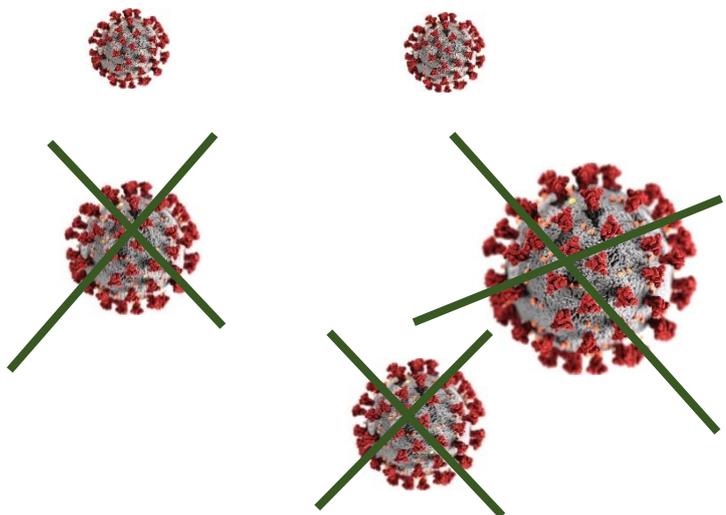


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Ascension Day – Thursday May 21st

Ascension Day is always on a Thursday.

This is the 40th days of Easter (following the accounts given in Mark 16 V 18 and Luke 24 v 51 and Acts 1 v 2).

The Latin terms used for the feast, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by his own powers, and it is from these terms that the holy day gets its name

The earliest possible date is April 30 (as in 1818 and 2285), the latest possible date is June 3 (as in 1943 and 2038). In Roman Catholicism, the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation and in the Anglican Communion, Ascension Day is a Principal Feast.

The three days before Ascension Day are sometimes referred to as the Rogation days, and the previous Sunday — the Sixth Sunday of Easter (or the Fifth Sunday *after* Easter) — as Rogation Sunday

For the first time in its history, this Magazine is being published in digital format as opposed to paper.

Our printer is a small business which has had to close due to the current Covid-19 crisis.

We hope you enjoy this format and assure you that normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Should the printer be able to operate again by May 17th the June Magazine will resume normal service.

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This edition is, by necessity somewhat different from usual as events which would normally be advertised and details of church services are not relevant at this point whilst we are all trying to **STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS AND SAVE LIVES.**

We hope you enjoy reading it – some of this month's contributors are from a little further afield than usual as you will see.

WHAT SORT OF INFECTION MIGHT YOU SPREAD?

When our children were small, there was nothing I loved more than to hear them giggling. It didn't really much matter what they were giggling about. The joy was contagious, and almost whatever mischief had caused it, I would soon find myself giggling too.

You have all probably, like me, "got the giggles" or been "set off" by somebody at some time or another. Trying not to catch the wrong person's eye in case you start laughing and can't stop. A mood can be infectious, contagious.

My late aunt, who was a most wonderful woman, used to say this prayer daily:

Grant us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes of living close to thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy and let Thy eternal Spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and gladness: so that, bearing about with us the **infection** of a good courage, we may be **diffusers** of life, and meet all that comes, of good or ill, even death itself with gallant and high-hearted happiness: giving Thee thanks always for all things.

We are all very conscious at the moment of what infection or contagion we may either be transmitting or contracting from others. Some of us will have contracted or transmitted coronavirus. Some of us will have done both. We are all handwashing, sanitising, social distancing, glove and mask wearing as never before.

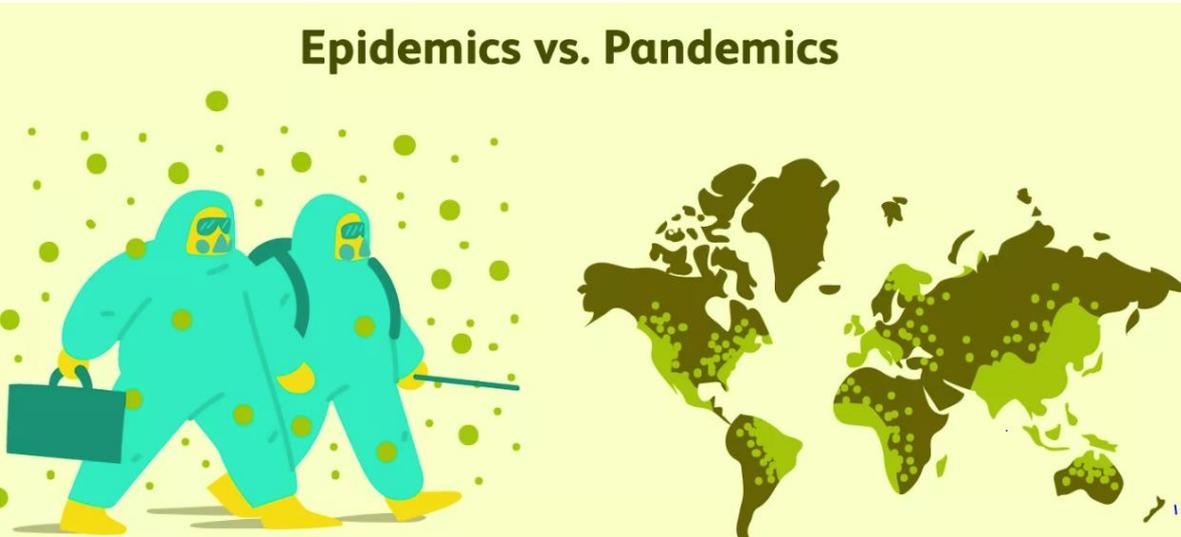
None of us wants to be infecting anyone else. But I suggest we really should be trying to infect one another- with “good courage”, “diffusing life” wherever we go. It is easy for a right decision to protect ourselves and others from disease to be accompanied by a damaging degree of anxiety, defensiveness, suspicion and even hostility. As long as you maintain your distance it is still safe to say good morning to people you meet on your daily exercise. It is still safe to smile. It is still safe to let somebody else into the queue in front of you. It is still safe to do a neighbour’s shopping for them and call them to see how they are getting on.

If we consciously decide to try to infect the people we meet with happiness, peace, joy, gentleness, patience and love, I believe that will make a huge difference to the way we all get through this pandemic, and it will make a huge difference to how we all feel about life when we get to the other side of this difficult time- which we will. If we start each day with a conscious decision to try to be infectiously kind, courageous and thankful, what a wonderful contagion that would be.

I continue to be encouraged by the many expressions of love, kindness, concern and neighbourliness I see in these communities. I pray that you may all be kept safe and well. And I pray that you may know joy in your hearts at this testing time

Every blessing
Rev'd Kalantha

Epidemics vs. Pandemics

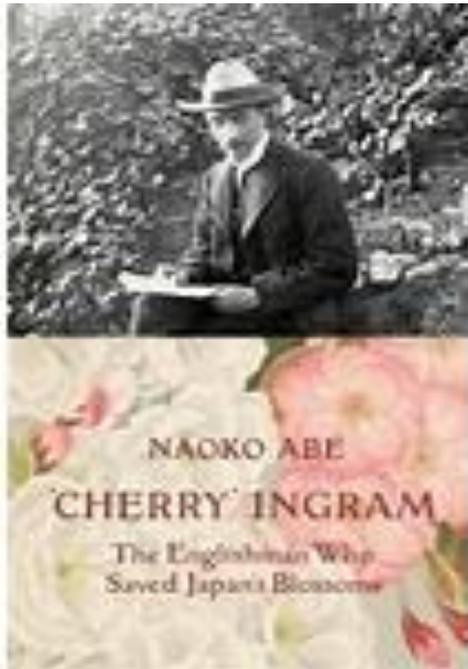


<p>Epidemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event in which a disease is actively spreading• Often used to describe problem that has grown out of control	<p>Pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relates to geographic spread• Describes disease that affects a whole country or the entire world
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THE WONDER OF CHERRY TREES

By early May most of us have already enjoyed the odd cherry tree either in our gardens or round about the Worcestershire countryside. This month sees a number of later flowering varieties come to the fore. However, we owe the abundance and wide diversity of cherry trees largely to one man: “Cherry Ingram”. Collingwood Ingram was born in 1880 and was known as ‘Cherry’ due to his love of these trees. He visited Japan a great deal and got to know the wide variety of cherries there.

However, by 1926 he noticed that the diversity of the population was being wiped out by the dominance of a cloned cherry tree, and slowly Japan began to lose the variety of Cherry trees it was well known for. 'Cherry Ingram' returned to England and became determined to find and save as many of the rare varieties of cherries he could. He travelled extensively to find them, but paradoxically a number were found in England-



two he found in an overgrown back garden, and from these earlier imports he propagated stock to re-establish in Japan.

Despite two world wars his ambition thrived, and by post the Second World War he was able to assist in restocking Japanese varieties, and helped to set up 'Cherry Guardians' who looked after these valuable trees for future generations. His story is wonderfully told in the book: "*Cherry Ingram: The Man Who Saved Japan's Blossoms*", written by Naoko Abe, and published in 2019 by Penguin Random House, UK. See also: "*The Sakura Obsession: The Incredible Story of the Plant Hunter who Saved Japan's Cherry Blossoms.*"

In his lifetime Cherry Ingram introduced about 50 varieties of Cherry tree into the UK, and a number of the varieties we know and love today are down to him. In a gesture of reconciliation in 1993, a group of *Matsumae* Cherries were sent to Windsor Great Park for planting, these were new, 20th century cherries bred in Japan. They were offered with 'sincere condolences and regrets to those who lost their lives during the war, and their bereaved families'. (See: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en). So if you see a cherry tree now, or are lucky enough to have one in your garden, remember (and thank) 'Cherry Ingram'.

Hazel Kemshall

DO YOU NEED HELP???

DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS HELP???

As the vicar for Hallow, Grimley, Holt and Lower Broadheath, I wanted to let you know that the church, together with small charities in Hallow and Holt, has some funds amounting to around £20,000 for the relief of need in our communities.

If you become aware in the coming weeks of someone who is struggling to pay for food, meet their bills or maybe cover funeral expenses, we may be able to help. Please point them in my direction (rev.kalantha@gmail.com)

It's wonderful to see so many people doing so much to support and look after one another- and great to be part of this community.

Blessings
Revd Kalantha



Still Home with my Mum!

Well, its super having my Mum sitting still for so long and being on her lap in the evenings.

It's been 3 months since she came back to me and I gather she's had a letter from the doctor to say she has to stay in the house for another 12 weeks - BLISS!- as far as I'm concerned, although I think she's getting a bit fed up with inactivity which is why she's sitting typing the special edition of the magazine for this month.

She's been on the phone lots and, as you will see, the contents are from much further afield than usual.

As for my afternoons in the sun over Easter, I've had plenty to look out for - not the least of which are ducks in our garden doing all sorts of unmentionable things to each other. Strange really as I thought ducks liked water but there isn't any in our garden.

I gather there's been a bit of controversy over my food as the supermarket will only let Helen buy 4 little trays at a time but I haven't gone short and we've discovered that I quite like a variety sold by Mike and Tom in Ladygo Stores. Auntie Mary has been here periodically, she doesn't always get that horrible Hoover thing out though. In any event, I learned the sound of it coming out of the utility room so I just go and hide as soon as I hear that.

We have some new neighbours - little woolly things and their mums in the field next door. They are quite noisy at times but, like me, when the sun shines, they conk out and enjoy it! I'm lucky enough to have somewhere soft to conk out - they just have grass.

I've only been told off for bringing mice in the house twice this month - not very efficient of me really but I did see a couple of hedgehogs in the garden the other night although they are not very catchable!

Luv,

Daisy

No cats were harmed in the making of this paragraph and during this time of enforced inactivity, I have to say that Daisy and her engaging personality are a continuing joy for me - even though on some days when Mary has been vacuuming, she doesn't speak to me for several hours!



What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the annual Christian festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on Ascension Day. It always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

Pentecost means "fiftieth day", as it is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of the Easter season (including Easter Sunday, the first day, in the counting). Some Christian denominations consider it to be the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. It can fall as early as May 10th and as late as June 13th.

This year it falls on May 31st.

Especially in the United Kingdom, Pentecost is also known as Whit Sunday, Whitsun, or Whit, meaning "White Sunday", a name derived from the white garments that were worn by those newly baptized on this day.

Pentecost is followed by Pentecost Monday (also known as Whit Monday), a public holiday in many countries with Christian traditions.

This year we were due to hold Hallow Country Fair on Pentecost Sunday but during the current crisis this has had to be cancelled. The Fair is, however, pencilled in for Sunday May 30th which in 2021 will be Trinity Sunday.

Coronavirus in other places..... This is the first article written by someone outside our area explaining what the current situation means for them.

‘LOCKDOWN IN DEVON ‘

Harry and Matilda on the deserted beach in south Devon.



Budleigh Salterton is a busy little seaside town on the Jurassic coast in Devon. It is home to around 6,000 people, a number that increases slightly during the summer. East Devon has been my home for the last 31 years. Previously, I lived with my parents in Ombersley. We made the move to Devon in 1988 when my dad changed jobs. I married in 2004 and we have 2 children; Harry is 7 and Matilda is 4.

I work as a field-based engineer for a company that manufactures high end coffee machines; a job that would normally see me covering about 700 - 1,000 miles a week. Since the lockdown, however, my weekly travel has reduced to ZERO.

A “normal” (pre lockdown) day would see me getting up at around 7am, fixing breakfast for the kids, getting ready for work and leaving just after 8am. I would drive sometimes as far as Bristol or maybe Cardiff performing services and repairs at a well known supermarket chain, pub, or rail station cafe to name but a few.

Every day, I would interact with several people at each site to perform the service/repair then move on to the next call. I would usually visit 3 to 4 sites a day.

When the Lockdown was announced, my boss was very organised and put us all on “Furlough” which means we will still get 80% of our wage. This suits us just fine; my wife Fiona can continue to work, as she’s a cardiac specialist nurse, I can run the house and home school our son.

Compared to some, we are in a very lucky position. We have plenty of green space around us, so our daily exercise usually consists of an hour’s walk with the children. Sometimes we walk out to the farm near us and pick up milk, eggs, veg, etc. We live in a modest terraced house with a very long garden, so we are not limited to being stuck indoors at all. We are in regular “zoom meetings” with my mother and brother, which is not much different to normal as they both live in other places. Instagram is also a great way for me to communicate with friends. (instagram @daveboaty if you wish to look)

The town in which we live is normally nice and busy; there is a spar, Co-Op and a Tesco, Chinese and Indian takeaways, the usual smattering of charity shops, several cafes and pubs. Town is much quieter at the moment. Most places are closed and the beach is deserted.

The hardest part about the lockdown is trying to stay motivated to keep active. If we didn’t have children, I’m sure my outlook would be very different. They are old enough to entertain themselves while i carry on with the daily household chores. A normal weekend would see us as a family heading out for a walk through town and maybe

The deserted car par at Budleigh Salterton Beach at Easter.



stopping at the ice cream shop as we pass, usually we bump in to friends out doing the same, lingering around for a bit of a chat about the next chance we can all get to meet (usually based on a play date for the kids)

A positive from this is that we are spending much more time in our garden, tending to the lawn, planting border shrubs, weeding and putting in a few veg plants. In fact, the garden has never looked so tidy. I have taught my 4 year-old to ride a bike, and my son how to build ramps. Life for us, hasn't really changed, except for days out and spending time with family.

David Boatwright



CAMELLIA LEONARD MESSELL

Leonard Messell lived at Nymans a large estate situated in the Sussex countryside. His father Ludwig bought the estate in 1890 and with his head gardener James Comber began extensive planting of exotic plants which were being brought back from abroad by various plant hunters.

Leonard inherited the Nymans in 1916. His sister Muriel who had helped in the laying out of the garden could not bear the idea of his taking over as she thought he knew nothing about gardening.

In 1917 Lennie and Muriel did an inventory of plants in the garden. Over two thousand different plants were listed alphabetically. Muriel was wrong about Lennie's knowledge of plants. He made an immediate friendship with James Comber and continued to increase different plants in the garden.

In 1924 J.C. Williams who lived on an estate name Caerhays was sent seed

of *Camellia saluensis* from China by plant hunter George Forrest. When it flowered it was crossed with *Camellia japonica* which produced hybrids *C x Williamsii*. Lennie soon obtained some of the hybrids and during the 1940's experimented with hybridisation. He crossed *Williamsii* Mary Christian with *Camellia reticulata* a tender species with large blooms. The seedlings looked promising although Lennie did not live to see them at their best. One was selected and named after him by his family. It was given an Award of Merit in 1958 by the R.H.S. Nymans is now managed by the National Trust and is well worth a visit.

My encounter with the *Camellia* was at Woolworths in Great Malvern. It was a sickly small plant with two large flowers. I decided I would find a healthier version of it.

I did not succeed in finding another plant until my wife and I travelled with HHS members to Bodnant in Mid Wales during 1995. A good example of the plant was found in the sales area. It has flowered profusely in our garden and is hardy, grows tall and flowers from March through to May. It has rich pink large semi double flowers with prominent stamens. It has the advantage of dropping its flowers as they finish which many *Camellias* do not.



Leonard and Maudie Messell's daughter Ann married Ronald Armstrong Jones. Their son Anthony was born in 1930 and married the Queen's sister Princess Margaret.

Brian Pingriff

May in History

May 1st 1707 – The Union between England and Scotland was proclaimed. Wales had been part of England since the 1500s.

May 2nd 1611 – The King James Version of The Bible was published for the first time.

May 3rd 1841 – New Zealand was proclaimed a British Colony.

May 4th 1471 – The Battle of Tewkesbury took place. It was the last battle in the Wars of the Roses and Edward IV Yorkists defeated the Lancastrians.



V.E. Day 2020 – 75th Anniversary

Victory in Europe Day, generally known as VE Day is a day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on 8 May 1945.



Adolf Hitler, had committed suicide on 30th April during the Battle of Berlin and Germany's surrender was authorised by his successor, *Reichspräsident* Karl Dönitz. The administration headed by Dönitz was known as the Flensburg Government. The act of military surrender was first signed at 02:41 on 7th May in SHAEF HQ at Reims, and a slightly modified document was signed on 8 May in Berlin.

Most European countries celebrate the end of World War II on 8th May. The term VE Day existed as early as September 1944, in anticipation of victory.



Upon the defeat of Germany, celebrations erupted throughout the western world, especially in Great Britain and North America. More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout Great Britain to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the palace before the cheering crowds. Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen) and her sister Princess Margaret were allowed to wander incognito among the crowds and take part in the celebrations.

In the United States, great celebrations took place in many American cities, especially in New York's Times Square. Tempering the jubilation somewhat, both Churchill and U.S. President Truman pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. In his radio broadcast at 15:00 on the 8th, Churchill told the British people that: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing (as Japan) remains unsubdued". In America, Truman broadcast at 09:00 and said it was "a victory only half won".



2020 - 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE 75) – Royal British Legion plans

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Royal British Legion has taken the difficult decision not to continue with plans to facilitate attendance for members of the Second World War generation at national events in London to

commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This decision is based on expert advice to protect the health of over 1,000 members of the Second World War generation.

Whilst they recognise this will be deeply disappointing for those due to attend, and those involved in the delivery of the events, the protection of the most vulnerable within society must remain the priority at this time. The Royal British Legion is in contact with all those who entered the ballot to attend the events to inform them and ensure they have the support they need during these unprecedented times. They are continuing to work with the Government and other partner organisations to identify ways that we can still commemorate the anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th May and pay tribute to our Second World War generation. Details of our alternative commemorations will be updated through Legion channels when confirmed. The traditional early May Bank Holiday had been moved for only the second time in its history to Friday May 8th in order to accommodate celebrations all over the country as well as in our area.



← Royal British Legion invites all to join them at 9pm on Friday 8th May for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

They say "As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever it is important to come together and unite. We need you and as many people as possible to take part in this national moment of thanksgiving and celebration, in honour of our Second World War generation.

Her Majesty The Queen will be broadcasting a special televised message on May 8th - V.E. Day

You can watch and join in on BBC One who will be featuring the singalong as part of their VE Day broadcast.

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| <p>1. We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day</p> | <p>2. Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies chase
Those dark clouds far away</p> | <p>3. And I will just say hello
To the folks that you know
Tell them you won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
You were singing this song</p> |
| <p>4. We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day</p> | <p>5. And I will just say hello
To the folks that you know
Tell them you won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
You were singing this song</p> | <p>6. We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day</p> |

May in History

May 18th 1803 - Bored with nobody to fight for almost a year, Britain abandons the Treaty of Amiens and declares war on France, again.

May 19th 1536 – Anne Boleyn was beheaded in London aged 29.

May 20th 1191 - King Richard I 'the Lion Heart' conquered Cyprus on his way to join the Crusaders at Acre in north west Israel.

May 22nd 1894 saw the official opening of the Manchester Ship Canal by Queen Victoria.

May 24th 1809 - Dartmoor Prison in Devon was opened to house French prisoners of war.



NOW AND THEN

As the last few days of March tick away, I am faced with the old familiar problem that I do battle with every month. What can I write about this time?

After a little while it dawned on me. The hot topic of the day is Coronavirus !

Many of you, I'm sure, are sick and tired of hearing about viruses. But, please be patient; don't lose it and tear the magazine to pieces – I'm looking at it from a different angle. I find myself seeing this evil virus outbreak as World War Three, comparing it with World War Two. To make it simpler (for me) from this point on I shall refer to these as the 'war' and the 'virus' The comparison shows that there are some similarities and some differences.

SIMILARITIES

1 SCALE The effects of these two events were/are felt all around the globe.

2 CONCERN. Neither showed any regard for innocent people involved.

3 VOLUNTEERS. During the war many people in occupied countries worked undercover against their enemy. They were known as 'The Resistance'.

In the fight against the virus hundreds of people volunteered to help others in the 'lock-down' to get important provisions. One national newspaper referred to them as the National Help Service.

4 LANGUAGE. With the war raging we picked up unusual words and phrases like squaddie, quisling, U-boat, on a fizzer, etc.

In the time of the virus we have learnt to cope with 'self isolate' and 'social distancing'. There may be more to come.

DIFFERENCES

1 PURPOSE. The perpetrators of the war had greedy political purposes and used military might to achieve their aims.

It would seem there is no valid purpose in the 'virus'.

2 COMMUNICATION. With the virus our leaders have held regular televised 'briefings' to keep us informed every step of the way.



In the war years communication was suppressed. We were told 'mum's the word', because, they said, 'walls have ears'.

3 PERSONAL

When the war started I was quite young and I survived.....

When we first heard about the virus I was quite old and still surviving.....

IF WE FOLLOW THE RULES, TOGETHER - WE SHALL WIN WORLD WAR THREE.

Maurice Whitehouse



ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES – *their head appear either side of the door*

Normally, we would be celebrating the Patronal Festival at Hallow Church on (or around) May 1st. This date is the 151st Anniversary of the consecration of the present church and the Festival Dates of St. Philip and St. James to whom our church is dedicated.

Philip the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles according to New Testament. Later Christian traditions describe Philip as the apostle who preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia.

In the Roman Rite, the feast day of Philip, along with that of James the Less, was traditionally observed on 1st May, the anniversary of the dedication of the church dedicated to them in Rome (now called the Church of the Twelve Apostles). The Gospel of John recounts Philip's calling as a disciple of Jesus. Philip is described as a disciple from the city of Bethsaida, and the evangelist connects him with Andrew and Peter, who were from the same town. He also was among those surrounding John the Baptist when the latter first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. It was Philip who first introduced Nathanael (sometimes identified with Bartholomew – *Grimley*) to Jesus. Philip was among those attending the wedding at Cana.

Of the four Gospels, Philip figures most prominently in the Gospel of John. Jesus is asked by Philip on how to feed the 5,000 people. Later he appears as a link to the Greek community. Philip bore a Greek name, may have spoken Greek, and may have been known to the Greek pilgrims in Jerusalem. During the Last Supper, when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, he provides Jesus the opportunity to teach his disciples about the unity of the Father and the Son.

James the Less is a figure of early Christianity, one of the twelve chosen by Jesus. He is also called "the Minor", "the Little", "the Lesser", or "the Younger", according to translation. He is not to be confused with James, son of Zebedee ("James the Great or Elder"). In the West he was for long (and still is) identified with James, the Lord's brother, thought of by St Jerome and those who followed him as really the cousin of Jesus. The sources offer no certainty. Most New Testament scholars now would reject that identification of St James the Less with St James, an actual brother of Jesus, and leader of the early Christian Jewish community. As a result, while St James the Less continues to be commemorated with St Philip on May 1st

In 1950, the wife of the then Vicar of Hallow (Wilfred Reynolds) introduced the idea of Maypole dancing on The Green and it has since become an annual event. This was linked to a tea being provided to the whole school which the children consumed in the Parish Hall after a service at the church. The tea was closely followed by the dancing. The original Maypole now resides inside Hallow School. In more recent years due to the size of the school now, the tea has been provided to just one year group and the event has taken place on the nearest Wednesday to May 1st rather than on the Feast Day itself. Many pictures survive of some of the earliest May Day events and several are produced below with complete with various May Queens. The May Queen is traditionally "Crowned" with a crown made from fresh flowers by her predecessor and in earlier time the Queen was chosen from girls who attended Hallow School.

CROWNING MAY QUEEN AT HALLOW



The crowning of the May Queen at Hallow celebrations on Saturday. In the picture Pat Gwilliam is crowning Jean Sampson and looking on are Robert Bayliss, Lillian Mann, Susan Bathe, Rene Bathe, Pamela Thompson and Christopher Munslow.

Newspaper cutting from the 1950s

(then - The Worcester News and Times)

May Queen , Jean Sampson is being crowned by Pat Gwilliam with Robert Bayliss Lillian Mann, twins Rene and Susan Bathe, Pamela Thomson and Chris Munslow.



Early 1950s pictures of Maypole Dancing on the Green



Year and names of these young ladies not known but maybe someone will recognise them!

Please let the Editor know if you do!



Early 1960s

May Queen – Janet Palmer

Attendants - Jane Shacklock and Mary Munslow

Hobbyhorse bringing up the rear – David Marshman

Lea House in the background

ADDRESS TO THE NATION



Hello my subjects! Queeny here,
one's just popped up to say,
That London's looking dodgy .
So one's packed and gorn away.

One drove down
here to Windsor
and the Corgies all
came too,
we bundled Philip in the
boot,
he hasn't got a clue.



We're roughing it with all of you,
survival is the goal,
one's even using up
gold plated Royal Toilet Roll

we're staying in here, by the fire,
at Princess Anne's insistence
one's had a lot of practice, though,
on how to keep one's distance

We're tucked up in the throne room,
with my knees all wrapped in blankets,
one's keeping all the servants here,
but cancelled all the banquets

The Cook is rather worried :
and it would be quite a blow
if we ran right out of larks' tongues
and supplies are getting low.



But we'll be brave and resolute,
and make do with baked beans,
with only fifty billion pounds,
I can live within my means.

One is quite well, with no trace
of a cough when One exhales,
One is a tough old bird
not like that wimp , The Prince of Wales

By Christine Ashby

May in History

May 10th 1940 – Winston Churchill gave his famous speech at the House of Commons, promising the people that he had nothing to offer but “blood, toil, tears and sweat. He had replaced Neville Chamberlain as P.M. and went on to form an all-party government AS Germany stormed Europe.

Pause for Applause

Last night Jane and I went out to the front of Chapel House in Moseley Road, our home, and joined in with our neighbours (at a suitable distance!) in clapping the NHS and all other key workers who are working so faithfully and diligently to combat the effects of Covid-19 in our country. We looked up and down the road and waved to folk that we've not seen since last week. It's a wonderful thing to show solidarity in this way and, as watched the News later, there was also a deep sense of national community and being 'in this together'.

There is a very well known African proverb that goes, '**it takes a village to raise a child**', but I think I want to go one step further and say that it takes a **community** to raise a **person** or at least help a person to become all that can be. In other words, we need each other. This can be a challenge though, can't it, when we have been brought up to be independent and to be able to paddle our own canoe! According to Steve Chalke of Oasis Trust, however, two lessons we have learned so far in the lockdown are that a) every life counts, and b) we need each other in order to thrive; we're interdependent.

Hopefully, many of you will have seen the Easter Postcards that were produced and distributed on behalf of the Hallow Village Community Group, the Parish Council and the Parish Church. It was a joint effort and an attempt to reach out to people with an Easter greeting, but also with a helping hand to any who might be struggling. A word of thanks is also due here to Ladygo Stores, the Post Office and Top Barn Farm shop who helped to distribute them with shopping orders. The postcards were also distributed via Social Media and all feedback is that they were well received. If you have neighbours or friends, who you know are isolated and would not necessarily receive the postcard from the shops or Social Media, please let me know (email below) and we'll ensure they receive one in the post. As far as the church is concerned, it's still Eastertide so the message still stands and the useful numbers on the card might be just the prompt that's needed to reach out! There have also been other ways in which the community has been coming together, such as the Helpline in Holt, and the roadside expressions of thanks to all local 'heroes' have been inspiring. Also, in conversation with a long standing resident of Hallow the other day, he commented, 'Neighbours look out for each other in Hallow'. I thought that was great!

I was at a Governors' meeting for The Chantry School recently and we were reflecting on the effects of the lockdown, not just on academic results, but also on the community and sense of belonging among the pupils, particularly Year 11 who have not been able to go through the 'rite of passage' of leaving school. It was very reassuring to hear Dr Dickenson, the Headteacher, say that 'we will make sure they get a prom at some point!' The 'prom' for those of you who might not know, is basically a big party at a local hotel where the Year 11s, having finished their exams, are able to get dolled up and celebrate!

My family and I love living in Hallow and the community life and relationships play a big part in helping us to become the best we can be.

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Hallow Church PCC
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**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020.**

Present: P. Winney (Chairman), P. Mobbs (Vice Chairman), G. Wotton, C. John, D. Pugh, J. Bowker, J. Harper, C. Lightfoot (Clerk).

Absent: County Councillor Mr P. Grove, District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming.

Main Items of Discussion.

a) Christmas tree and lighting.

The Chairman was congratulated on his purchase of the Christmas tree. The Clerk confirmed grant funding of £150.00 had been received from District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming towards the purchase of new lights for the tree.

b) VAS.

The Vice Chairman reported that we were still awaiting the installation of the remaining posts for the VAS by County Highways. Data collected so far show that vehicles are travelling through the village at an average speed of 38-39mph.

c) Flooding on Ockeridge Lane.

Highways have reported that the drains would be jetted once the water had gone down and the issue had been closed on the Worcestershire Hub. Concerns were expressed by Parish Council that incidents were being closed before action had been taken on them. Parish Councillor Mrs C. John reported that a trench had been dug to release the water into the brook but a pot-hole had now developed under the standing water.

d) Malvern Hills District Council Community Awards.

The Clerk was asked to apply to the Malvern Hills District Council Community Awards on behalf of Top Barn Farm Shop in recognition of the work being done on recycling and use of reusable packaging.

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020.**

Present: P. Winney (Chairman), P. Mobbs (Vice Chairman), G. Wotton, D. Pugh, C. Lightfoot (Clerk).

In Attendance: District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming.

Absent: C. John, J. Harper, J. Bowker, County Councillor Mr P. Grove.

Main Items of Discussion.

e) Malvern Hills District Council reports.

a) Climate change emergency.

MHDC are in the process of forming plans to reduce their carbon footprint by 50% by 2030 and meet the government target of being carbon neutral by 2050. Initiatives include a transfer of the refuse collective fleet vehicles to more sustainable transport, planting more trees and a £2 million project to upgrade Malvern Splash starting in September.

b) Ward Boundaries.

The Boundaries Commission will be carrying out a review of the ward boundaries to try and make wards equal in terms of electorate and reduce the number of District Councillors. The views of the parishes will be sought on this issue.

f) VAS.

The Vice Chairman reported that there are still no westward posts on the A443 although the hedges have now been cut on the A4133. A post extension has also been requested outside the post office.

g) Defibrillator battery.

The Vice Chairman reported that the defibrillator main battery and pads would need replacing shortly. Parish Council agreed that these items could be ordered and paid for.

h) Village hall refurbishment.

Parish Councillor Mr Dennis Pugh reported on research he had done of the facilities and finances of village halls in neighbouring parishes. Following a report from a Chartered Surveyor it was felt that the current building is sound enough to repair. Sources of funding are currently being investigated, The Clerk was asked to review the insurance documents to find out whether underpinning would be covered.

i) Norah Parson's Day Centre.

It was agreed to donate £50.00 to the Day Centre to support their activities.

The Joy of New Life.....

Early in April, two sets of twin calves were born in the fields behind Grimley Church. Jane and Dave Stanley tell us that apparently cows can't count so the twins and mums have had to be moved inside the barns so as to ensure that the two mothers each bond with both of their calves. Without this intervention the cows may have 'forgotten' about their second baby.



Thanks to Jane and Dave Stanley for this fascinating insight into the world of cattle!

If you'd like to see more, this is the link to a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIYKMrY7MbY>

Message from West Mercia Police

Suspicious email reporting tool available

The suspicious email reporting tool report@phishing.gov.uk launched this week by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has already received 2,264 reports. This has led to 50 phishing sites being removed.

Cyber criminals love phishing. Unfortunately, this is not a harmless riverbank pursuit. When criminals go phishing, you are the fish and the bait is usually contained in a scam email or text message.

The criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam email or text message, or to give away sensitive information (such as bank details).

These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to a dodgy website which could download viruses onto your computer, or steal your passwords.

Have you spotted a suspicious email?

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) report@phishing.gov.uk

Stay Safe. Stay Connected. Stay Cyber Aware

For further information to stay cyber safe please go to:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-ncsc/what-is-cyber-security>

SELF-ISOLATED SPRING MAGIC

(AKA noticing things in the garden during 'lockdown')

The start of 'lockdown' coincided with my birthday, weirdly spent eating self-isolated cake and opening sterilised cards courtesy of Dettol. The first week saw unseasonably warm and sunny weather so isolation was mostly spent in the garden. This involved a more leisurely pace of life and afforded an opportunity to really notice the burgeoning of Spring. The first lovely sight was the row of daffodils lining the front verge. This has only taken us about 12 years to establish, and we thank friends and neighbours who have given us 'daffs' over the years to 'fill the gaps' we always seem to have missed out. Oddly this year we were gap free for the first time.

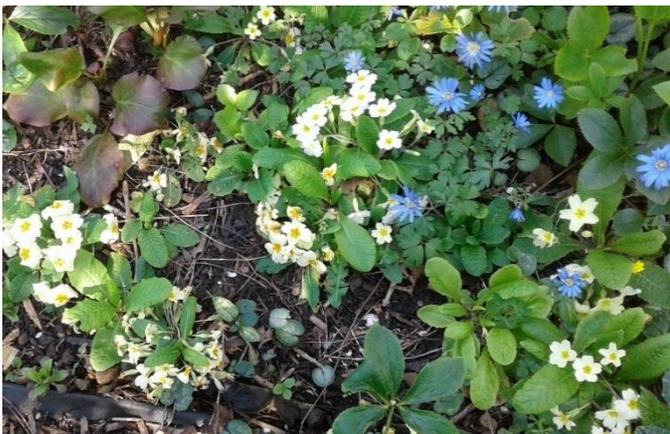


The second harbinger of Spring were the Primroses, scattered throughout the garden, including a lovely self-seeded bank in the front garden which catches the eye from the dining room window.

These are complimented by Pulmonaria Blue Ensign, a strong, striking blue that looks wonderful with daffodil tete a tete, or with cream primroses.



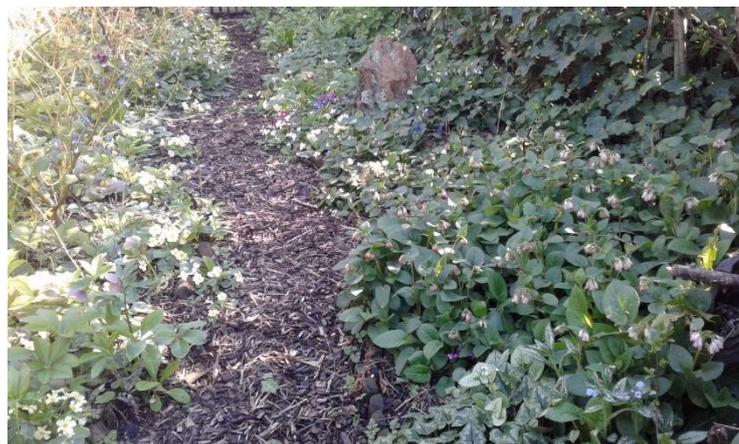
Woodland anemones are also lovely at this time of year, particularly if mixed with native primroses.



A small weeping cherry (*Prunus Filly Frock*) makes a lovely addition to the small front garden space in front of the lounge, with an abundance of small white flowers against lime green leaves. It maintains its weeping habit very well, and remains very small at about 5 feet. In its present position it is underplanted with blue muscari, primroses, and crocus.



At the top of the back garden there is well established, small but copiously planted woodland area, with a white silver birch (*Betula Snow Queen*), and an understory of hellebores, primroses, cyclamen, and small daffodils. The bark of the birch is complimented by a wide variety of variously coloured cornus.



In 2009 we were honoured to open to the public under the 'Yellow Book' scheme for the princely sum of £2.00. Since then we have opened for Hallow Church and Hallow Garden Club, and have met many fellow enthusiasts. We have a friendly rivalry with others in Moseley Road as there are many good gardens and gardeners further down the road. Personally, I think enticing visitors into your garden with excellent cake, home-made lemonade, strawberries and ice cream and the occasional Pimms is cheating a wee bit, but we enjoy the friendly competition at opening time. Hopefully a degree of normality will soon emerge and we can welcome villagers and neighbours back into our garden. It will be nice to see you!

Hazel Kemshall - Rose Cottage.

Beyond this area, there is a 'rest area' reserved for our retired gardener 'Mr Potts' who lounges about in a slightly tipsy state. He was built entirely from terracotta pots with great ingenuity by Chris, ably assisted by our neighbour Ron Poolton.



Holt WI

During this troubling time, Holt ladies have resolved to use their time as productively as possible. All activities and meetings are postponed, but that does not mean members are idle. Our inspirational Secretary has initiated a project to which we all contribute: a monthly newsletter, compiled and disseminated by email.

Our president opened the newsletter sending good wishes to us all, and especially those who would be celebrating birthdays this month and those suffering from unrelated illnesses. She started off the process of explaining how she is passing the time: knitting Angels. Yes, knitting Angels. For the festive season this year, St Nicholas Church, Warndon, will be Angel Bombing the surrounding area with Angels, decorated with a Christmas message.

Most of our members contributed to the newsletter and related a vast range of activities. Some are volunteering to help the community, as far as they can, from their own homes. Our Secretary is among others working with the Parish Council Holt Village Helpline, where volunteers help those isolated. As might be anticipated, the warm Spring weather has encouraged much pruning, planting and patio cleaning. One member commented that the main purpose of cleaning the patio was to sit on it in the sun and dream of a nice sunny beach! Other members are busy planting salad supplies for the summer and testing out plants they have not tried before.

On the craft front, we have patchwork and much knitting, including a totally craft-phobic lady, who has already finished a baby blanket for an expectant relative. Crosswords, puzzles, jigsaws and a Scrabble tournament are occupying others, whilst literary endeavours include learning a poem a day and one ex-English teacher who is teaching her American grandchildren online. She commented that this is not as easy as it sounds because their assorted ages (thirteen, ten and eight) means that she can't do the same thing with each one; then the American education system is totally different to ours; then of course there is the spelling problem – they just have to agree to differ; then they are in complete lockdown in Seattle, with two parents frantically working from home and two dogs that soooo need a walk! We know she's not really complaining because she is missing the three English grandchildren she normally looks after two days a week.

Book club is continuing, albeit through email. We still read the designated book, then share our thoughts online. We are hopeful that the extra time for reading will mean more members will join us online. Hopefully, the next book, *The Silversmith's Daughter* by Annie Murray will be as warmly received as the last one, *Cloud Mountain* by Aimee Liu. Then in May, we are embarking on David Attenborough's *A Life on Air* and in June *The Muse* by Jessie Burton.

And of course, we are all keeping fit. Sessions with Rosemary Conley in the living room, mowing the lawn, walking the dog, or just walking, we are getting our daily dose! Maybe, when this is all over, we are going to be fitter than when we started, especially now that the rain has finally stopped.



May in History

May 5th 1821 – Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the remote British island of St Helena. He was aged 51

← **May 6th 1954** – Roger Bannister became the first man to run one mile in under 4 minutes.

May 7th 1945 – Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims and WW2 ended. The end of hostilities was celebrated across Europe and North America the following day - May 8th.

CORONA VICTORIANA



In a previous life, I was trained for this,
as a prim and prissy Victorian miss,
No kissing, no hugging, a stay-at home mentality
A dainty little eater quite accustomed to frugality

with swept-back hair and an un-touched face
I kept my distance and I knew my place,
avoiding crowds and speaking rarely,
knowing diseases don't treat people fairly

two yards, the closest you could get,
with a hat to blinker me, and a mask of net
my crinoline skirt ensured social distance
if I ever emerged from my cloistered
existence



I never went shopping or sat in a pub
or danced all night in dim-lit club
nor dallied with some handsome chap,
my clean, gloved hands stayed in my lap.



reincarnation plays a trick
I do it all again so I don't get sick.
But I'm so tired of this inertia,
in future I might just wear a burkha.



By Christine Ashby

OAK APPLE DAY

Restoration Day, more commonly known as Oak Apple Day or Royal Oak Day, was an English public holiday, observed annually on 29th May, to commemorate the restoration of the Monarchy in May 1660. In some parts of the country the day is still celebrated. It has also been known as Shick Shack Day, or Oak and Nettle Day.

In 1660, Parliament passed into law "An Act for a Perpetual Anniversary Thanksgiving on the Nine and Twentieth Day of May", declaring 29th May a public holiday "for keeping of a perpetual Anniversary, for a Day of Thanksgiving to God, for the great Blessing and Mercy he hath been graciously pleased to vouchsafe to the People of these Kingdoms, after their manifold and grievous Sufferings, in the Restoration of his Majesty.

The public holiday was formally abolished in the Anniversary Days Observance Act 1859, but the date retains some significance in local or institutional customs. It is, for example, still observed as Founder's Day by the Royal Hospital Chelsea, which was founded by Charles II in 1681.



My good friend Bruce (ex-Royal Signals at Hereford Stirling Lines) is a Chelsea Pensioner. He wrote to me this week, letting me know how things are at the Royal Hospital. He tells me that they are confined to their 'wards' (as their rooms are called) and meals are delivered. They are allowed to walk around the grounds of the Royal Hospital as long as social distancing is practised and all, apparently are missing watching the preparations for Chelsea Flower Show (usually held in May)

AS – Editor

HOLT PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

HELP LINE

If you are able to help your fellow parishioners, in any way in this time of crisis please telephone the following number.

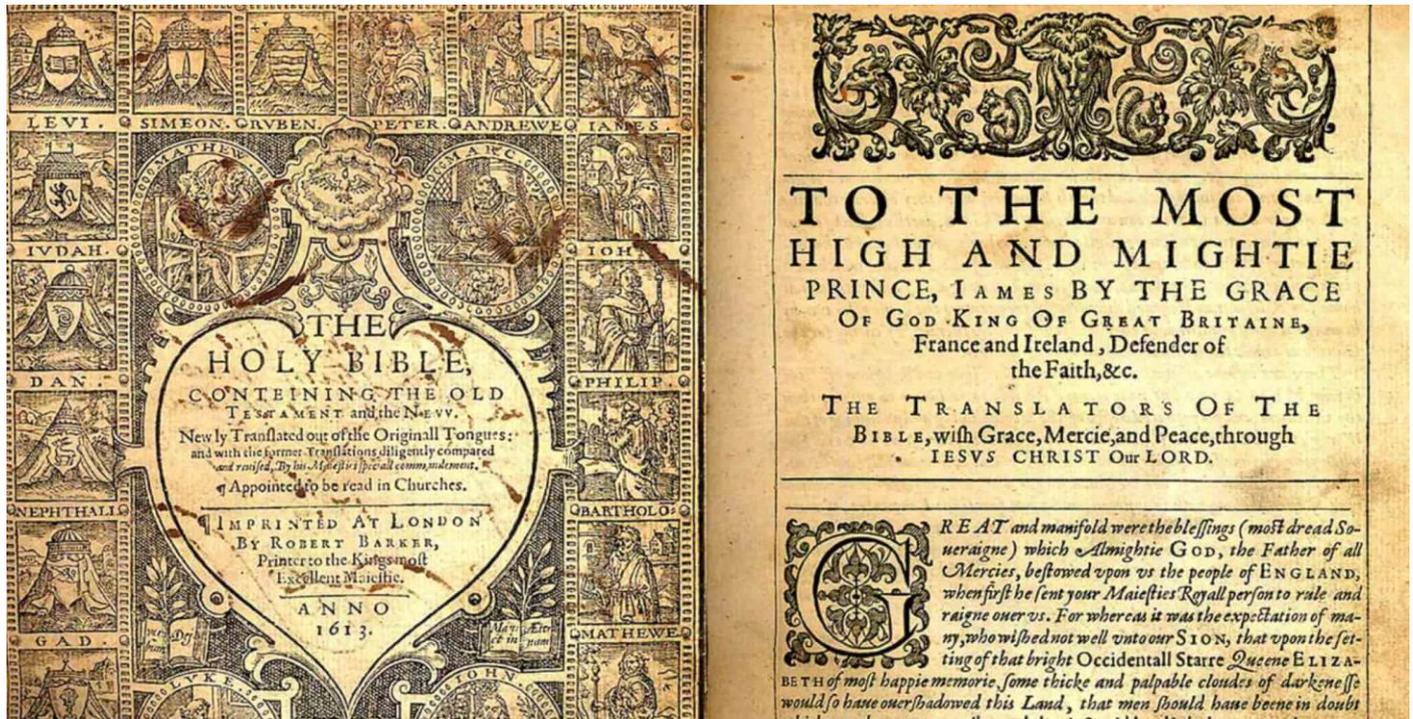
If you need any practical help or advice during this pandemic please telephone the following number.

If you would like to have a friendly chat please telephone the following number.

(01905) 620666

Line manned by Holt Parish Council volunteers 9.00am -
6.00pm

MAY 2nd 1611 – THE KING JAMES BIBLE IS PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME.



King James's Bible is used as the name for the 1611 translation (on a par with the "Genevan Bible" or the "Rhemish Testament") in Charles Butler's *Horae Biblicae* (first published 1797). Other works from the early 19th century confirm the widespread use of this name on both sides of the Atlantic. It is found both in a "Historical sketch of the English translations of the Bible" published in Massachusetts in 1815 and in an English publication from 1818, which explicitly states that the 1611 version is "generally known by the name of King James's Bible". This name was also found as King James' Bible (without the final "s"): for example, in a book review from 1811. The phrase "King James's Bible" is used as far back as 1715, although in this case it is not clear whether this is a name or merely a description. The use of Authorised Version, capitalised and used as a name, is found as early as 1814. For some time before this, descriptive phrases such as "our present, and only publicly authorised version" (1783), "our Authorised version" (1792), and "the authorised version" (1801, uncapitalized) are found. The Oxford English Dictionary records a usage in 1824. In Britain, the 1611 translation is generally known as the "Authorised Version" today. As early as 1814, we find King James' version, evidently a descriptive phrase, being used "The King James Version" is found, unequivocally used as a name, in a letter from 1855. The next year King James Bible, with no possessive, appears as a name in a Scottish source. In the United States, the "1611 translation" is generally known as the King James Version today.

The DAMBUSTERS

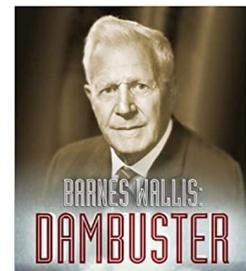
May 19th 1943

The Royal Airforce bombers successfully attacked dams in the Ruhr Valley in Germany using innovative ball-shaped bombs which bounced along the surface of the water before exploding against the walls of the dams.

The dams provided drinking waters for 4 million people and supplied 75% of the electrical power needed by the industry in the area.



Barnes Wallis is credited with the idea of the "bouncing bomb" →



OUR HEROES

I'll tell you a tale that's been recently written
 Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain.
 They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes.
 They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains.
 They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,
 We sent them to war with one simple task.
 To show us the way, to lead and inspire us
 To protect us from harm and fight off the virus.
 It couldn't be stopped by bullet proof vests
 An invisible army invaded our chests.

So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in blue
 "All Doctors and Nurses – Your Country Need You"
 We clapped on our streets, hearts busting with pride
 As they went off to war and we stayed inside.
 They struggled at first as they searched for supplies
 But they stared down the virus through the whites of its eyes.
 They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice
 Some never came back – the ultimate price!
 So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on
 As the virus was beaten the battle was won.
 The many of us, owe so much to so few
 The brave and the bold – our Heroes in Blue

So, let's line the streets and remember our debt.
 We love you our heroes,
 Lest we forget.



Author unknown

This poem was sent to us by Pat Jackson through the Church Watts App Group.

If you would like to joint the group please contact Paul Wilcox on paulwilcox429@gmail.com or 07739 966777

*Hallow Signs (above) made by Committee Member of Hallow Village Community Group
 Sign at Grimley Cross Roads made by Roy Munslow*

A Poem from Holt – this is where we would have been on Easter Day.....

SUNDAY 12th	8:30am Holt	BCP Holy Communion
EASTER DAY	10:00am Hallow	Holy Communion
	11:00am Lower Broadheath	Holy Communion
	6:30pm Grimley	Evening Prayer



Rev Kalantha Brewis
 Rev David Morphy
 Rev Kalantha Brewis

 Rev Kalantha Brewis



Easter Sunday

We could not go to church today,
 We had to stay at home and pray.
 Our prayers all must have hit the spot,
 Tomorrow we get a Tesco slot.

Dennis of Holt



Peter Foster

As many people may have already heard, Pete Foster passed away in mid - April.

Pete had been fighting illness for some time but he eventually lost his battle after contracting Covid-19.

Pete was a much loved and much respected member of the community at large and the Church Community in particular.

He will be very sadly missed by many.

Please pray for Julie and Pete's family at this sad time. Hopefully we can all share in an appreciation of his life at some point in the future when things return to 'normal'.

Where might our prescribed daily exercise take us?

As I write this, April 21st, Holt churchyard is alive with squirrels and bluebells. And beyond the old wall, into the extension, the beauty continues - the quietness filled with birdsong, and the young rowan trees bordering the field ready to burst into bloom. In a far corner the elegantly curved seat welcomes us, offering time to sit and contemplate – perhaps to remember precious family and friends, or to be reminded once again of the cross – the cross-shaped pathways intersecting the grass where the remnants of the early daffodils still remain. Day after day, we are offered the beauty of nature that calms and inspires us.



If present restrictions make this a step too far for you, then conjure up the picture in your mind wherever you get to. The extension's commemorative plaque tells us that, in 2018, Holt Parish Council consecrated this place to be a "lasting testament to the strength of community." May this quiet and beautiful place be just that for us in these times of uncertainty and fear. A special word of thanks to Sackie Locke and others who give of their time and energy to keep the churchyard tidy.

Gill Wotton

Hallow Parish Hall 100 Club - April Winners 2020

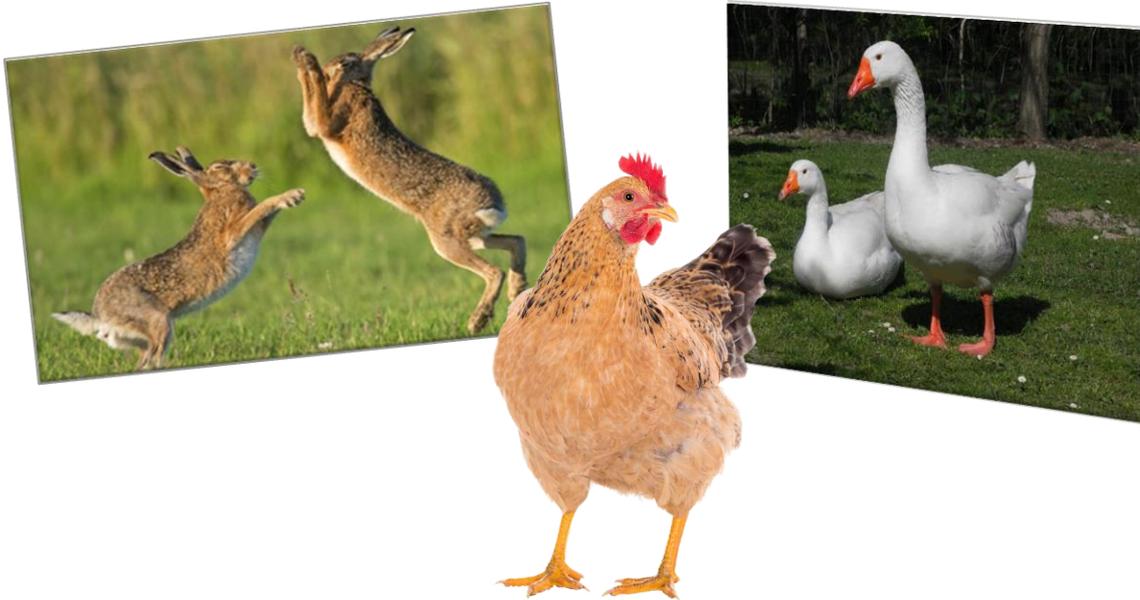
1 st Prize:	Mrs. R. Wadkin	£50
2 nd Prize:	Mrs. W.Taylor	£25
3 rd Prize:	Mr. M. Whitehouse	£10
	Mrs. S. Donaldson	£10



Thank you for your support – Stay Safe!

DID YOU HAVE A HAPPY EASTER AND ENJOY A LOVELY ROAST CHICKEN DINNER?

Chickens, as well as hares and rabbits were believed to have been introduced to Britain by the Romans, but evidence has been found that our Iron Age predecessors already revered these creatures, as well as geese, some 300 to 500 years before Christ.



Excavations across England have revealed that they were carefully buried, having not been butchered and eaten.

Easter has always been an important British festival and studies of various cultures show that exotic items and animals were often given supernatural status. After the Roman invasion chickens were associated akin to Roman Mercury, and hares to a female hare goddess.

Julius Caesar's first-hand account of the Gallic wars, says "the Britons consider it contrary to divine law to eat the hare, the chicken or the goose. They raise these, however, for their own amusement or pleasure."

As our population increased, hares and chickens started to be raised as livestock and their remains were then found in food waste, but following the Roman withdrawal from Britain in 410 AD, rabbits became locally extinct and the number of chickens and hares reduced drastically.

In the 11th century, the Normans reintroduced rabbits as a speciality food, and were increasingly common by the 19th century, when it is thought that they replaced the hare in the Easter celebrations by the Victorians as the "Easter Bunny".



May in History

May 11th 973 – Edgar the Peaceful was crowned at Bath as the King of all England. He then went to Chester where eight Scottish and Welsh princes rowed him on the River Dee.

May 12th 1926 – The T.U.C. called off the General Strike that had brought the nation to a standstill for nine days.

May 13th 1607 – Riots took place in the Midlands in protest at the widespread enclosure of Common Land.

Coronavirus in other places..... This is another article written by someone outside our area explaining what the current situation means for them. This time – central America.....



Hi there.
 My name is Helen and up until September 2019, I was living in Herefordshire and working in the South West of England and Wales for a major retailer. As my 64th birthday fast approached I was constantly asking myself if I wished to or even if I could continue life at this pace?
 The answer was a resounding NO.

So, in brief, I gave half my things away; put the remainder into storage; gave notice at work and within weeks flew to the Pacific coast of Costa Rica to live.



I currently live in the jungle, near to the River Baru, 2 kilometres outside the small town of Dominical. A place which centres around surfing and tourism.

I live in a small two bed house elevated and in the jungle. My daily visitors are numerous coloured birds; a Coati called Colin, who eats up leftover food (named after my late father who ate in the same way) an Agouti called Alan and numerous beautifully coloured Iguanas.



Colin the Coati



Pilates with Freddie on my shoulder

My daily guest is a free-range Parakeet whom I've called Freddie (after Freddie parrot-faced Davies some may recall). He flies in at will and sometimes is most welcome in the current climate and other times, as the photo indicates - is not. All the animals and views in the photos are taken from my house. I thank my lucky stars I am in such a wonderful place.

When Anne (Editor) - whom I've known for 30 years, asked me to write about the effect of the Coronavirus on Costa Rica and in particular the community in which I live, I thought well that's simple - Costa Rica is devastated and, like many countries of the world it is closed. But it's so much more than that isn't it?

As I write, Costa Rica, with a population of 5 million, has 435 cases of Covid-19 recorded with two deaths and 13 persons in Intensive care. At the beginning of March, as other countries started to report the effects of the Virus, the Government took a hard stand.

← It closed the Beaches, the National parks and many public areas.

A week or so later it closed the borders to both Nicaragua in the North and Panama to the South and eventually, bar a few pick up missions, closed the airport to main traffic. All bars, restaurants, shops were closed except for supermarket/ food shops. Two weeks ago, as Easter approached, a curfew was put in place which has now tightened to 5pm to 5am.



Additionally, transport has been severely controlled and, dependent on the last letter of your number plate, you can only travel 5am to 5pm on three designated days for the next fortnight.



In the area that I live, there is only one main road, the coastal road called the 'Costnera' and it is the main road through Costa Rica to Panama. All the other roads in the area are somewhat sub-standard so if anyone want to go anywhere then they need to travel down this road. The traffic is therefore easily controlled and police checkpoints have been set up at the river bridges. There are severe, on the spot fines should anyone be driving on the day they are not designated and number plates are seized with heavy recovery penalties (this is normal practice even for a parking violation). So those are the rules and regulations but what effect has this on the local community? It is quite traumatic. Most of the locals (called Ticos and Ticas) are linked in some way to tourism.

There is no tourism. They are, for the best part, unemployed, with no social or government assistance. The businesses that relied on the local weekly farmers markets have formed cooperatives and gone online with deliveries where possible. Restaurants have either closed or are takeaway only. The two small supermarkets are open but with a strict cleansing and people managing regime in place. The nearest bank and chemists are 22 miles away anyway and the bus service now non-existent. Licensed taxis are the only real method of transport available if like me, a car is not an option.

So, what was a thriving, though very laid-back tourist area, resembles a ghost town and people, for the best part, are staying inside their family compounds and like me and like you, are trying to manage the situation as best they can.

Community support is and continues to be crucial. Charities to collect and disseminate food and other essentials to those locally in need have been organised by key business personnel in the area. They are doing a great job and I, like other expats and locals regularly donate what we can do that the families that need the support, receive it. Many Facebook and Just Giving groups have evolved to make this work. Others are giving their time to sort and deliver to these families.

As DIY has boomed in the UK, so it has in Costa Rica. In my community hammer, saws and drills accompany the birdsong. (not good but understandable). New tin roof houses are evolving as I speak as families take the time to expand their homes.

As for me, I am half way between self-isolating and self-distancing. (were they ever words before the virus?). I have a friend who has a truck and once a week, until now we have been going to the supermarket, 22 miles away. We get alcohol-sprayed in; the trolley handle is cleansed; we get given gloves and now squeaky clean we do our shopping.



Post shop, the process is reversed. Distancing inside is observed at all times. There has been no rush to grasp certain items except for the hand sanitizers which quadrupled in price and became extinct. Overall, the supermarkets are doing their level best to help whilst maintaining a good level of service.

The bonus and lifeline for me is that my friend also is my Pilates teacher and twice a week, observing social distancing at all times, she comes to the house and I have a Pilates class. Apart from Maree and people in the distance, I see no-one in person. Like yourselves, social media has been a godsend and I never thought I would say that.

Through Whatsapp and FaceTime I am able to maintain contact with the outside world from my jungle home. I regularly speak to Anne and to my other friends and relatives and that keeps me sane.

Yes, I have the most wonderful of environments to wake up to in this stressful time but behind it all I, and the community here, are suffering from the same ramifications and fears as the rest of the world and I pray that we will all come through this, better and stronger people.

Helen



80 years ago this month

The Dunkirk evacuation, code-named Operation Dynamo and also known as the Miracle of Dunkirk, was the evacuation of Allied soldiers during World War II from the beaches and harbour of Dunkirk, in the north of France, between 26th May and 4th June 1940. The operation commenced after large numbers of Belgian, British, and French troops were cut off and surrounded by German troops during the six-week Battle of France. In a speech to the House of Commons, Prime Minister Winston Churchill called this "a colossal military disaster", saying "the whole root and core and brain of the

British Army" had been stranded at Dunkirk and seemed about to perish or be captured. In his "we shall fight on the beaches" speech on 4th June, he hailed their rescue as a "miracle of deliverance".

After Nazi Germany invaded Poland in September 1939, France and the British Empire declared war on Germany and imposed an economic blockade. The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) was sent to help defend France. After the Phoney War of October 1939 to April 1940, Germany invaded Belgium, the Netherlands, and France on 10th May 1940. Three panzer corps attacked through the Ardennes and drove northwest to the English Channel. By 21st May, German forces had trapped the BEF, the remains of the Belgian forces, and three French field armies along the northern coast of France. BEF commander General Viscount Gort immediately saw evacuation across the Channel as the best course of action, and began planning a withdrawal to Dunkirk, the closest good port.



On the first day only 7,669 Allied soldiers were evacuated, but by the end of the eighth day, 338,226 had been rescued by a hastily assembled fleet of over 800 vessels. Many troops were able to embark from the harbour's protective mole onto 39 British Royal Navy destroyers, 4 Royal Canadian Navy destroyers, at least 3 French Navy destroyers, and a variety of civilian merchant ships. Others had to wade out from the beaches, waiting for hours in shoulder-deep water. Some were ferried to the larger ships by what became known as the Little Ships of Dunkirk, a flotilla of hundreds of merchant marine boats, fishing boats, pleasure

craft, yachts, and lifeboats called into service from Britain. The BEF lost 68,000 soldiers during the French campaign and had to abandon nearly all of its tanks, vehicles, and equipment. In his 4 June speech, Churchill also reminded the country that "we must be very careful not to assign to this deliverance the attributes of a victory. Wars are not won by evacuations."

The retreat was undertaken amid chaotic conditions, with abandoned vehicles blocking the roads and a flood of refugees heading in the opposite direction. Due to wartime censorship and the desire to keep up British morale, the full extent of the unfolding disaster at Dunkirk was not initially publicised. A special service attended by the King was held in Westminster Abbey on 26th May, which was declared a National Day of Prayer. The Archbishop of Canterbury led prayers "for our soldiers in dire peril in France". Similar prayers were offered in synagogues and churches throughout



the UK that day, confirming to the public their suspicion of the desperate plight of the troops. Just before 7 p.m. on 26th May, Churchill ordered the evacuation to begin, by which time 28,000 men had already departed. Initial plans called for the recovery of 45,000 men from the BEF within two days, at which time German troops were expected to block further evacuation. Only 25,000 men escaped during this period, including 7,669 on the first day.

Before the operation was completed, the prognosis had been gloomy, with Churchill warning the House of Commons on 28th May to expect "hard and heavy tidings". Subsequently, Churchill referred to the outcome as a miracle, and the British press presented the evacuation as a "disaster turned to triumph" so successfully that Churchill had to remind the country in a speech to the House of Commons on 4th June that "we must be very careful not to assign to this deliverance the attributes of a victory."

The more than 100,000 French troops evacuated from Dunkirk were quickly and efficiently shuttled to camps in various parts of south-western England, where they were temporarily lodged before being repatriated. British ships ferried French troops to Brest, Cherbourg, and other ports in Normandy and Brittany, although only about half of the repatriated troops were redeployed against the Germans before the surrender of France. For many French soldiers, the Dunkirk evacuation represented only a few weeks' delay before being killed or captured by the German army after their return to France. Of the French soldiers evacuated from France in June 1940, about 3,000 joined Charles de Gaulle's Free French army in Britain.



Best Places to Live 2020

Midlands

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



Urban improvements are the big story in the heart of England. Nottingham has shaken off its shady image to become one of our favourite cities: small, edgily creative and with an enviable public transport network.

The go-ahead for HS2 is

minutes saved on the journey time to London is neither here nor there, but it will finally give the city the chance to complete the planned Curzon Street station and fill in one of the last gaps in an increasingly shiny, business-friendly jigsaw.

Crewe still has areas

WHAT'S HOT

● Move over, Harborne, Stirchley is Birmingham's go-to inner suburb

● Hallow is only a couple of miles from Worcester, but has a real village atmosphere, with a green, a pretty church and a lively community

● Unspoilt Whitchurch may seem remote, but it's only 20 minutes by train from Crewe, probably the most useful rail junction in the north

WHAT'S NOT

WHAT'S HOT

● **Community spirit** The authentic intoxication of people pulling together – not another craft gin

● **Local produce** Fashionable tastes include artisan gelato, craft ale and plant-based burgers

● **The great outdoors** Nature is still the new culture, especially if accompanied by a dog. If you can't paddleboard, then parkrun

WHAT'S NOT

● **Poor public transport** Every town and village – and teenager – deserves a decent bus service

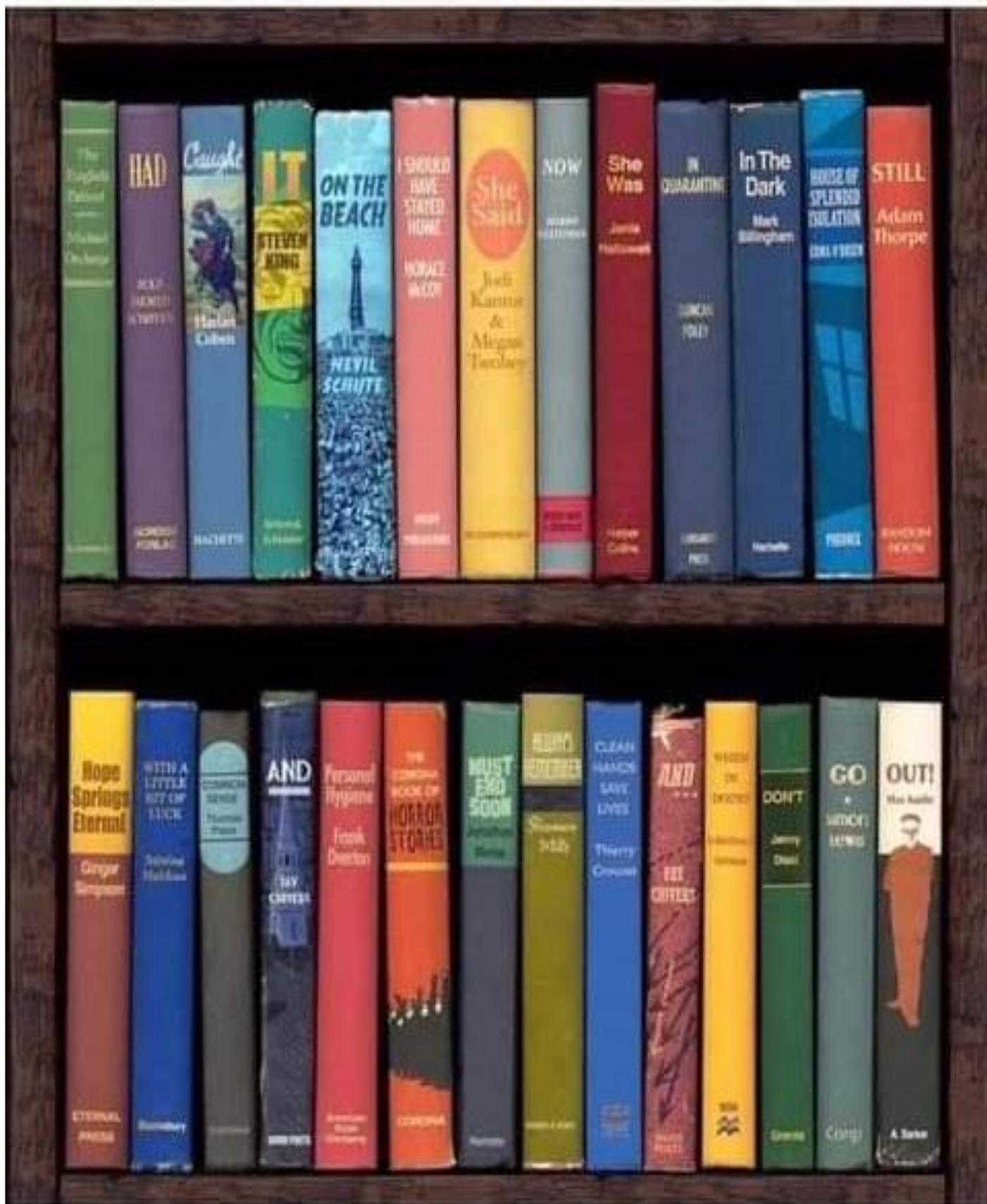
● **Parking fees** Sky-high charges and impenetrable payment apps really are killing high streets

● **Students** Eyesore blocks and the aroma of skunk

● **New home blots on the landscape** Poor planning, worse quality

What does this say?

The first Title on the left of the top shelf is "The English Patient".

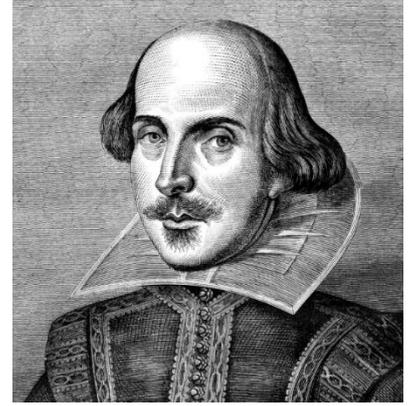


Solution on Page 54 of the Magazine

Thanks and credit to Joy Fulcher.

EVERYDAY PHRASES THAT WE USE & WERE BEEN PENNED BY SHAKESPEARE

As a teenager (a long time ago!) I was introduced at school to the subject of Shakespeare, and my first play was A Merchant of Venice. Try as I did, I wasn't sure what it was all about – virtually every sentence was analysed and explained by my teacher and in my case, to no avail. I can remember there was a girl named Rosalind, and somewhere along the line, there was something about 'a pound of flesh'. The second play I was introduced to was 'The Play', or to those of us not superstitious, Macbeth. This hooked me, the story was exciting – witches, a ghost (Banquo) and lots of blood and gore. I was lucky enough, living in London, to go and see the play at the Old Vic, and this is the play that I studied for my G.C.E 'O' level. Some sixty years later, I can even remember quite a few of the famous quotes, but I won't embarrass myself by getting them wrong here!



Just recently, something on TV brought to my attention just how many of Shakespeare's phrases we use today in everyday conversation – and most likely not even knowing that, so I had a look on-line and thought you'd like to see just how many there are.

Macbeth – All our yesterdays / Be all and (the) end all / Crack of doom / Milk of human kindness / One fell swoop / Knock, Knock, who's there? – this is also a song title that came second in Eurovision 1970.

Hamlet – Neither a borrower nor a lender be / Hoist with his own petard / In my hearts of hearts / In my mind's eye.

Othello - Foregone conclusion / Jealousy is the green-eyed monster / Wear my heart upon my sleeve.

Julius Caesar – A dish fit for the gods / Live long day.

The Merry Wives of Windsor – As good luck would have it / Laughing stock.

The Merchant of Venice – Bated breath / Love is blind.

King Lear - More sinned than sinning / Full circle.

The Taming of the Shrew – Break the ice / Kill with kindness / Cold comfort.

A Midsummer's Night Dream – Fancy Free

Troilus and Cressida – Good riddance

As You Like It – Forever and a day

King John - Play fast and loose

Romeo and Juliet – Wild-geese chase.

The Tempest – Brave new world

And now for the plays about the kings, Henry IV, V, VI and VIII –

Give the devil his due / Set my teeth on edge (Henry IV part I). Eaten me out of house and home / Ill wind which blows no man to good (Henry IV Part II). Heart of gold (Henry V). Faint hearted (Henry VI Part I). Dead as a doornail (Henry VI Part II). For goodness' sake (Henry VIII)

Having started in his teens as an actor, then in his early twenties beginning to write his own plays (39), sonnets (154) and poems (2 long narratives), it is no surprise that some phrases he decided to use more than once, or maybe he just lost track a little – after all there was no help at hand like we have today with our computers, lap tops and mobile phones.

“Refuse to budge an inch” was used in Measure for Measure, and also The Taming of the Shrew. “Cold Comfort” was used in The Taming of the Shrew as well as King John. “Devil incarnate” was in Titus Andronicus and Henry V.

So it is little wonder that Shakespeare is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language as well as the world's greatest dramatist. Just think of what he would have gone on to achieve if he had lived a longer life, as unfortunately he died at the age of fifty two.

Andrea Unwin

Storm Brendon – January 2020



This isn't me!



We have had as many as 13 wheelbarrows of apples off our Bramley apple tree every year.

My wife and I have lived in Monmouth for just over 40 years and every year our 80 year + old Bramley apple tree has provided us with beautiful crops that has fed us, neighbours and friends generously. However, in January Storm Brendan released its power and I have to admit that I was absolutely devastated to see it blown over in my garden.

Thankfully I had previously arranged for a tree surgeon to visit, to attend to the tree, as it hadn't been professionally pruned for many years. Well the work started, firstly he cut off two or three of the very large branches on the north side of the tree, then with his pulley block, we carefully managed to haul it back up to almost its original position. Some of the roots had been pulled above ground, so as a precaution I tied some strong metal guy wires to the tree at high level and secured them, together with propping the one old branch, hopefully to prevent it from blowing over again. In addition, I placed some soil around the tree to help with its root stabilisation. It's now early April and I'm very pleased to see that new buds are starting to develop on the tree.



Chris Munslow (late of Church Lane Hallow)

May in History



← **May 16th 1943** – The Dambusters raid took place and destroyed the dams in the Ruhr valley in Germany.

HALLOW WI

How is everyone? Hopefully safe and surviving this lockdown in one way or another? Needless to say, my birthday present of a trip to Seville with my son, did not materialise. However, as it wasn't cancelled until a few hours before we were due to fly on the Sunday, I did go up to London on the Saturday. We had a lovely afternoon and evening visiting the David Hockney exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery and then a bit of a pub crawl, a cocktail at the Savoy, and ended up in The Sherlock Holmes pub, which I had visited frequently (when I worked for MOD across the road) from 1964-68. A trip down memory lane – on Friday lunchtimes we would go across the road to The Playhouse (back of Charing Cross Station) to hear the live production of Workers Playtime which was played on the then Radio Light Programme.

As with everything else, our meetings, trips and activities for the foreseeable future have been cancelled. Our speaker for April was to have been a lady whose company is Nova Chocolates and I was looking forward to some free samples! We did circulate some facts about Nova Chocolate to as many of our membership as we could who are online. Our Knit and Natter group belong to WhatsApp and we share the really funny jokes and videos which are flying around at the moment. Some of our ladies have been busy knitting for the maternity unit at WRH. The Book Club still had a book to read – The Lake House by Kate Morton and as it was nearly 600 pages it took quite a bit of reading. We have now switched to our Summer mode where we read anything we want and can report on them in September (all being well). A lot of my U3A Craft Group ladies have been busy crafting and I share pictures of their makes as they come in. I shall be sharing details of how we can help the NHS by making items for the staff ie bags for uniforms etc.

I have really enjoyed being in lockdown, mainly because of the unprecedented fabulous weather we have had. My garden is looking good, lots of bits and pieces have been mended and I can think of nothing better than opening my bi-folds and extending my living area into the garden. One amusing aside – I was getting fed up with my frizzy hair growing like an afro so I took the dog clippers to it yesterday – to say I bore a striking likeness to Anne Hathaway in Les Miserables when she'd sold her hair would be an understatement!! Good job I don't need to sell my teeth!!

I received news yesterday that my good friend Dorothy Capper (former member/President/ Committee member and resident of Hallow) is in hospital with Covid-19 – my thoughts are with her and her family - there is nothing we can do to help – just hope and pray she gets through it.

Lastly, what can I say about the NHS – the staff are truly our heroes, we owe them a huge amount and just coming out of our homes once a week to clap seems totally inadequate. I hope when we are able, that we can do something much more meaningful like having NHS celebration events and get together to show how much they mean to us and how much we truly appreciate their dedication to their profession.

Stay safe, stay home and try to resist the temptation to cut your own hair!

Jeanette Riddex, President

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE – WHO KNOWS!!

May in History

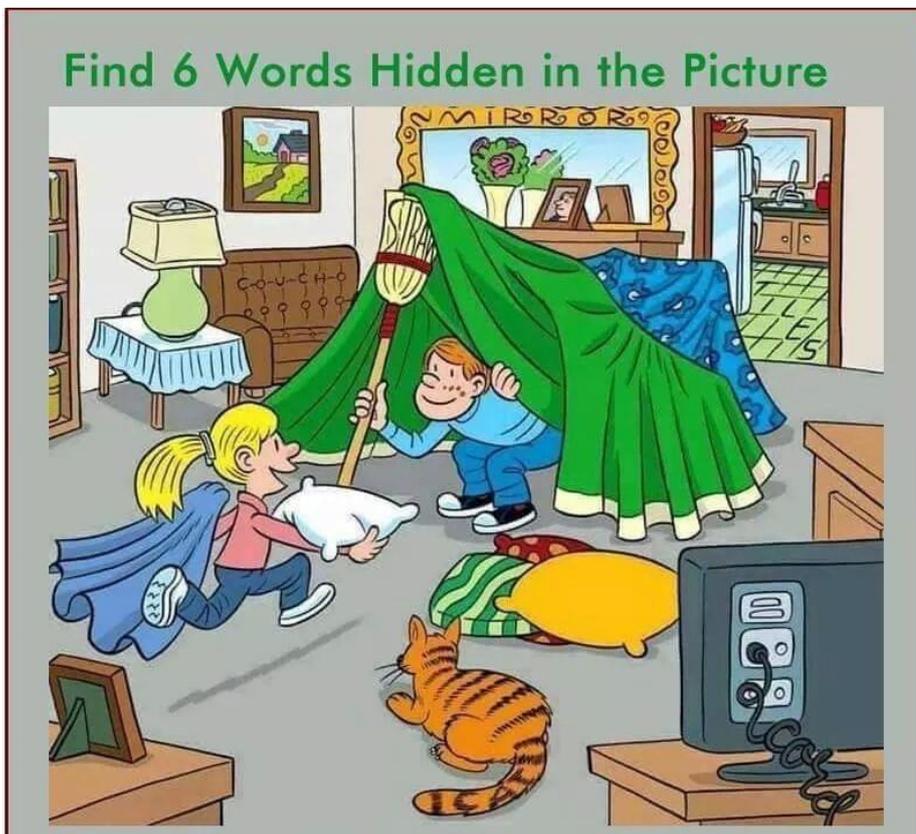
May 17th 1900 - The siege of the British garrison at Mafeking by Boer forces was broken. Commander of the garrison, Colonel Robert Baden-Powell and his forces had held firm for 217 days.

May 18th 1803 - Bored with nobody to fight for almost a year, Britain abandons the Treaty of Amiens and declares war on France, again!





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Find 6 Words Hidden in the Picture

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*Answers at the end of the
Magazine Page 45*

May in History

May 14th 1080 – Walcher, Bishop of Durham and Earl of Northumberland was murdered. William the Conqueror consequently ravaged the area and built a castle at Newcastle upon Tyne.

May 29th 1660 - Charles Stuart entered London to become King Charles II, restoring the Monarchy following Oliver Cromwell's commonwealth.

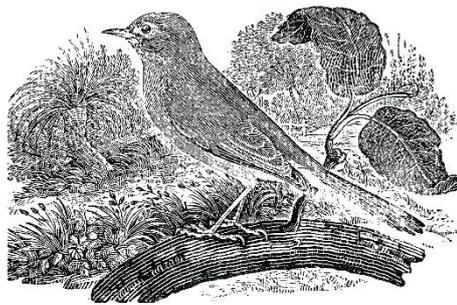


GRIMLEY GRAVEL PITS

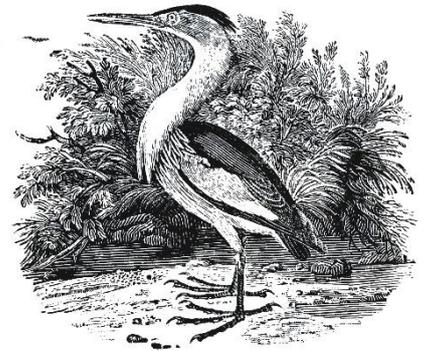
BIRDWATCH

April 2020

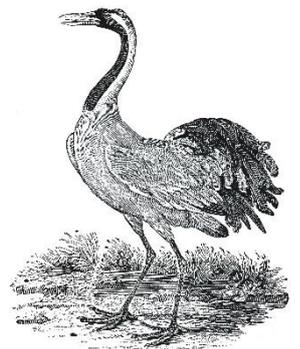
March 2020 the month will be remembered for the outbreak of the very dangerous and extremely infectious virus COVID 19, if you are out and about takes care and be safe. The first part of the month has been very wet with localised flooding. On the 8th what was a fantastic sight was of the Starlings starting their aerial roost displays at dusk flying around in larger and larger circles until they suddenly drop into their roost. At the Church farm pools on the 13th there was a very good sighting of a Red-crested Pochard that was reported this very colourful duck stayed 25 days, what also was a very good sighting on the 15th at Holt (sling pool) was the first



recording this year of a Great-white Egret. On the 17th at the Camp lane pools a single Ringed Plover was reported and on the following day 18th a Black Swan was viewed



but the bird did not stay long. The 19th saw the first Sand Martin and Swallow of the year at Holt in the same location on the 22nd a Curlew and Ruff were sighted, Camp lane pools had 2 Redshank, 1 Little-ringed Plover and a few Sand Martin were viewed over the pools. On the 25th and finally in the last few days of the month 29th the first House Martin were sighted skimming over the pools at Camp lane on the 30th at Top Barn a pair of Egyptian Geese were reported and close by a very rare sighting of a Lesser-spotted Woodpecker was recorded at the Wild Goose reserve and on the last day of the month (31st) a single Black-tailed Godwit was sighted on the Camp lane pools. Recording a total of 108 different species for the year.



R.O.Blackmore.



The Nightingale Hospital at the N.E.C. is now operational. Opened by Prince William on April 16th.

Initially built with a 500-bed capacity, it can be increased to 1,500 or more if needed.

It is designed to take coronavirus patients from 23 Midlands hospitals, if units cannot cope with demand.

Two further Nightingale Hospitals are also being planned for Sunderland and Exeter.

The new hospitals have been named after the woman who is, perhaps the most famous nurse ever.

Nightingale came to prominence while serving as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War, in which she organised care for wounded soldiers. She gave nursing a favourable reputation and became an icon of Victorian culture, especially in the persona of "The Lady with the Lamp" making rounds of wounded soldiers at night.



Recent commentators have asserted Nightingale's Crimean War achievements were exaggerated by media at the time, but critics agree on the importance of her later work in professionalising nursing roles for women. In 1860, Nightingale laid the foundation of professional nursing with the establishment of her nursing school at St Thomas' Hospital in London. It was the first secular nursing school in the world, and is now part of King's College London. In recognition of her pioneering work in nursing, the Nightingale Pledge taken by new nurses, and the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve, were named in her honour, and the annual International Nurses Day is celebrated on her birthday. Her social reforms included improving healthcare for all sections of British society, advocating better hunger relief in India, helping to abolish prostitution laws that were harsh for women, and expanding the acceptable forms of female participation in the workforce.

Florence Nightingale's most famous contribution came during the Crimean War, which became her central focus when reports got back to Britain about the horrific conditions for the wounded. On 21st October 1854, she and the staff of 38 women volunteer nurses that she trained, including her aunt Mai Smith and 15 Catholic nuns were sent (under the authorisation of Sidney Herbert) to the Ottoman Empire.

Florence arrived early in November 1854 at Selimiye Barracks in Scutari (modern-day Üsküdar in Istanbul). Her team found that poor care for wounded soldiers was being delivered by overworked medical staff in the face of official indifference. Medicines were in short supply, hygiene was being neglected, and mass infections were common, many of them fatal. There was no equipment to process food for the patients.

Stephen Paget in the *Dictionary of National Biography* asserted that Nightingale reduced the death rate from 42% to 2%, either by making improvements in hygiene herself, or by calling for the Sanitary Commission. For example, Nightingale implemented handwashing and other hygiene practices in the war hospital in which she worked.

Florence Nightingale died peacefully in her sleep in her room at 10 South Street, Mayfair, London, on 13th August 1910, at the age of 90. The offer of burial in Westminster Abbey was declined by her relatives and she is buried in the graveyard at St Margaret's Church in East Wellow, Hampshire. She left a large body of work, including several hundred notes that were previously unpublished.

Source - Wikipedia

Climate Change and gardens?

Many will have the good fortune and opportunity to spend more time on, and in, their gardens in the interesting times that we are now living. We have all been made very aware of the vulnerability of both ourselves, and our economic system, to disruption by a simple virus. Hugely concerning as this, there is an even bigger “elephant in our room”.

An updated analysis of the annual UK temperature records from the Met Office shows that since 1884 all of the UK’s ten warmest years have occurred since 2002. As usual 2019 has been declared an “exceptional” summer, we saw a new all-time high temperature recorded in Cambridge in July. For the UK, three of the four hottest summers have occurred since 2000. “Exceptional” appears to be the new norm for our weather. There is no doubt that these changes in our weather are due to Climate Change.

For those who might be a little doubtful on this, as confirmation, along with injecting ourselves with disinfectant to combat Covid 19, President “fake news” Trump has declared Climate Change to be a hoax invented by the Chinese to disadvantage US industry!

So what is Climate Change and what might we do about it?

Climate Change refers to a large-scale, long-term shift in the planet's weather patterns and average temperatures. This is definitely happening. There has been a 1.1°C increase in global temperatures since 1850. This is forecast to increase to a possibly catastrophic 4° C by the end of the century, unless we take action now. The effects of Arctic ice disappearing, glaciers melting, and warming of the permafrost releasing yet further greenhouse gases are largely unknown.

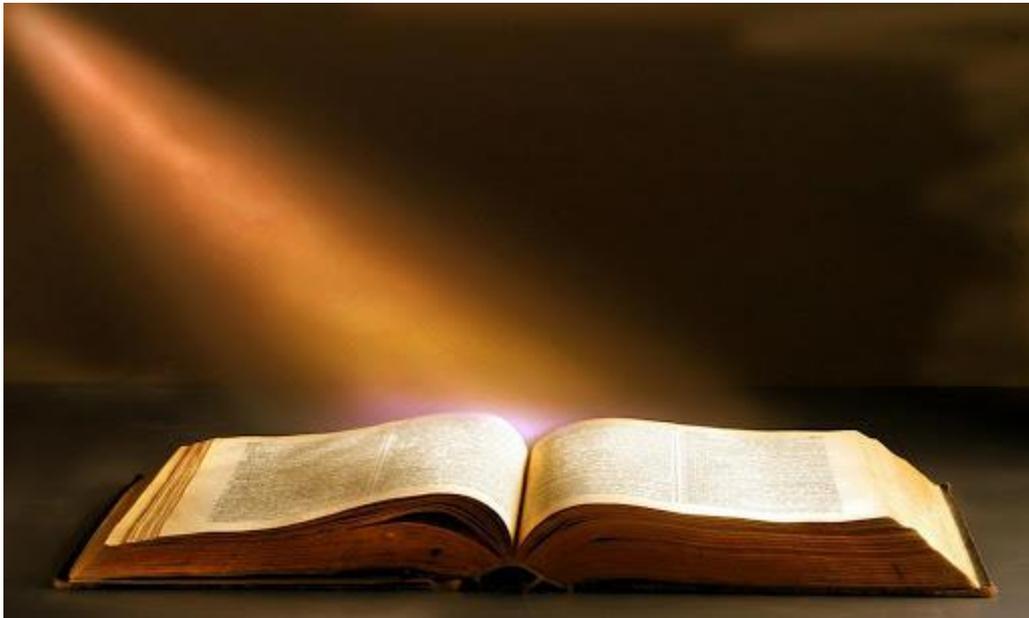
Climate Change is largely caused by a significant increase in the atmospheres carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas arising from the burning of fossil fuels – coal, oil and gas. The destruction of the planets ecosystems including the tropical rainforests of South America for soya production and cattle, and those forests in the Far East for palm oil have also resulted in massive releases of further carbon dioxide. There has also been the huge losses of carbon from our own soils arising from modern agricultural practices. Over the last 150 years the carbon dioxide levels have increased from 270 ppm to 411 ppm today.

So as responsible citizens, as opposed to being merely “consumers”, what action might those who are fortunate to have a garden or allotment, take to reduce the impact of Climate Change? Here are a few ideas.

- Wherever practical plant trees. Trees will take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store the carbon in their branches, roots and also the soil. The leaf litter will further build the soil humus. In the long term trees store more carbon in a given area of garden than other plants. Trees also provide shade, blossom, fruit. Trees also reduce the risk of flooding and some species can even capture particulate pollution.
- Minimise or avoid using power tools where practicable. This saves the emitting carbon dioxide from the petrol or electricity, and saves money and gives you some exercise.
- Insist on peat free compost, and in potted plants – if unsure challenge the supplier. Half the carbon in soils in the UK is in peatland. Its removal results in further emissions of carbon dioxide, not to mention habitat loss.
- Compost your garden and kitchen organic “waste”. It makes an excellent soil improver. It saves the methane emissions from landfill, or carbon dioxide from the incinerator.
- Minimise the use of decking and paving. Grass will capture carbon dioxide and return it to the soil. As will composted grass cuttings. Grass will also be cooler on a hot summer day.
- Minimise, or avoid, the use of fertilisers and pesticides, particularly nitrate fertilisers which are produced from fossil fuels, which result in further emissions of nitrous oxide – a very powerful greenhouse gas.
- Consider installing green roofs on sheds, garages and flat roof extensions. Can result in home energy savings due to a cooling effect in summer and an insulating effect in winter.
- When the lockdown permits, attending meetings and garden visits plan to share transport, save fuel – more emissions. You never know what you might learn chatting on the journey!!

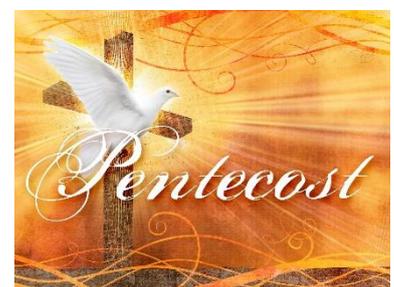
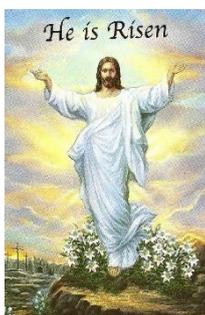
And of course, stay safe, enjoy the bit of nature in your garden or allotment, and at night, the increased brightness of our skies from the reduced air pollution!

Dave Stanley



BIBLE READINGS May 2020

Friday	1 st	Proverbs 4 v 10 - 18	James 1 v 1 – 12	St. Philip & St. James
Saturday	2 nd	Exodus 29 v 1 - 9	Luke 2 v 21 – 40	
Sunday	3rd	Nehemiah 9 v 6 - 15	1 Corinthians 19 v 1 - 13	4th Sunday of Easter
Monday	4 th	Exodus 32 v 1 - 14	Luke 2 v 41 – end	
Tuesday	5 th	Exodus 32 v 15 - 34	Luke 3 v 1 – 14	
Wednesday	6 th	Exodus 33	Luke 3 v 15 – 22	
Thursday	8 th	Exodus 34 v 1 – 10, 27 - end	Luke 4 v 1 – 13	
Friday	8 th	Exodus 35 v 20 – 36.7	Luke 4 v 14 - 30	Victory in Europe Day
Saturday	9 th	Exodus 40 v 17 - end	Luke 4 v 31 – 37	
Sunday	10th	Ezekiel 37 v 1 - 12	John 5 v 19 - 29	5th Sunday of Easter
Monday	11 th	Numbers 9 v 19 – end;10.33 - end	Luke 4 v 38 – end	
Tuesday	12 th	Numbers 11 v 1 - 33	Luke 5 v 1 – 11	
Wednesday	13 th	Numbers 12	Luke 5 v 12 – 26	
Thursday	14 th	1 Samuel 2 v 27 - 35	Acts 2 v 37 – end	
Friday	15 th	Numbers 14 v 1 - 25	Luke 6 v 1 – 11	
Saturday	16 th	Numbers 14 v 26 - end	Luke 6 v 12 – 26	
Sunday	17th	Job 14 v 1 – 2;7 – 15; 19 –27a	1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 – end	6th Sunday of Easter
Monday	18 th	Numbers 16 v 1 - 35	Luke 6 v 27- 38	Rogation Day
Tuesday	19 th	Numbers 16 v 36 - end	Luke 6 v 39 – end	Rogation Day
Wednesday	20 th	Numbers 17 v 1 - 11	Luke 7 v 1 - 10	Rogation Day
Thursday	21st	Isaiah 52 v 7 - end	Hebrews 7[11-25]26- end	Ascension Day
Friday	22 nd	Numbers 20 v 1 - 13	Luke 7 v 11 – 17	
Saturday	23 rd	Numbers 21 v 4 - 9	Luke 7 v 18 - 35	
Sunday	24th	Isaiah 65 v 17 - end	Revelation 21 v 1 - 8	7th Sunday of Easter
Monday	25 th	Numbers 22 v 1 - 35	Luke 7 v 36 – end	
Tuesday	26 th	Numbers 22 v 36 – 23.12	Luke 8 v 1 – 15	
Wednesday	27 th	Numbers 23 v 13 - end	Luke 8 v 16 – 25	
Thursday	28 th	Numbers 24	Luke 8 v 26 – 39	
Friday	29 th	Numbers 27 v 12 - end	Luke 8 v 40 – end	
Saturday	30 th	Numbers 32 v 1 - 27	Luke 9 v 1 – 17	
Sunday	31st	Genesis 11 v 1 - 9	Acts 10 v 34 - 48	Pentecost



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Despite the impact of Corona virus we are still trying to progress the Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are hoping to go out to formal consultation as soon as possible, and will inform the village by leaflet (if Covid 19 restrictions allow), posters on the Parish Council Boards, email and NDP website, and consultees by letter or email. This consultation is a FORMAL one unlike the previous informal events seeking village views and sharing our ideas and policies. Regulation 14 as it is known is a legal requirement and the law states:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a)publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i)details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii)details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii)details of how to make representations; and

(iv)the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b)consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c)send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/introduction/made>

Reg 14 is when the draft plan is tested by interested parties and key stakeholders, and where amendments are made, and responses to the formal comments are also published. In effect, this is when the Neighbourhood Development Plan starts to “get real”. After this hurdle, we then proceed to Regulation 16, this is when Malvern Hills District Council publicise the plan asking for final comments. After this, we can proceed to examination by an Independent Examiner-the timeline for this is the Autumn (virus permitting)!At present Hallow NDP covers:

1. Policies on landscape and green spaces, and key views.
2. Housing site allocation (presently Greenhill Lane extension).
3. Policies on heritage assets and archaeological assets for protection; and Design Guidance for new development.
4. Policies on community facilities.

The full draft will shortly be on the Hallow NDP website: <https://hallowndp.co.uk/>

Hazel Kemshall

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May in History

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by Christine Ashby,

District News

by Dean Clarke

Hallow & Grimley District Councillor



Any concerns or suggestions...

Our lives have changed radically and it is hard not to worry about those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods. I have spoken directly or by phone to people across our community and it does seem that those of us seen as vulnerable are all being catered for by friends, neighbours or family. Matt, Tracey and Amber have been keeping us well supplied. If you have problems or you are worried about others please feel free to contact me. My personal thanks to all those in our community who have volunteered their services to those in need.

Life in the Slow Lane

I'm almost ashamed to say it but I am quite enjoying the different style of life at the moment... life for me is more relaxed, the pace is much slower.

Some things have had to change...the children told me that it was now too risky to enter the shop to pick up the daily paper; therefore I have altered the route for my walk. I now go down the track opposite our house and head towards the Severn...and what a difference.

I no longer have to wait five minutes to cross the road or hold my breath as a stream of particulate emitting vehicles pollute the air. I am now more aware of, and appreciate the bird song. With that and watching the rippling river with the spring sun warming my face I gain a wonderful sense of a peace. As always there is a price to pay: initially the steps up Squires bank sets my pulse at a raised rate, a challenge I have now more or less met, breathing easily before I'm too far along Church Lane. As the days have moved on my initial solitude on this walk has diminished as more joggers, dog walkers and families have chosen the same pathways. I occasionally am able to (at least three meters away) engage in my favourite occupation, a gossip. Within an hour I'm home, Pat has the kettle on and I can enjoy a coffee with something sweet (either a cake or biscuit) I shouldn't really have.

And therein lies a tale... our 1 year old kettle decided to cease working (I am now engaged in a so far a one sided conversation with Mr Sainsbury about that!) At the same time I decided that I needed a posting spade to dig the required holes to put up a raspberry frame. Online ordering being the only option, both kettle and spade were requested. The spade arrived early the next morning, the kettle five days later... and only after Pat had taught me how to turn on the hob to heat a saucepan of water. Thank you to the resident in Church Lane who put some books out with a request to help yourself. These are helping to fill in the time when I am not over mowing the lawn, painting the front gate (have a look its nice and shiny), repointing some brickwork or sorting out the kids Lego...Pat decided it was the ideal opportunity to sort, construct and then re-box up a mountain of Lego accumulated when the kids were small.

Some good news...

Congratulations to Gemma Walton and her partner on the birth of their second child and also to Naomi and Luke (new residents of Parkfield Lane) on the birth of their first child.

Grumpy old man?

So I'm not sure that I want life to go back to how it was before. I look around me and I see my children working harder than those of my generation, relying on childcare (often provided by us) and their children being stressed out by a schooling system that seems determined to turn them into exam passing cogs in a machine. All of this often to either meet the ever inflating price of property or to enable all to queue up for hours to have the pleasure of being crammed into metal tubes for several hours to go on holiday. We have found that we can abandon SATs...may they never return. GCSEs have also gone at the moment... we did five or six 'O' levels, so why the ten that seem standard now? And why more than 3 A levels, that was plenty to stretch my generation and leave us with a social life.

They deserve more than a clap

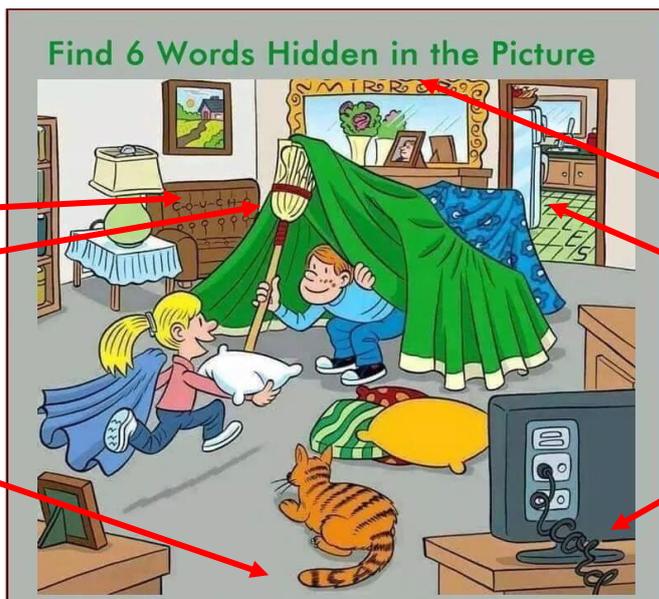
Meanwhile as well as clapping our nurses how about wiping out the debt we put them into to train. If we can now suddenly build, supply and find funding for hospitals and staff why can't we do so when this emergency is over? Should we really need to queue for treatment... perhaps we need to make the choice to pay for more nurses and doctors instead of pilots and stewardesses?

Puzzle solutions:

Find the hidden cat



Bookshelves: The English Patient; Had; Caught; It; On The Beach; I Should Have Stayed Home; She Said; Now; She Was; In Quarantine; In The Dark; The House of Splendid Isolation; Still; Hope Springs Eternal; With a Little Bit of Luck; Common Sense; And; Personal Hygiene; The Corona Book of Horror Stories; Must End Soon; Always Remembered; Clean Hands Save Lives; And; When in Doubt; Don't; Go; Out;



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We hope you have enjoyed reading this (the first ever digital) edition of the Magazine for the Parishes of Hallow and Grimley with Holt and Lower Broadheath

The next edition is due to be published on June 1st and contributions should reach the Editor by May 15th. Address on page 2 and Page 3

In the event that our printer has not returned to operating by that date, it will be published again in this format. The deadline for contributions will be extended to May 27th.

Should the "lockdown" have eased by then the Magazine will be printed, published and delivered in its usual paper format.



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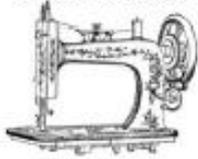
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