christmas, in the way of craft-worked decorations. Her kit included glue, glitter, elastic bands, hairspray, cocktail sticks, plenty of ribbon,

candles and collection of greenery from her own garden. Norma always manages to make everything look so very easy and the finished baubles, candles and table decorations were most effective and pleasing. Appropriately, our Competition was for a gift wrapped parcel, one of the entrants then going on to be a prize in the Raffle.

Our year concludes with our Christmas Lunch; this year being held at Upper Sapey Golf Club on Friday December 9th meeting there at 12 noon. *Jean Spelman*.

Tiblands Nursery Autumn Term News

This term has seen us spend time in the orchard area, enjoying the Autumn weather; we have spent many days into November exploring leaves, painting trees, making willow stars, and having fun with our friends This has been a great time for children to settle and make new friends, while learning in-to-outdoors, which is an important part of our curriculum.

As we near December the speed picks up preparing for the Christmas festivities, which of course is the best time of year for the children; great excitement and creative wonders are made, along with the smell of Christmas cakes cooking, decorating the tree and glitter everywhere until at least March!

In October we had our 50th year as Tiblands nursery, which for a rural business is quite fantastic. Sylvia Garness first started the nursery initially to let children mix and play,



for a morning; it has now grown into a full day care establishment catering for babies from 6 months up to school age. Each child that attends has individual needs to be met, and catered for, parents need to be assured that their child is safe while being at work. Staff are forever updating training, which is great for us as it keeps us up to date, but in 50 years, rules and regulations have changed as the increase of paperwork infringes on our day. As with any business this is quite common, but we thank Sylvia for her past years of consistent, relentless work to provide for parents to provide a local service. She is truly quite a remarkable lady who has served her community well; we are very proud of her, and hope we can continue to live up to her good works. We would also like to thank each parent for each child who attends, without whom we would not be the success we are today.

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and happy new year.

If you require childcare facilities please contact Trish on 01886821394. *Trish Garness*

Upper Sapey Church Progress Report

The screen to the Friendship Room is now receiving its oak cover moulds around the edges and the downlighters have been fitted. The scaffolding has now gone, at last, and the church has been cleaned ready for painting the walls. The ceiling beams have been painstakingly coated with linseed oil and the under-pew heaters have now been fitted. The three phase supply needs connecting up and second fix electrical work and light fittings remain to be done. The oak floor will be one of the last jobs to be finished.

The Contractor is making a final push to get the work completed, including the Chancel repairs and the porch doors and bench, in time for our Christmas services. We look forward to welcoming you all to our restored church. David Roberts Project Manager

From the Church registers

Burial of Herbert Whistance at Edvin
Loach

STOP PRESS Saturday 17 December

11am - 1pm.

Mince pies and mulled wine at Upper Sapey, in the newly restored church.

Come and see the result of three years' work and worry!

An Update from Clifton Early Years Centre

The Clifton Early Years Centre children have been investigating Autumn. They have been out and about around the village visiting the local park, looking at the coloured leaves in the trees and collecting lots of things about Autumn such as chestnuts, leaves, conkers and even walnuts! They made a fantastic collage from their findings and hope to make it a regular event on 'Wellie Wednesdays!!'

All the children were involved in a fabulous music and dance session in October when we were visited by Vicky from 'Shake Rattle and Groove!' The children enjoyed the music, playing the instruments and of course the dancing! We hope in the future to be able to include Vicky in our 'enrichment' programme and



consider a regular attendance to the nursery.

As Christmas approaches we are getting ourselves ready!! We have already created some super Christmas artwork that has been published onto Christmas Cards and we have made a group tea towel covered with the children's portraits. We are decorating a Christmas tree with different types of 'Owl' decorations designed by the children from a variety of media, which will then be displayed in the Clifton upon Teme village church over the Christmas festivities. Alongside all the exciting activities that we are planning over the festive period, we are also expecting a visit on our party day from a very special visitor!! We all HO HO HOPE that he gets our invite and arrives in good time for us to wish him a very Happy Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from everyone at Clifton Early Years Centre!

Clifton- upon-Teme Primary School News

New Starters

The whole School was delighted to welcome Mr Allsup to the team this half-term; he takes up his role as **Teaching Assistant in Woodpeckers'** Class. He has experience having worked previously as a TA in the primary sector. In other news Mr Wimbury has been appointed permanently to the team, as After School Club Leader. He will also continue in his role as lunchtime supervisor. Mr Wimbury will

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'officially' start in January, at the end of his apprenticeship.





Mr Allsup (left) and Mr Wimbury (right)

Fun Run to Haiti.

Pupils from all classes took part on November 10th in a UNICEF Fundraising Project, a Fun Run to Haiti; the children did laps of the village playing field with one lap of 250m representing 10km of the distance from here to Haiti. The target was a representation of the entire distance of 6997km! There will be an update on how much was raised by pupils in the next issue.

Residential Visit

Children from the Eagles' class took part in a Residential Visit to Malvern Outdoor Centre; the school is very proud to announce that every single pupil from Eagles gained their NOLA certificate (National Outdoor Learning Award.)

Christmas Fayre

It is that time of year again! The School Christmas Fayre is Friday 9th December 1.45-4pm. We look forward to seeing you and sharing a mince pie or two! *Sarah Bird, School Governor*

Whitbourne W.I.

A cold wet night did not dampen our spirits as we started our AGM with the speaker. Tony Hale used to work for the BBC, and peppered his talk 'The Gift of Life' with anecdotes and jokes to keep the mood light. An accomplished speaker he took us briefly through his family history, explaining a little about the inherited kidney condition which led to his mother's premature death, the steady decline in his own health, and early treatment with dialysis.

Although he made us laugh at times the very restricted diet and long treatment sessions were no joke. When at last a kidney was available he described the midnight phone call, his own reluctance to accept and his wife's no nonsense attitude - "we are leaving now, we will be there in an hour and a half, of course we accept!" That was more than 25 years ago, Tony is well and leading an active life, as is the recipient of the donor's other kidney.

Avoiding gruesome details he explained that he now has three kidneys (his own no longer function), and as long as he takes the drugs to prevent rejection and follows the medical advice carefully can lead a 'normal' life. He also explained how the treatment of transplant patients has changed and improved immensely since he had his new kidney, gave us some of the statistics and explained what a difference there is between countries with an 'opt-out' policy to organ donation e.g Wales, and our own opt-in policy.

He ended by asking that, if we have a family member who wishes to be an organ donor, we respect their decision when they die, as 6 out of 10 possible donations are blocked by family members in their distress at bereavement. There is no age limit for donors, and one donor can help to save many lives. His fee will be donated to the Kidney Transplant unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

After delicious refreshments we moved on to our AGM. Our Treasurer presented an interim financial statement; we will see the scrutinised figures next month. Our large balance from last year has been reduced by increased costs of speakers and hire of the Village Hall, and a reduction in income as we have fewer members.

The secretary read out the report of the year's activities, which had included talks, demonstrations, visits to gardens and the Swan Theatre, and dining out together.

The President thanked those present for their continuing support, and asked members to persevere in inviting new neighbours to come to meetings, accepting suggestions that the programme for next year be put in the Parish Mag, shop and local pubs as well as notice boards around the Village to inform possible new members. She thanked the retiring Committee for their unstinting efforts, and moved the adoption of the annual report.

No new members being nominated Mrs M.Schoonenberg and Mrs H Colley will share the President's post, Mrs A Taylor remains as secretary; Mrs M Malkin and Mrs W Cummins were voted in as committee for 2017.

The programme for the coming year is given below.

Jan 10th Dining Out : Informal Supper in a local pub

Feb 7th Camping in your Eighties : Maureen Schoonenberg

March 7th Joseph Paxton : Talk by Chrissy Ching

April 11th How to make Focaccia & Ciabatta: Demonstration by Janice Bell

May 9th Quilts: Exhibition and talk by Alison Morrison

June 13th Garden Meeting: Visit to a local open garden

July 11th What shall we do with all the Apples? : Talk by Heather Rendall

Aug 8th Outing: TBA

Sept 12th Colour and Style : Talk by Lisa Fisher

Oct 10^{th} Life and times of a Jester :

Talk by Roger Pugh

Nov 14th AGM Yuletide Floral

Decorations : Demonstration by Sarah

Thomas

Dec 12th Christmas Celebration

Heather Colley

Carol Singing

Come and join us as we sing Christmas carols around the village on Monday 19th December.

Meet in the Village hall car park at 7.00pm. All monies raised will go to charity. Many thanks, *Noel Knight*

At a glance

Monday 5th. December Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust invites you to a Music in Quiet Places Concert **featuring 'Cantabile' BBC Songs of** Praise Choir of the year 2015 and Gold Diploma winners at the Barcelona Festival 2016 at St Francis Xavier RC Church, Hereford. Free entry, retiring collection. 7 pm.

Sunday 18th December, Longlands Farm Nativity Event. See page 11.

Monday 19th December, Village Carol Singing. Meet 7 pm Whitbourne Village Hall.

Saturday 31st **December, New Year's** Eve Party. See back page.

Saturday 18th **February Valentine's** Evening at Upper Sapey Golf Club.

1st Wednesday of every month Coffee & Chat in the Village Hall at 11am Everyone welcome.

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Upper Sapey Village Hall Whist Drives. 7.30pm

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

Would you be interested in becoming the Whitbourne Parish Clerk?

You should have basic IT skills and some knowledge of financial accounting principles and be able to accurately record Minutes of the Council meetings. Some evening work is required with the Council holding 6 or-

dinary meetings a year and occasionally shorter planning application meetings in between.

The salary will be within the NALC/ SLCC scales depending on experience and qualifications and is paid prorata for 5 hours per week. Training will be provided.

Enquires and applications, including a current curriculum vitae, should be submitted to: Councillor Ron James, Chairman of Whitbourne Parish Council, Wishmore Fold, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5SR. Telephone 01886 821663 from where further detailed information can be obtained. Closing date for applications 6th January 2017.

Short Break Carers

Herefordshire Council are currently recruiting for Family Based Overnight Short Break Carers for Children with Disabilities. We are looking for people with relevant skills and experience to provide this much needed service for children and families. A short break could be anything between one and six nights per month on an agreed regular pattern. Carers will be assessed as approved foster carers, receive £108 per overnight/24 hours and will be offered continuous training, development and ongoing support. If you are interested in this rewarding work, please contact Stuart Barber or Sue Powell on 01432383240 or fostering@herefordshire.gov.uk. Stuart Barber

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Result of Referendum

178 voted YES and 36 voted NO. This means that the Plan will now be 'made' by Herefordshire Council.and used to guide planning decisions in the Whitbourne Neighbourhood area. *M Williams*

Sapey Golf Club for Sale

The Preece family received an unsolicited offer for the club 10 weeks ago. To evaluate the offer, we contacted a Specialist Golf Course sales company who advised that the offer was below the market value and was therefore declined.

The offer made the Preece family think about the future of Sapey Golf Club. Ann Preece is 80 years old, Sally and Jane both have independent jobs and are nearing retirement age and Stuart travels throughout Europe, Middle East and Africa with his job. Therefore we looked at the next generation, Jim and Ann's grandchildren, to take the Golf Club forward but they are either at University or in full time employment and are not looking at running the Golf Club in the future.

Therefore we have made the decision to place the club with an agency to offer it up for sale at £1.25 million.

As the club has a positive EBITDA – (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) and we have no borrowings we will not negotiate on the price and the club will

remain within the Preece family until sold. *Stuart Preece*

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December

Dec 2nd Absolutely Fabulous 7.30pm Dec 16th The Beatles: Eight Days a

Week 7.30pm

Live on Stage

Dec 3rd Bromyard Choral Society Christmas Concert 7.30pm

Screenings

Dec 8th ROH Nutcracker 7.15pm Dec 10th NYT Met L'Amour de Loin 5.55pm

Dec 15th NT Live No Man's Land 7pm

January

Films

Jan 6th Ben Hur 7.30pm Jan 20th Love & Friendship

Live on Stage

Jan 13th Folk in the Foyer Steve Hicks & Lynn Goulbourn 7.30pm

Screenings

Jan 7th NY Met Nabucco 5.55pm

Jan 11 RSC The Tempest 7pm

Jan 21 NY Met Romeo & Julli-

ette 5.55pm

Jan 28th Queen in Concert 7.30pm

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There are many people in the Greater Whitbourne group who need our prayer for all sorts of reasons. There may be ill health, spiritual questioning, thanksgiving for some special event or time and many more reasons. Sometimes in our lives we can help others and this, I believe, is an opportunity in which you may want to be involved. I am hoping a group of people with an hour to spare on a regular basis - once a week or fortnightly - will come together to pray for those who have requested prayer for themselves or their loved ones. This would be completely confidential and the power house of prayer may be formal or informal, out aloud or quietly prayed.

Where this has happened before during my ministry a diary was kept of those who were prayed for and any outcome. The answer to prayer is always remarkable and the powerhouse of prayer certainly works. Do you feel you would be able to fill this ministry? You don't need any special qualifications except faith that prayer made through Jesus Christ works!

In the first instance please contact Dawn Hyett on 01885 483747 or 07790402848 if you are interested in praying for those with needs and I will hopefully have a group of people who will then come together for regular prayer.

I will pray for you to have courage to come forward for this ministry and that those in our community who have needs will be helped and encouraged in the name of Jesus and the love of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you just said Amen after reading that, give me a call! Rev Dawn Hyett.

Ron James: A profile

If anyone can claim to know Whitbourne well, it is Ron James, chairman of the parish council. Having been born at Lea Lay, a farm on the edge of the village, driven the school bus for 27 years and been on the parish council for more than 15 years, he is also a member of the family which may well have lived in the village the longest.

The fact that his family has been here for at least 200 years does not mean that Ron, who moved to Wishmore Farm when he was 12, has seen nothing of the wider world. He joined the Army when he was 17, and served with the Life Guards for 23 years, completing tours of Northern Ireland, Singapore, Germany and what are now the United Arab Emirates, as well as being based in Melton Mowbray and in London, spending time at Windsor

His time there led to him meeting his wife Eileen, who came from Aylesbury, and when he retired from the

Army, he came back to the village to help his father on the farm. He and the family settled on Old Forge, and to supplement the family's income, he took on the school bus run from another local farmer. "It was a great culture shock coming back here," he said," and I knew I would need extra work because the farm couldn't support both me and my father. I was lucky that I had got my Public Service Vehicle (PSV) licence in the Army."

"I am now driving children to school whose parents came on the bus when they were at school. I do think that the behaviour and the politeness of children now is the best it has ever been – I don't know if it is the schools, but so many of them say thank you and are well-behaved and cheerful on the bus; it is a real pleasure."

His involvement in the parish council

began when the then chairman Bob Hartwright asked him if he would become a councillor - there was family history here too, because his father had been both a parish and a district councillor. He became chairman six months ago, having held



the position once before for a short time.

Ron identifies the council's main role as "maintaining the character of the village while helping it to move forward." The council covers an area roughly between the River Teme to the east, up Ford Bank to the north, along to Redhill in the west and up the Linley Green road as far as Tiblands to the south.

The job has its challenges – Ron said that what he most enjoys is "working with a group of councillors, who have all volunteered for this, for the benefit of the community." On the other hand, he said, the hardest aspect of the job is "the criticism, based on people thinking that we are somehow gaining from this ourselves, and treating us as though we were paid politicians."

What is your favourite view/favourite place?

Ron's favourite view is from the road over Bringsty Common which offers a panorama of the whole village; his favourite place is Whitehall Cottage up the Sapey Brook "because you can imagine how it was 200 years ago, when there was a thriving settlement there."

Beer, wine, cider or tea?

Cider, because of the local connection.

Car, bike, tractor or horse?

Horse – Ron has always loved horses but had no chance to ride until he joined the Life Guards – then he was able to give that free rein.

Interview by Rachel Evans

Useful information

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Each website includes a council diary page which includes agendas (and minutes of meetings when the minutes have been approved). Whitbourne Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of alternate months at the village hall. The next meeting is therefore on January 9th (tbc). North Bromyard Group Parish Council meets at 8 pm on the last Tuesday of alternate months at Upper Sapey Village Hall or at Saltmarshe and District Hall alternately. The next meeting is on January 31st at Upper Sapey Village Hall.



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Each year since 2004 our Christmas Appeal has provided school uniforms for orphans, exam fees and other expenses. We began by sending £400, but more recently we have sent £800 each year. This generally helps around sixty to eighty children. Primary education in Tanzania is facing challenges at the moment; the Government has decreed that all children should go to school. This has resulted in greatly increased numbers of children, with not enough classrooms, desks or teachers. The same thing happened in secondary education a few years ago. As a result of a major school-building programme, with very little prior teacher training, school-leavers were being put in front of classes. They did wonder why exam results suddenly went down! Now they have got over the secondary education hurdle, but primary education needs help.

HIV/AIDS is not such a problem as it was; fewer people are dying as a result. But those who did die in great numbers a few years ago were mainly young parents, leaving families of children to be cared for, mainly by grandparents, most of whom could not afford it. These are the children we have been helping.

Now that vast reserves of natural gas have been found off the Tanzanian coast, the country should be more prosperous – and indeed, with the help of Chinese money, roads are being improved and more bus stations built, for example. We hope that the gas reserves, when they come on-line, will be sensibly managed and that the profits will benefit the whole country. A new president, elected last year, is waging a staunch battle against corruption. But the immediate result of this increased prosperity seems to be that family relationships are not so strong and there are growing numbers of street children.

Please help us to help them. There will be collecting boxes in church at most services during December, or donations can be given to me or dropped through our letter box.

Brenda Allan

Home Start Carers

All parents know that those years before children go off to school and then college are vital in a child's life and having a good start at home is of utmost importance – but we also know things don't run smoothly all the time.

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Last year we supported 208 Herefordshire families. This would not have been possible without the help of our home-visiting volunteers.

These wonderful people visit families at home, giving support to help them overcome a multitude of difficult situations. Our volunteers tend to be

parents or have parenting experience. We have male and female volunteers of all ages and from all backgrounds. Some choose to train to volunteer as mentors and others may be experienced in specific fields and offer their support in different ways. All making the commitment to guide and support a family through their troubled time

Before they are matched with a family, an initial recruitment policy is adhered to. All new prospective volunteers attend a course of preparation, have an enhanced criminal records check, and references to support their application.

We now recruiting for our New Year course that starts on the 26th January it will run every Thursday for 10 weeks 9.30 -2.50

Volunteers give 2-3 hours a week to visit a family. In return our volunteers find that they have fun, feel rewarded and honoured that they are allowed into the life of a family. Our volunteers are given excellent training and

support, a chance to join in with our social events and all out of pocket expenses are paid.

If you would like to find out more about Home-Start or make a donation please give us a call on 01432 371212 (weekdays between 9am - 4pm). Or visit us at

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Missing Presumed Lost There're cards that arrive in September.

From people we hardly remember, There's Santa (an out of work plumber),

In stores by the end of the summer; And there, besides the tinselled tree, Stand fairies for the dads to see, The store that welcomes girls and boys

Will over-charge for plastic toys.

There're bottles with crumble cork stoppers,

And Market Street lights for the shoppers;

And bonuses paid to the workers, There's carolling, panto and circus. While mum still plans to mix the cake Jack Frost puts icing on the lake. The children pray and hope for snow, A spinster buys her mistletoe.

There're stockings or white pillow-cases,

The children wear wide-awake faces; There're laughing and eating and drinking,

But I cannot help myself thinking That we're all here on Christmas Day (That's us and Gran and Auntie May), While missing from festivities Is the One whose birthday Christmas

by Gordon Bailey. From his book 'Can a Man Change?', 1979





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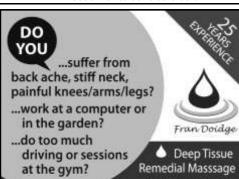


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