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In the heart of the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem stands the Church of the Resurrection. The Crusaders, perhaps because of their focus on death and Christ's cross, called this the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It is the place where the rock of Calvary, the events of Easter, and the empty tomb are celebrated by various Christian denominations every Sunday, with every space filled with rituals, rites, icons, mosaics, statues, chants, hymns and words.

It is also the place where a Greek Orthodox priest, Mathias, has served joyfully and sacrificially for eight years. The tourist groups don’t meet him, though the individual visitor might, as Mathias enjoys helping those who appear lost or bewildered in the confusion of images and sounds. Mathias’ face, behind a full beard, shines with joy in sharing his passion for the worship of this place. He speaks of God’s love and presence, majesty and mystery, and opens eyes to the focus of all the sacrificial worship, dedication, confession, tears and fasting for our sins: the love and joy that is present in God’s gift of life if we only have accepting hearts.

Lenten fasting carries different understandings. Lent is perhaps known to non-Christians as a time of giving up something to be given back in abundance at the celebration of Easter, like chocolate. So it is a symbol of sacrifice, at best.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday the 22nd of February. The ashes express our personal and communal mourning for sins and failures, and echo examples readily found in the Bible, as in Job 42:3-6, Jeremiah 6:26, Daniel 9:3; the ash-marked cross reminds us of Ezra 9, which tells of a linen-clad messenger marking the foreheads of the inhabitants of the city who are sorrowful over their sins, while those who are not marked are destroyed. The forty days of Lent echo Jesus’ time in the desert, separating himself from others, to pray and fast, and that, in turn, perhaps echoes Moses’ period of fasting and repenting when the Israelites made the Golden Calf.

These are religious observances to remind us of our relationship with our saving God, and to remind us to make space for God’s life today. A balance to reflective mourning of Lent is the preparation for the renewed joy at Easter. Lent is the time to make space in our lives from all that hinders our meeting with life and joy on Easter Morning. Making space can be painful; it might require new eyes and ears for seeing, so that we recognise the Lenten journey as a pilgrimage, an adventure towards a sure end, not a miserable endurance test to be suffered.

Lent Services

There is a service at 11am on Ash Wednesday in Whitbourne Church, followed by the first Lent Lunch at about noon.

There is the service of Compline every Sunday throughout Lent at 6pm in Whitbourne Church.

There will be Lent Lunches in the greater parish every Wednesday in Lent, at 12.3pm - venues and hosts to be confirmed. This information will be published on the Parish Website at www.whitbourne.org.uk - a great place to keep up with the latest church news, as well as many other resources.
Whitbourne WI
Happy New Year to everyone. Can’t believe it is 2012 already. Hope everyone had a good Christmas—so lucky with the weather for travelers.

Well—down to business. It is our January meeting and we are eating again. The business meeting was a rapid one as there wasn’t much to discuss. The skittlers have two more games to play so we will get these done soon. There are a few trips in the offering and our subs are due. Our next meeting on 14th February is open to everyone as it is a talk by Bod Stephenson about climbing Kilimanjaro. There are probably a few people in the village who know Bod from when she lived in the village and this is your chance to see and hear her again. Hopefully we will have a good audience for her and a happy evening from 7.30 pm. Our usual delicious refreshments will be served so it should be a good evening. LG

Friendship Club
In order to give us all time to recover from the Christmas/New Year celebrations there was no meeting in January.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st February when we will have our post-Christmas party. If you can’t remember what you said you’d bring, please give Jenny Mitchell a call who has the list. If previous years are anything to go by, none of us will be needing much tea that day!!

For our March meeting Richard Scott from Marie Curie Care is coming to talk to us about the charity and the care and support they provide to cancer sufferers and their families. It should be a very interesting meeting.

If you are interested in joining our monthly coffee morning and meeting up with friends and neighbours, please do join us. The Friendship Club is open to all ages who live in Greater Whitbourne Parish. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall. For more information please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501).

Ann Roberts

Village Club 200 Draw
67 Mrs Middleton
37 Mr P. Jones
239 Mrs H. Colley
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270 Mrs E. Brown

Peter Baseley

Whitbourne Waits for Christmas
Many, many thanks to all those who attended the Christmas Concert on December 17—and thanks for being such a splendid audience.

After expenses, the donations came to a wonderful £370! This was shared between the Worcester Salvation Army and the Maggs Day Centre for their work supporting the homeless. Both organisations were most grateful for these donations. Thank you all again for your support.

Margie and Martin Wall

New Shopping Services for Whitbourne
Late night opening on a Wednesday is the latest new service to be offered by Whitbourne Village Shop, owned and run entirely by local people. Alongside it is a facility to pre-order fruit and vegetables and—if you’re housebound or find it hard to get around—door to door delivery. Call in or phone 01886 822227

But it seems that the service best appreciated by locals is having a shop on their doorstep, saving them the 10 mile round trip to Bromyard. Especially when prices in the village are much the same as in the Coop. So, at a time when shops everywhere are struggling, sales for the Village Shop are more than 10% higher than the same period last year. A good omen for the new shop that we hope to open in the village by next winter, purpose-built with more space, more local foods, more space to browse. Plus new services possibly including mobile phone top-ups and parcel mailing.

We’ll also be looking for more volunteers to help run the Shop and more local people to become shareholders.

Martin Yarnit

Opening Hours
Monday-Friday 8.45-5.30
Late night opening Wednesday till 7
Saturday 9-3
Sunday 10-1
From the Editor. In the Spring, the magazine will be moving to a smaller A5 format to help minimise printing costs. This would be an ideal opportunity to redesign some aspects of the magazine to help make it more attractive to you and other readers. It would also be great to try and increase the content of the magazine in terms of:

- the number and range of articles (both light-hearted and serious)
- the introduction of regular features (e.g. crosswords, gardening tips, favourite recipes, local history, jokes, etc.)
- more news and views from different parts of the Parish (Sapey Snippets, Tedstone Titbits, Wolferlow Ways, Edvin Loach Latest ....)

All offers of help, however small, would be greatly appreciated. For example:

- Can **you** help in the magazine redesign (offer ideas, review designs and layouts etc)?
- If **you** live in Upper Sapey, Edvin Loach, Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafre or Wolferlow, would you be willing to be your village's ‘contact’ with responsibility for gathering and forwarding local news and views to the editor?
- Would **you** be interested in being part of an informal editorial team, meeting two-three times per year to help plan and generate ideas for forthcoming issues?
- Do **you** have ideas for articles – either regular or one-off features?
- Would **you** be willing to contribute an article or series of articles?

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mark Powell (the editor) on 01886 821121 or by email parish.magazine@yahoo.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.
Dear Editor—in reply to Colin Richmond (see January Issue). It is a joy to see a handsome cock pheasant strutting round my garden. Somehow, he has survived the 2010/11 shoots, foxes, hunger and cold. Pheasants only exist because people are prepared to pay large sums of money to shoot them. This may be an expensive way to produce a little meat, but they lead a better life than the average chicken and make a tasty casserole (Thank you Meg). Pheasant shooting is not my idea of fun, but, at least they are farmed birds, not the small songbirds and migrants shot on the Continent. Myrtle Kneen

Pheasant shooting—a reply

1) The Pheasant belongs to the Galliformes taxonomic order which also includes partridges, quail, grouse and turkeys.

2) The bird is native to India, South-eastern Asia and China.

3) Its name can be traced to Greek and Roman antiquity and the discovery by the Argonauts of many pheasants on the River Phasis (near Georgia).

4) The bird was introduced into the UK during the Roman empire. It had become naturalised by the 10th century but was locally extinct by the 17th century. Pheasants were rediscovered as a game bird in the early 19th century from which time they have been bred extensively to be hunted and shot for sport.

5) Common Pheasants are not great flyers, preferring to run. They can, however, fly for short distances. ‘Cruising’ speeds are 27 to 38 mph; 'top' speeds are up to 60 mph.

6) They are not long-lived birds; natural lifespans are only 1-3 years.

7) Common pheasants feed on the ground, but roost in sheltered trees at night.

8) Male pheasants are polygynous and have a harem of several females.

9) According to the British Association of Conservation and Shooting “In Britain we are rightly proud of our shooting sports. Game management and conservation shape and enhance our landscape. Wildlife thrives where land is managed for shooting. Over a million people are involved in shooting; many more enjoy the end product as consumers of pheasants, partridges and other game. Moreover, shooting makes a substantial contribution to the rural economy often at times and in places where other income is scare.”

10) According to AnimalAid “.....pheasants and partridges are mass-produced to serve as feathered targets for wealthy ‘guns’. From birth, they are confined in cages, sheds and pens, in which disease and death are a daily feature. Many birds, frightened and stressed, are fitted with devices that restrict their vision and prevent them from pecking their cage-mates.

About half the released birds die before they can be gunned down. They perish from exposure, starvation, disease or predation, or under the wheels of motor vehicles.

Only a fraction of the shot birds are eaten. Killing animals for fun has no place in a civilised society.”

On a lighter note........

A pheasant was standing in a field chatting to a bull. “I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree over there,” sighed the pheasant, “but I haven’t got the energy.”

“Well, why don’t you nibble on some of my droppings?” the bull asked. “They’re packed with nutrients.”

The pheasant pecked at a lump of dung and found that it actually gave him enough strength to reach the first branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch, and so on.

Finally, after a fortnight, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree, whereupon he was spotted by a farmer who dashed into the farmhouse, emerged with a shotgun and blew the pheasant into little bitty pieces.

Moral of the Story: Bull**** might get you to the top, but it won’t keep you there.

Mark Powell
Whitbourne Primary School goes from strength to strength

Ofsted started off 2012 for Whitbourne Primary School, with a very positive report which highlights the improvements which are continuing in school; its well-planned and good curriculum, good attendance record; the safe, happy, healthy nature of the school and its work in the community.

Special mention was made of head Julia Millwood, who the inspector Ms Rashida Sharif said “provides highly committed and dedicated leadership” – Ms Sharif also noted “pupils are at the heart of all that the school does.” She wrote: “Parents and carers and their children appreciate the school's inclusive approach and the strong focus on pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The school’s positive features combine to engage pupils and support their good behaviour in lessons and around school.”

The inspector found that “the drive and ambition for continuing improvements are shared by all staff and members of the governing body. Leaders have a good understanding of the main priorities for development and evaluate accurately the actions taken to improve pupils' progress... staff work as a team, ensuring progression and continuity for pupils in their learning.”

The report, which is available on Ofsted's website and can also be obtained via the school, noted parents' very positive responses to the inspector's questionnaire as well as the children’s feelings about the school – one told her that “it is like a second home” and another said “our school is a big happy family”.

Mrs Millwood said: “We know our school's strengths and weaknesses well and we are all committed to making sure that the education all our pupils receive is of the highest possible quality. As the inspector noted, we are already on that track, and we know exactly what we need to do to make sure our pupils achieve all that they are capable of. We are looking forward to making that happen.”

Rachel Evans

Earwigs!

When it comes to fan clubs, the earwig will probably not have a very large one. This year I have seen more of this insect than in many a previous one. In fact I have been known to comment on how worrying it was to see so few earwigs.

Strange comments you might say considering the earwig to be thought of as a garden pest. I also had thought of them to be a nuisance sent to upset me when camping. So what brought about this revelation? Well, I once saw a remarkable documentary tracing the life of the earwig. One part of the film showed a female tending its eggs and later protecting its young and for me it demonstrated another tender side. You then appreciate that this insect is just trying to live its life just like the rest of us, as much as it might annoy us.

If this cannot move you to become a fully paid up member of the Earwig Fan Club just consider its existence as a healthy sign for the environment and a delicacy by the next in the food chain. Whilst the earwig might not be appealing to the average human, it makes a delightful meal for frogs, newts, and birds plus others; and down the food chain, the earwig has a fancy for aphids.

Colin Richmond

P.S. This amnesty is not extended to woolly aphids which refuse to move on regardless of how unwelcome I make them!
Tanga in Touch is our local charity, created to manage the link with a parish in Tanzania (Mapinduzi, in Tanga) which was set up by our Rector, David Howell, on his visit in 1999. He also set up a link with Misufini, a leprosy centre. I went to Tanzania in 2001, to teach I.T. for four weeks. As a result, I started sending out recycled computers and ran a few courses for teachers, few of whom had used a keyboard before, let alone a computer.

We started Tanga in Touch nine years ago, in 2002, and became a registered charity the following year. Our aim was to support the two links and to help schools etc. by sending computers. At present we have four trustees: our Rector, David Howell; Rev. Walter Gould, former vicar of Bromyard and now Diocesan Tanzanian Link Coordinator; Sue Morris from Bromyard, and me. Our fifth trustee, Yvonne Evans, sadly died earlier this year.

In those nine years we have helped Mapinduzi quite a lot. We had a sponsored climb of Kilimanjaro in 2005 to raise money to help them complete the building of a hostel. We instigated a micro-finance scheme to help the women of the parish. We have an annual Christmas Appeal to help the young AIDS orphans with schooling costs. We sponsor several teenagers through vocational education. I have visited Tanzania once or twice a year since 2002 to make sure the money goes where intended. Often Sue has come with me (she is also Secretary of the Bromyard link). We always pay our own expenses.

We have sent out more than four hundred computers as well as quite a lot of sewing machines, books and other things. We have visited Tanzania once or twice a year since 2002 to make sure the money goes where intended. Often Sue has come with me (she is also Secretary of the Bromyard link). We always pay our own expenses.

We have sent out more than four hundred computers as well as quite a lot of sewing machines, books and other things. We have started another micro-finance scheme in Amboni, a parish to the North of Tanga. We have helped the Leprosy Centre at Misufini with livestock, water storage tanks, a cowshed...

We are now at something of a crossroads for several reasons. Yvonne helped us enormously, producing and selling her cards and paintings and hosting events at Longlands. There is not so much need now in Tanga for computers: many new schools and universities are being built in Tanzania and many teachers are doing degree courses. There is thus a severe shortage of teachers and just not the time or energy to set up computers in schools. Other charities are stepping in to help Misufini. However, there is still a lot of poverty in Tanzania. We now have many friends there and do not want to lose touch with them. But we might change our focus slightly.

I am looking for help – either somebody to help organise events and raise money, or somebody who would be interested in coming to Tanzania, to see what it is all about.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch.

Brenda Allan (821450)

Whitbourne’s Wombles

At the end of last year, children of Whitbourne Primary School got busy in the community, litter-picking around the village at the instigation of our Eco Committee, pictured here – Olivia, Billy Bob, Millie, Callum and Jack. They felt that Whitbourne was in need of tidying up and so sent off for sacks, gloves and special litter pickers – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went out one morning well-equipped and managed to fill several bags with rubbish. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and earned thanks from residents too.

Rachel Evans
Agricultural Chaplain’s Report

Bovine TB update

Ministers have finally announced a badger cull to combat bovine tuberculosis. Culling is expected to be piloted in two areas in autumn 2012. Whilst the locations have yet to be announced west and south-west England have been highlighted as likely areas. The two pilot culls will take place over six weeks and will examine whether the controlled shooting of badgers is safe, effective and humane. They will be overseen by an independent panel of experts.

Farmers are expected to fund the cull and will be required to combine to form limited companies which will apply to Natural England for a four-year licence to cull badgers. Trained contractors will be used by the company to carry out the cull. Individual farmers may be contracted to participate provided they have a firearms certificate and have completed an approved training course and shooting competency test. Oversight of the culled areas will rest with the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) which will conduct surveillance and testing.

Licences can only be granted to areas which are already subject to annual testing (i.e. areas of high incidence and high risk). Culling may be permitted via cage trapping and shooting, or controlled shooting. Pilot areas must be a minimum of 150 sq km with sufficient boundaries and buffers and at least 70% of the total area must be accessible for culling and at least 90% accessible or within 200m of accessible land. This is to try and minimise the risk of leaving reservoirs of badgers or allowing rapid re-introduction of badgers into the culled area. In practise it looks as if the cull areas will be significantly larger, from 250-450 sq km. The aim is to reduce the badger population by at least 70% in the control area. There will be closed seasons when culling is not permitted.

There is dispute over the total cost of the pilots. Defra has estimated a £1.4m bill but the NFU has argued for a significantly lower cost, up to £112,000. It is acknowledged that the cost of policing the area against protestors may also be significant. In comparison, nearly 25,000 cattle were slaughtered in England during 2010 because of bovine TB and the cost to the taxpayer is estimated to top £1bn over the next ten years. Almost 25% of all cattle farms in the west and south-west of England were affected by the disease during the year.

A professional body for agriculture?

Farm Minister Jim Paice has suggested the development of a professional body to promote technical and business expertise for the farming industry, building on the work of the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Council, which currently represents about 75% of total output. This is a distinct role from that of the NFU which represents farmers in the political arena.

UK harvest and future prices

Defra have confirmed that the UK wheat crop grew by 3% last harvest to 15.3m tonnes. The area under wheat production was 2% higher but average yields also rose by 1% to 7.7t/ha. Barley production was up 5% to 5.5m tonnes, with a 13% increase in spring barley offsetting a decline in the area under winter-sown crops and a small reduction in yields. Oilseed rape had a record year, yields rose by 13% to an average of 3.9t/ha and the area under cultivation rose by 10%, leading to a total yield 24% higher at 2.8m tonnes. Spring cropping is likely to be lower this year as good drilling conditions and strong wheat prices encouraged more winter cropping.

Feed grain prices are rising as concern grows over the impact of dry weather on the establishment of maize crops in Argentina and Brazil. January 2012 feed wheat on the London futures market stood at £152/t, £6/t higher than pre-Christmas trading.

Water for Life

Water is in the spotlight as the government has launched a White Paper entitled “Water for Life.” Defra suggests that the UK faces a future of water shortages and lasting environmental damage unless our attitudes to water usage change. Water companies and private abstractors are bound by laws that date back to the 1960s and it is felt that these no
longer offer sufficient protection to water supplies.

**Web tool for wind planning**

ADAS has launched a free web-based service to help farmers and landowners decide whether it is feasible to install wind turbines on their land. The tool compares the location of the proposed site against a number of factors such as distance from residential areas, conservation zones, national parks, radar and telecommunications masts, to help identify whether they would be suitable for development. For more information visit [www.re-solved.co.uk](http://www.re-solved.co.uk)

**Government urged to adopt welfare scheme**

The Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) has asked the government to introduce a Welfare Stewardship Scheme under Pillar 2 of the Common Agricultural Policy, to complement the schemes relating to environmental stewardship. Farmers would be financially rewarded for adopting high standards of animal welfare.

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**At a glance**

**Saturday 18th February. Quiz:** in aid of the church Bell Restoration Appeal. See advert below.

**Wednesday 22nd February  Ash Wednesday. BBC Radio 3 live broadcast of Choral Evensong at Hereford Cathedral.** To mark Ash Wednesday, with music including Allegri’s *Miserere*. Please be seated by 3.15 pm. The broadcast will be carried on BBC iplayer for the following seven days and repeated on BBC Radio 3 on Sunday 26 February. 3.30 pm.

**Saturday 25th February St Michael’s Hospice presents The Hereford Police Male Choir in concert at 7:30pm in the Shire Hall, St Peter’s Square, Hereford.** Tickets are £8.50 per person and can be purchased from the Hospice Events Team on 01432 851000 or email info@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk. All proceeds to St Michael’s Hospice.

**March. Day trip to New Holland Factory, Basildon, Essex organised by Blue Force Tractor Club.** Further details from Lynne Samuels, 07549 181700.

**Saturday 10th March. Whitbourne Safari Supper.** In aid of Whitbourne Church.

**Thursday 29th March. “The Buffalo Gals”.** Another superb Arts Alive Show hosted by WADS.

**Saturday 28th April at 7.30 pm. Concert by Malvern College Choir in Whitbourne Church.** In aid of the Whitbourne Bells Restoration Appeal and St Michaels Hospice.

**Saturday 12th May. Coach trip to London:** Including City Sightseeing Tour and time for shopping. In aid of Church Bell Restoration Appeal. Adults - £20, Under 16s - £15. To book a seat contact Ron James on 01886 821663.

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**QUIZ NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

(In aid of the Bell Restoration and Tower Improvement Fund).

**Saturday, 18th. February, 7.30 for 7.45pm**

Nibbles provided

(but BYO liquid refreshment)

Teams of four - £8.00 (or £2.00 per head & make up a team when you arrive)

Prize for the evening’s winning team and interval challenge.

Raffle
Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

Pilgrimage is on the increase. More and more people make pilgrimages; perhaps they walk to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, or travel to Walsingham in Norfolk or Lourdes in France or one of a host of other holy sites. There are many holy places in our border country, like Patricio just north of Abergavenny. Each day our own Cathedral welcomes many pilgrims. It was the second most important mediaeval pilgrimage centre in England with people flocking to the shrine of St. Thomas Cantilupe, elected Bishop of Hereford in 1275. Chaucer’s “Canterbury Tales” records some of the stories told on the way to the most important shrine, that of St. Thomas Becket.

Our Epiphany season reminded us again of the journey/pilgrimage of the Wise Men to the infant Christ where they “fell down and worshipped”. But T. S. Eliot in his poem “Journey of the Magi” stressed, what all pilgrims know to be true, that it’s not just the arriving that matters but also the journeying itself. The poem begins: “A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year for a journey and such a long journey.”

Journeys give us time to turn aside, to step out of our normal routines and reflect, to ask again the “big questions” about our lives. Journeys give us the opportunity of meeting others, for strangers to become friends, for us to see things through different eyes, in different contexts and ways, and to live at a different pace.

St. Paul wrote about our being citizens of heaven and pilgrims here on earth. The pilgrimages we make point to the bigger pilgrimage of our lives to God. Pilgrimages resonate with all the language that we use about our Christian faith as “the Way”, a journey, about our “becoming”, changing, about movement, with our constant need for being redeemed and transfigured.

My wife, Kathy, and I shall be leading a diocesan pilgrimage for young people (age 15 – 29) from 11th – 20th August to Taize in south Burgundy, (further details at www.hereford.anglican.org/churchgoers/taize_2012). As I write this, Bishop Alistair is on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Whether you have been on a pilgrimage yourself, or are planning one, do take the time to reflect on the journey of your life, not only its goal, but also the steps you are taking to get there, and the fellow-travellers you meet on the way.

Bishop of Hereford, Anthony Priddis

Whitbourne Garden Society
– Entering Whitbourne Garden Show

Last year’s show saw some very good entries and we hope for another increase in competitors in 2012. It’ll be in the Village Hall at the fete again, and the schedule and regulations are published on pages 14 and 15 of the magazine.

There were lots of lovely children’s art entries in 2011 and it would be nice to see them having a go in the other classes as well.

If you’ve often wandered around the show, thinking ‘I can do better than that,’ then why not have a go in July – you might win something! We’ll publish the guidance articles again over the next few months with tips and hints on showing, to dispel some of the mystery surrounding it all.

The first thing to do when entering the Show is to read the schedule carefully as this will guide the judge. Items ‘Not According to Schedule’ will not be considered. It is very important to enter the correct number or weight of items.

Garden produce in Divisions A and B (vegetables, fruit and flowers) is judged under RHS rules. The next article will detail some of the requirements and pitfalls of Division A and the third one will cover B, along with the rest of the divisions.

If it all sounds a bit much, why not just enter a photo or handicraft and come along on the day? It’s amazing how much talent there is in this village and it’s lovely to see it all displayed at the fete.

Elaine Brown
Saturday 10th March

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In Aid of Whitbourne Church
In aid of Whitbourne Bells Restoration Fund and St Michael’s Hospice

Concert
by
Malvern College Chamber Choir

Director – Iain Sloan
Organist – Michael Phillips
(ex Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge)

Special guest Greg Swinford – Baritone
(ex Selwyn College, Cambridge)

St John the Baptist Church
Whitbourne
Saturday 28th April - 7:30 pm

Tickets - £5 on the door
Whitbourne Garden Society Annual Show, Saturday 14th July, Village Hall, 2.00-4.30pm.

Schedule

Division A classes
A1 3 potatoes of one variety
A2 3 carrots of one variety
A3 3 onions of one variety
A4 6 peapods of one variety
A5 6 broad bean pods one variety
A6 a cabbage
A7 3 courgettes (with flowers if possible) of one variety
A8 a lettuce
A9 blackcurrants, not more than 125g, still on strings
A10 redcurrants, not more than 125g, still on strings
A11 6 strawberries of one variety
A12 15 raspberries of one variety
A13 8 gooseberries of one variety
A14 3 sticks of rhubarb (leaves on)
A15 5 radishes of one variety
A16 3 beetroots of one variety
A17 5 culinary herbs
A18 6 eggs
A19 a jar of honey
Please name the varieties where possible.

Division B classes
B1 a specimen rose (judged for scent)
B2 a floribunda rose, 1 stem
B3 a collection of roses, 5 varieties
B4 3 blooms of roses, 1 variety
B5 3 blooms of clematis, 1 variety
B6 8 stems of sweet pea
B7 6 stems of flowers, one colour (a minimum of 3 different flowers)
B8 5 stems of different variegated foliage plants
B9 a collection of 3 ornamental grasses and/or bamboos
B10 a collection of 3 different flowering shrubs
B11 a collection of herbaceous flowers, 5 varieties (there is no B12)
B13 a collection of flowering weeds, 5 species
B14 a flowering houseplant
B15 3 stems of lily (not including day lilies)
Please name the varieties where possible.

Division C classes
C1 a picture, painting or drawing ‘Summer 2012’
C2 calligraphy, the National Anthem, first verse
C3 a poem, ‘The Jubilee’
C4 a limerick, ‘There was an Olympian from Whitbourne’
C5 a piece of needlework, sewing, embroidery or tapestry
C6 an item of any other handicraft

Division D classes
Photos in B/W or colour, no larger than 8”x12” (21cmx30 cm).
D1 Sculpted by nature
D2 Close up
D3 The Game
D4 Woodwork
D5 Window
D6 Bringsty

Division E classes
E1 an arrangement of garden flowers in a jug
E2 an arrangement in a silver container
E3 a yellow arrangement
E4 a floating arrangement of flower heads
E5 a miniature arrangement in a shell (max. 3x3x3 inches or 7.6x7.6x7.6 cm)
E6 an arrangement in an old paint tin – men only!

Division F classes
F1 a jar of jam
F2 a jar of chutney
F3 3 decorated fairy cakes
F4 a quiche
F5 A chocolate cake, round, 8 inch tin

Division G classes
G1 Under 5s. A picture of a crown made from any dried material (e.g. seeds, leaves, nuts, twigs, pasta, pulses) on A4 paper. An older person can draw the outline if necessary.
Age 5-8 years, 9-12 years. A picture of an animal made from any dried material as above.
There will be a prize for the 1st place winner in each age group.
G2 Largest radish. You will need to plant it by about 14th June.

The Hughes Brothers Trophy
Make a crown out of fruit, vegetables, flowers and seeds.

Regulations
1. All items to be the property of and to have been grown, made or photographed by the exhibitor.
2. Flower arrangements may contain recently purchased items.
3. Only one entry per Class for each exhibitor.
4. Entries may be staged between 8.30 am and 10.30 am on the day of the show. Allow
of Greater Whitbourne

yourself plenty of time. Entry numbers must be collected by 10am. and exhibitors must vacate the Village Hall by 10.30 am., when judging will commence.

5. No exhibitor can be present at the judging unless appointed by the Committee.

6. The entry fee is 30p per item, up to a maximum of £5. Entries are free thereafter. Entry fee is to be paid at the time of entering.

7. All Divisions are open to exhibitors living within a radius of 7 miles of the Village Hall, Whitbourne.

8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to mount and mark photographs, pictures etc. for display (but please do not put captions or names on the front, to keep them anonymous). The Committee accepts no liability for any damage. Please place the number stickers supplied on the day on the side of jars, not the lids so there is no mix up.

9. Where weight or number is set down for a Class, entries risk disqualification if they do not conform.

10. The show will remain open until 4.30 pm. Exhibitors may then remove their exhibits.

11. Points will be awarded as follows, to determine overall Division winners, where applicable: 1st prize: 3 points; 2nd prize: 2 points; 3rd prize: 1 point.

12. The cups and trophies awarded to overall winners in each Division are as follows:

A  The Whitbourne Garden Society Challenge Cup.  
B  The Howard Mayson Challenge Trophy.  
C  The Pimpernel Art Trophy.  
D  The Juro Trophy.  
E  The Silver Jubilee Trophy.  
F  The Clarissa Jones Challenge Bowl.  
G The Bill Pittman Challenge Trophy is awarded for the single best exhibit in Division B.  
H Hughes Brothers Trophy

13. The decision of the judges is final. They may withhold or diminish any award or give an additional award in a Class where the number or quality of entries justifies it.

14. All cups and trophies are held for one year only.

Further information from Elaine Brown

Queen Elizabeth Humanities College
praised by Ofsted

Ofsted, who visited Queen Elizabeth Humanities College for two days in the first week in December have described it as, “a good academy that is rapidly improving.” The school became Herefordshire’s newest academy on December 1st and received the call from Ofsted a day later. They cited the “highly effective leadership, the quality of the curriculum and the quality of teaching” as factors in the “academic standards that the students are now achieving.”

Apart from recognising outstanding and good teaching, the inspectors also noted that, “students have strong values and demonstrate these in active promotion of charities and in their respect for each other.” Further mention was made of “good links with the wider community, who in turn value their contribution.” Mayor of Bromyard, Cllr Nigel Davies said, “As a town we are so proud of QE and this report confirms this. Bromyard Town Council will continue to give it our full support.”

Headteacher, Dr Michael Goodman said, “Staff and students have worked so hard over the past two years to bring about this improvement in our achievements. We are pleased that Ofsted recognise this. We will go even further by stating that we wish to become an outstanding academy within the next two years. Every one of the 28 categories were marked as at least good, with outstanding grades being given to the extent to which pupils feel safe, our effectiveness in promoting equality and tackling discrimination and the school’s engagement with parents and carers.”

The full report available at www.qehc.org.uk

David Kemp
Traditional orchards in Herefordshire – can you help?

Traditional orchards are a valuable and distinctive feature of the landscape in many parts of Herefordshire. They are one of the most important habitats for wildlife in the county and are often also of great cultural and historical interest in the local area.

Some owners and organisations are already carrying out excellent work to conserve traditional orchards. However, recent survey work has revealed that there are almost 3400 traditional orchards in Herefordshire and it is estimated that many of these are in poor condition, so there is much still to do. For this reason a partnership of interested bodies across the orchard-rich counties of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire has recently been formed to help develop project ideas and to prepare funding bids to help support more locally based orchard management.

Please contact us if you:

1) are interested in volunteering in some capacity to help conserve Herefordshire's traditional orchards (e.g. receiving training to carry out wildlife or archaeological surveys, getting involved in community events or carrying out tasks such as tree planting or pruning);

2) are the owner of a traditional orchard and would like some help with its management;

3) have some relevant knowledge or expertise that could be shared with others.

It is anticipated that applications to funding bodies to support orchard conservation work will be made in Spring 2012. The more people who register an interest in this subject the more likely it is that these applications will be taken seriously and funding be granted, so please do get in touch.

Please contact the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership office for further information. Email: aonb@worceshire.gov.uk. Tel: 01684 560616.

More about this project and the partnership behind it can be viewed at: http://www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk/orchard_project.html

Romp Through Knicker History

A hilarious romp through the history of the humble knicker will entertain audiences in Worcester in March.

Rosemary Hawthorne is The Knicker Lady and will be appearing at the John Moore Theatre, King's School, Worcester on Friday, 30th March at 7.30pm at a performance in aid of St Richard's Hospice.

Her theatrical one woman show with Vicarage Productions looks at the history of underwear through the ages in a comic, unforgettable style which has led to sell-out shows across the country.

Surrounded by old suitcases, boxes and hat stands, Rosemary delves through two hundred and fifty years of bloomers, briefs and bustles and presents the myriad of colourful characters that wore them, in a unique and enigmatic style of her own.

Audiences are transported back to the muslin clad elegance of Jane Austen's England, the corset bound nineteenth century, the suffragettes and daring darlings of the roaring twenties. The Knicker Lady scrutinises, like never before, the liberty bodice, school knickers, the mighty Y-front and much, much more . . . there isn't a brief left unturned!

Tickets are £15 each and are available by calling the Fundraising Department at St Richard's Hospice on 01905 763963.
Poetry Corner

Little Boy Tired

Across the moors the wind howled eerily, it was so cold and bleak.
At home the fire would be burning brightly, a tear rolled down the little boy’s cheek.

An accident! It slipped through his fingers, and smashed to the floor.
The antique base his father cherished, would not be on the mantelpiece any more.

He had cleared it up not a trace to be seen, wrapped up in newspaper and in a box.
His father would think it stolen, his guilt was so hard to bear.

Tired and weary he sheltered, by a rock from the icy wind.
And went to sleep as darkness fell, knowing that he had sinned.

He heard a voice calling his name, “Harry you will be late for school”.
A sigh of relief, it was a dream, Oh, he had been a fool.

Washed and dressed he hurried downstairs, glad to be back down to earth.
The vase was still on the mantelpiece, as he passed, he gave it a wide berth!

Shirley Whittall

Do something amazing this sporting year!

St Richard’s is looking for sporting champions to do something extraordinary this year. They are urging anyone who has always fancied a challenge but never found the time or opportunity to make 2012 special and support St Richard’s Hospice at the same time.

St Richard’s Fundraising Director Tricia Cavell said, “We’ve done the research and found a variety of challenges, UK based or abroad over a range of different time scales. With experienced providers you can join these challenges alone or with friends or family and be sure to have a fantastic and memorable time. We will give you all the advice and support you need along the way.”

St Richard’s Hospice Challenges and Events include the Worcester Full and Half Marathon; Around the clock sailing challenge - from Poole to the Channel Islands and back; the Nightrider - a 100km moonlit cycle across London taking in the iconic skyline as the sun comes up; London to Paris cycle ride; Stratford Cycle Challenge (Stratford, London to Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire); Paddle, Plod and Pedal (paddle from Pershore to Tewkesbury, walk to Worcester along the Severn Way and cycle back to Pershore); Let your feet do the walking (Malvern Hills Walk, Worcestershire Way Walk, The Waterways Walk; Midnight Walk - a great girls night out); Skydive!; Abberley Abseil.

To learn more about any of these challenges contact the Fundraising Department on 01905 76963 or email appeals@strichards.org.uk

St Richard’s Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for patients living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,200 patients and family members in Worcestershire.

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Church Rotas

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

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Useful information

For the theme of the readings, please refer to the reading sheets at available at the back of the Church. Readers need to check with the celebrant as to which reading is preferred if an alternative is shown.

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

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Upper Sapey

February/March Helen Miles/Carol Evans Fisher

Anyone wishing to be included in the cleaning rotas can contact Carol Wilde on 853491 (Upper Sapey) or Claudia Buxton on 821583 (Whitbourne). New volunteers for any of the rotas are always welcome.

Coffee - Whitbourne

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The Holy Eucharist will be offered at Whitbourne every Wednesday at 10.30am

* denotes Book of Common Prayer

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