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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Traditionally Lent is a time of sombre preparation and fasting as the people of God prepare themselves for the events of Holy week and Easter. The traditional themes of Lent include temptation, repentance and renewed dedication.

The first Sunday of Lent focussed on the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness, a period of forty days and forty nights which gives us the timescale for Lent. In Lent we think about the different models of Messiahship that Jesus rejected. The last Sunday of Lent introduces the events of Holy Week by celebrating **Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem** with the crowds waving their palm branches.

The season of Easter begins with Easter Sunday and concludes with the Day of Pentecost. There are six Sundays between these two major festivals. The first Sunday tells the story of the empty tomb. Easter Eggs and spring flowers are powerful, the new life to which the empty tomb points.

The second Sunday of Easter presents **John's account of Jesus appearing** to the disciples in the upper room. It is on the second Sunday that the emphasis is on the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 15th March.

Good Friday : Celebrate Easter! All children welcome 11am- 12-30pm in Whitbourne Church.



Call the Rector on 01886 821285 to book a place.

Lent lunches: Everybody welcome, but please ring by the previous evening to book a place.

4th March Whitbourne Village Hall
12.30pm After Coffee and Chat. Ann Roberts: Tel 01886 821063

11th March Orchard Cottage, Bottom Lane, Whitbourne 12.30pm Myrtle Kneen: Tel 01886 821 707

18th March Edvin Loach Church at Saltmarshe District Hall1. 2.30pm
Helen Read : Tel 01885 483666

25th March Upper Sapey Church. Carol Evans -Fisher 01886 853441.

Night Prayer (Compline) is said every Sunday in Lent 6pm Whitbourne Church.



Parish News

Coffee & Chat

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

Coffee Mornings, Upper Sapey Church

Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church. Meet friends new and old for a chat, and see how plans are progressing to repair and develop this little church.

Whitbourne Garden Society

The Society invites you to join them for the following talk in the Village Hall: Weds. 25th March at 7.30 - Charles Chesshire (Treasures of Tenbury) - Clematis. Free admission for members; £3 for non-members. *Noel Knight*. Tel. 07733 404938.

Why go Green? Will Green be Better for Herefordshire?

Come and meet your Green Party parliamentary candidate, Daisy Blench, in Whitbourne Village Hall on Saturday 14th March, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Refreshments provided. She will be happy to outline the Green Party's priorities in this election, and answer your questions. *Kate Lack*

Teme Valley Geological Society

We have arranged the following lectures for March and April. All welcome. Venue Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

The Russian Meteorite. Dr. Elizabeth Pearson. Monday March 23rd.

Snowball Earth. Prof. Ian Fairchild. Monday April 13th.

Bromyard Food Bank

Our local food bank needs donations to help families facing hardship in this area. The Bromyard Food Bank has already supported people in Whitbourne and surrounding areas and they anticipate that the need will increase.

If you would like to help there is a box in the village shop for donations. Please put in non-perishable items with a long use by date. They need dry goods, baby items, toiletries and tins (not baked beans and spaghetti as everyone gives these!)

I will collect the contents of the box regularly and take it to the Hope Centre where the Food Bank is based. Many thanks. *Liz Cousins*

Bev Pegg at Whitbourne Village Hall

The 17th January saw the return of live music to the stage of Whitbourne Village Hall. The event, organised by the Village Hall Committee, saw over seventy people entertained by Bev Pegg and his Band. Black Country humour is initially confusing to those not acquainted to the style but everyone seemed to eventually 'get it' and manage to segregate the serious from the hilarious!

We were entertained with some fine instrumental and vocal additions and, of course, the light supper provided a sociable interlude. The last minute uptake of tickets certainly challenged

our catering team and only the divine intervention of head chef - Rev David Howell - with his take on the loaves and fishes parable ensured that everyone was well fed!

I would like to thank all those who helped make the evening a great success - the Committee, Richard Hill of the Live and Let Live (Bar), Adam Jones (Lighting, printing and misc behind the scenes work) and, of course, our entertainers.

Subsequent comments indicate that the evening was enjoyed by those who attended and provides encouragement for further events.

This was the 2015 launch event for the Village Hall Committee. We hope to organise further events in due course and to encourage groups and individuals to make use of the excellent facility which we have in Whitbourne. It is your Village Hall - please support events and it is available for hire at very modest rates. Please contact Kim Cunningham on 01886 821966 for further information. *Craig W Jones (Chairman)*.

Whitbourne W.I.

In January a small group of us gathered at the Royal Oak and after conducting our brief business enjoyed a hearty meal. It was a cold night, but an enjoyable one, a shame **a few more members couldn't join us.**

Our February meeting in the small hall took the usual form of the business, of which there was quite a substantial amount to get through. Subscriptions were gathered too, and then our speaker Tim Schoonenberg was introduced. He came to talk to us

about a charity he is involved with in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tim went to work in Africa with his job in forestry. After his degree he applied for many jobs, and had only four replies. The one he secured happened to be in Cameroon. There he met his wife, and their first daughter was born in a very basic hospital with extremely limited equipment, drugs or care. He decided that something should be done to help these mothers and babies, and **became involved with the charity 'Life for African Mothers'**.

A group of ladies in Cardiff saw a programme which portrayed African women dying in childbirth in large numbers due to preventable complications such as Eclampsia and post-partum haemorrhage. The drugs needed to treat these complications cost less than £3 per woman. Before the Cardiff ladies set up their charity 1:7 women in the area died in childbirth. Most maternal deaths in developing countries are avoidable. Women produce 70% of the wealth in these countries, so it is imperative that they survive.

Around 100,000 women die each year from post-partum haemorrhage, which can be treated by giving about 3 tablets of a drug Misoprostol, cost per woman about 60p to save her life. The drugs are taken in their luggage by ladies who travel to Africa as tourists and deliver the medication directly to the hospitals.

When Tim and his family came back to live and work in UK he decided to do a sponsored bike ride and managed to raise £800 which would

treat 700 women. Life for African Mothers is now well established and their symbol is the forget-me-not.

After a very interesting and informative talk with lots of questions Heather thanked the speaker who joined us for tea & cake and a chat.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in the small hall, with a talk on Puppy Rescue, everyone welcome. *Linda Gray*

Clifton W.I. Celebrate 50 years

Our February meeting was well attended and our speaker Julia Goodfellow-Smith gave a talk on Love Food Hate Waste. The talk was fun and informative we all gave ideas on how we avoided wasting food and what could be done with leftovers.

Remember to visit our Table Sale which is to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th March 10am – 1pm. There will be a variety of tables so something for everyone. (More news on our website). There will be the W.I. Cake stall and an Easter Raffle for a hamper which will include a Leg of Lamb.

Ladies do come and join us, come along and try a couple of meetings see what we get up to, we have a wide range of speakers and events so something to suit everyone. We meet in the Clifton Village Hall 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. Our March meeting will be on 10th March 2015 and our speaker is Naomi Roberts on **Fair Trade in Nepal**. **This year's** calendar is very varied so check us out on the Teme Triangle Website in the Clubs and Organisations section

for all our news.

www.temetriangle.net

For further information please contact Penny Bowden 01886 812784. *Sheila Harris*.

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

At our February meeting - first of the year for us - our Speaker was one of our own members: Linda Marsden, taking as her theme "Back Care". It was interesting to get a brief resume of Linda's working life, including a period of 5 years living in Kuwait. One day, whilst daydreaming sat on a beach, Linda reflected on her long term wish to get a degree in some subject. She and her family were due to soon return to the U.K. and at that time the daily papers were full of Britain's wish to recruit more social workers, teachers and nurses. When she told friends she intended to begin training as a social worker in the future, two of her colleagues there protested saying "But you'd make an excellent nurse. Why not train as a nurse ?" Such are the decisions we make that shape our lives.

So, Linda DID become a nurse and remained so for the rest of her working life, culminating in being a Manual Handling Trainer and Back Care Adviser, within the NHS. Linda explained how the spine is structured. She got us thinking about lifting, carrying, reaching, bending and other basic human movements. Hold items close to the body, bend the knees rather than the back. Twisting motion is very hard on the spine, so for this always try to remember" Keep your face in the

same direction as your feet". In a sentence, the best advice is "Keep your spine in line at all times" From there, Linda moved on to lifestyle and tips to help your back when driving, gardening, sleeping, sitting at leisure or working on a computer and so on. Ergonomics is fitting the task to the person rather than the other way round. We certainly went home knowing more about the way our bodies work, movement-wise, and how to best protect our backs.

Next month, Wednesday March 11th @ 2pm, we're pleased to have the company of some ladies from our "twin" W.I. in Ledbury, who will join us to hear David Hill talking on being "Completely lost in Herefordshire". David was so popular when he gave us his first talk on this subject that we just HAD to ask him for a return visit. Visitors are always welcome and we meet in Saltmarshe Village Hall, just off the road to Stourport. *Jean Spelman*

Whitbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 14 Consultation

To those who live, work and carry on business in Whitbourne Parish, the Parish Council is pleased to present for pre-submission consultation and publicity the Whitbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 - 2031.

In complying with Regulation 14 of The Neighbourhood Planning

(General) Regulations 2012 the following information is being given:

The proposals of the Plan - to encourage the natural growth of the community and protect the countryside and its resources. As such it deals with land use and a number of other issues having an impact on the community (refer to the Plan for details).

Where and when the Plan can be inspected - a copy of the Plan will be available for inspection in the Village Shop, the Parish Church, the Live and Let Live public house and The Wheatsheaf public house from Tuesday February 10th 2015. It will also be on the parish council website, www.whitbourneparishcouncil.org.uk from the same date. The website will also contain the related Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA).

Details of how to make representations - these should be sent to the Parish Council Chair (Mrs Maureen Williams) by post to Howberry, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5RZ.

Date by which representations should be received - this is 17.00 hrs on Tuesday 24th March 2015.

Inform the local Planning Authority - a copy of the Plan has been sent to the Forward Planning Officer at Herefordshire Council. *Maureen Williams, Chair, Whitbourne Parish Council.*

Still interesting at Bringsty

The originator of last month's QI-style quiz about the management of Bringsty Common [see Parish Magazine, February issue, p 8-9], commoner Alan Matthews, has written again. His article ends with an appeal **to readers...**

Losing grassland to scrub overgrowth

The fact is that I began asking why the land north of the old Foxhalls site was succumbing to tree and scrub overgrowth, untypically of the Common, more than 20 years ago. The Chairman (then) of the Bringsty Common Manorial Court (BCMC) promised, in 1994, to look into the matter. (BCMC office-holders had presented themselves as managing the Common.) The question required repeating to a succession of BCMC office-holders, however, and then putting to Herefordshire Council and Natural England (NE) officials.

The BCMC was defined by the **Council's County Land Agent and Principal Corporate Lawyer**, in May 2012, as an association of individuals, of no formally-agreed constitution, with whom there is no written agency agreement. BCMC committee members go about the management of the Common **under Council 'supervision', I was told.**

In November 2010, NE provided a copy of the Higher Level Stewardship Agreement (HLSA) in place at Bringsty from 2007 to 2017. The area north of **Foxhalls was listed as 'permanent grassland' in the HLSA, requiring** maintaining as such for the duration

of the agreement. (The land was disappearing under trees and scrub!) That was followed by the Council stating, in 2011, that it is using the **area for forestry, and the area's designation as 'grassland' was removed in 2012 as being a 'clerical error' (my enquiries revealed).** It looked like a Chinese puzzle, but set on English soil!

There follows more of the story to date. It has been hard and sometimes bruising work for me, but other, spirited commoners have provided support. This is becoming a test, surely, of how an area of historic, common land should be managed in the 21st century. Do enjoy the read!

Trying to salvage land character In April 2009 - some 15 years after my first expressing concern - a recently-appointed BCMC Chairman (Paul Friend) wrote encouragingly **"You are correct in that your area is within our management plan but we are past the date when we are allowed to cut down healthy trees. I am not sure of the date that tree felling can resume but it will not be until the leaves have fallen which means this will be a winter activity".** The local NE adviser (then) wrote, in May 2009, **"We could pay for some tree removal (in the Brackentop/Foxhalls area) under scrub management payments...".** It all came to nothing, however, when the BCMC Chairman wrote in September, and bafflingly, **"With regards to your resume of tree management outside your home, it is part of the greater scheme and in due course be addressed, my line of sight across the common does indeed reflect on the**

need for a more diametrically sighted need for opposing influx of a more schematic approach to collective management concerning all aspects of sight...”.

I made Freedom of Information Act enquiries of NE and the Council, about what was going on. One enquiry of NE revealed that a report had been filed by the adviser just assigned to the area, following her attending the BCMC’s AGM in October 2010. It portrayed my addressing the meeting, about neglect in the area north of Foxhalls, as bothering others through its negativity, and going on to the point of holding-up AGM business. Fortunately, a recording on my wife’s Dictaphone (intended to make note-taking unnecessary) provided evidence of my constructive and moderate speaking, and the report was withdrawn by an NE Director. Nothing useful followed my addressing the meeting.

In February 2013 – it took that long! – the Council sent me a copy of a 1951 Scheme of Management for the Common, as remaining in force. It requires the whole of the Common to be maintained as an open space for the recreation of the public, and specifically prohibits ‘encroachments’ such as the forestry works in the 8ha area north of Foxhalls. The Common’s natural ‘aspects’ – its views – should be preserved.

A case-handler with the Local Government Ombudsman took 12 months to find in June 2014, at odds with the facts, that the BCMC “has always operated on the basis of an agreement drawn up in 1951”, and that “It is a

matter for the Council to decide how to manage the common generally, where specific land use types are not prescribed by the Higher Level Stewardship Agreement”. (The strategic management of the Common is prescribed by the 1951 Scheme which, unlike the HLSA, requires the whole of it to be maintained as an unimpeded, open space.)

My application, in August 2014, for a judicial review of the Common’s governance, including aspects only lately learned of, was refused as being (I was told) “far too late”.

Natural England in denial

An NE officer stated, in July 2014, “NE has acted appropriately in managing this (HLS) agreement... The limited resources available... have to be targeted”. Replying, I pointed out that senior Council officers had confirmed, in May 2012, that “The BCMC is spending less than is being drawn down through the Stewardship Agreement, and had £20,755 in reserve at the end of July 2010”. That drawn-down money was paid to the BCMC, by NE, expressly for the maintenance or restoration of grassland on the Common. I put it to NE that proper stewardship in the area north of Foxhalls is not constrained by a lack of funds, but by sustained denial of its needs. Nothing followed, and it seems that NE is content that that common land succumb to forestry and general scrub overgrowth.

The Open Spaces Society

The Case Officer with the Open Spaces Society, Britain’s oldest national conservation body, founded in

1865, has written to me saying “I admire the way you have continued to pursue these issues despite the difficulties you have encountered”.

The Case Officer’s opinion, after an initial look at the situation at Bringsty, is that “on the basis that the 1951 Scheme of Management is still valid, it would certainly appear that for works carried out in breach of the scheme, any sanction would be through the courts. Section 41 of the Commons Act 2006 allows any person to apply to the court for removal of works and restoration of the land, where consent should have been obtained (but was not) under Section 38 Commons Act 2006”. The Society will consider the issues further.

Will you help, please?

Sanction obtained through the courts? Surely, now, those with the power to stop an area of historic, open landscape being changed fundamentally, by tree and scrub overgrowth, will act to make that costly **course unnecessary...**

Thank you for reading this. In the belief that you will want sound stewardship to be practised in all of the priceless amenity which is Bringsty Common, will you please press your Councillors for that to happen? Your support could help to give this long tale a happy ending! *Alan Matthews*

At a glance

Wednesday 4th March Lent Lunch at Whitbourne Village Hall, 12.30. After Coffee and Chat. Ann Roberts: Tel. 01886 821063

Wednesday 11th March Lent Lunch at Orchard Cottage, Bottom Lane, Whitbourne. 12.30, Myrtle Kneen: Tel. 01886 821 707

Wednesday March 11th Garden Outing to Hidcote. Meet 10 am Village Hall. Phone Sheila Dodd on 821835 for further details

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

Wednesday 18th March Edvin Loach Church Lent Lunch at Saltmarshe District Hall. 12.30, Helen Read: Tel. 01885 483666

Wednesday 25th March Upper Sapey Church Lent Lunch. Carol Evans-Fisher Tel. 01886 853441

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

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Upper Sapey Village Hall Whist Drives. 8pm
Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church.

Thursday 7 May 2015 Elections

Most people will be aware that the General Election is to be held on Thursday 7 May 2015. However, in Herefordshire there will also be elections for the 53 seats on Herefordshire Council and approximately 1200 seats on the 137 Town/Parish Councils. All existing councillors must seek re-election if they wish to remain as a Councillor.

With regard to Town/Parish Councils anyone can stand as a Councillor if they are at least 18 years old, they are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union. In addition candidates must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand

You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community during the whole 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election

Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community

You have lived in the parish/community or within 3 miles of it during the whole 12 months before the day of nomination and the day of election.

In addition to the qualifications to stand for election there are also a few

reasons that would disqualify someone seeking election, and that is if you are employed by the Council, you are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order, you have been imprisoned for 3 months (including suspended sentence) and finally you have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal election practices.

So, subject to the above qualifications/disqualification anyone with an interest in their local community can seek election to their local Town/Parish Council.

If you are interested and would be comfortable in speaking at Council meetings that are open to the public and have the time to attend meetings and support the work of your local Town/Parish Council then why not put yourself forward. You only need 2 local people to support your nomination. It really is as simple as that.

If there are more candidates than vacancies, then an election will be held on the same day as the General Election and the Herefordshire Council Election. If there are less candidates than there are vacancies you would be elected unopposed.

You do not need to belong to a political party to become a councillor.

You will find guidance about becoming a councillor on the Electoral Commission website and the Clerk to your local Town/Parish Council can provide you with the appropriate nomination paper. Alternatively you can contact the Elections Office at Herefordshire Council on 01432 260107.

Electoral Services Office

WHITBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

WHITBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL is seeking to appoint a new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, on the departure of the current post holder. The post will be available from early Spring 2015.

The Council is seeking an enthusiastic person with experience in administration, with good communication skills. Some evening work is required, and knowledge of servicing meetings and carrying out resulting actions will be needed. Good IT skills and sound financial accounting experience is essential. Previous council experience will be beneficial.

The successful applicant will be:

- able to deal with a varied range of situations and demands;
- expected to hold, or be prepared to work towards completion of, the Certificate of Local Council Administration or the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy, to enable the Council to work towards Quality Status.
- responsible for drafting and circulating our agenda, taking minutes for evening meetings, held normally every month, and for all correspondence and liaising with contractors.

The post is part-time at 15-20 hours per month and the conditions of employment and remuneration are based upon the National Association of Local Council's salary recommendations, dependent on qualifications and experience. Please send your current curriculum vitae and a covering letter setting out your reasons for applying for this post and what you would bring to the role to Cllr M Williams, Chairman, Howberry, Whitbourne, Worcester, WR6 5RZ

The full Job Description and Person Specification can be found on the Parish Council website - www.whitbourneparishcouncil.org.uk, or requested from retiring Clerk on whitbournepcclerk@gmail.com or from the Chairman as above.

Closing date for completed applications – Tuesday 31st March 2015

Interviews: Mid April 2015

Bromyard & District Local History Society invites you to a talk given by John Pittwood on **The Real 'Allo 'Allo. This talk concerns John Pittwood's father's** escape from France after being shot down in 1944. Like most of his generation he did not often talk about his experiences. However, he said there had been two TV programmes made about escaping allied airman. The first was **Secret Army, a serious drama and the second the comedy programme 'Allo 'Allo** and that the truth was closer to the comedy version. There were lighter moments but the truth also had its darker side. This talk looks at both. *The Conquest Theatre on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm. Members free; non members £3.00*

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In Memoriam Elizabeth, died 1665

By Marion Tobin

A little grave
for a little girl,
beneath the nave
of a stately church already old;
a cherished child
in a perilous age.
Above the elegiac stone,
its words half worn away
by the feet of worshippers,
above the dust and carpeting
we ponder on 'this tender bud'
and wonder did her parents
lay her here, then walk beside
the sunlit waters of Waveney,
oblivious
that after many another summer,
in an unimaginably different world,
Her kin would pause to share their
grief?
For five short years she lived
in this sweet secret corner of England,
a place of water and gentle woodland.
a place for childhood's joy and tears.

May what is left rest undisturbed
for the next three hundred and fifty
years.

Herefordshire Friends of Samaritans

Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans is pleased to announce that it has obtained permission to organise a special Cherry Blossom Walk on Sunday 26th April 2015 (11.30am-4.00pm), to view the cherry trees in blossom on Sidnall Farm at Ullingswick, near Bromyard.

This charity event has been made possible through the generosity of **the fruit farm's owner, Mr Clive Richards OBE**. The 70-acre Herefordshire fruit farm is now one of the largest suppliers of English-grown cherries, including such varieties as Kordia, Regina, Summersun and Verida.

There will be guided walks by **experts of the estate's award-winning** cherry orchards; refreshments served under cover; an open picnic area; and ample free parking. Costs are: £15 (tour and pre-booked lunch) or £5 for the guided tours. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Tea, coffee and cakes available for small charge.

All proceeds from the event will go to Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans, the fund-raising arm of the Herefordshire branch of Samaritans, which is based at 44A Berrington Street, Hereford HR4 0BJ (tel: 01432 269000).

What should be done
with the Whitbourne
School Buildings?

A PUBLIC MEETING
to discuss future use

WED 18th MARCH
7.30 pm
in the Village Hall

Please come and share your
ideas

St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens

Can you help St Michael's Hospice make 2015 our best Open Gardens summer to date?

In 2014, gardeners from Herefordshire and beyond used their horticultural creativity to support St Michael's Hospice by opening their gardens.

Visitors enjoyed the delights of 32 unique gardens, including private gardens not normally open to the public such as the Newport House estate. Stoke Prior and Wellington Heath also held village-wide Open Garden events. In total, an astonishing £24,000 was raised by our green-fingered supporters.

Opening your garden for St Michael's Hospice can be a very rewarding experience, for you and the people who visit. If you have a garden that delights people, please think about **opening it for St Michael's Hospice. It doesn't have to be elaborate: as long as your garden is interesting and has character, we would love to hear from you.** We will give you all the help and guidance needed to offer visitors the chance to share and enjoy your love of gardening.

It's up to you when you would like to open your garden. Perhaps you'd like to join with neighbours and hold a village Open Garden day? The choice is yours.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call the Community **Fundraising Team at St Michael's Hospice** on 01432 851000.

Conquest Theatre

Book online at www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or box office 01885 488575

Borderlines Films 8pm

March 3 Here and Now

March 10 Two Days One Night

March 13 Mr Turner

March 7/8 Bromyard Marmalade Festival

Live Broadcasts

March 4 7.15pm RSC Loves Labours Won

March 8 7pm Bolshoi Romeo & Juliet

March 11 7.15pm ENO La Traviata

March 12 7pm NT Behind the Beautiful Forevers

March 14 4.55pm NY Met La Donna Lago

March 17 7.15pm ROH Swan Lake

Live on Stage

March 26-28 7.45pm Here to There Productions "Ghosts"

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Whitbourne Garden
Society Annual Show
2015

Saturday 11th July

Whitbourne Village Hall

2.00-4.30pm

Show Schedule

Division A

- A1 3 potatoes of one variety
- A2 3 carrots of one variety
- A3 3 beetroots of one variety
- A4 6 peapods of one variety
- A5 6 mangetout pods one variety
- A6 6 broad bean pods one variety
- A7 a selection of 4 salad vegetables (can be 4 types of salad leaves)
- A8 3 courgettes (with flowers if possible) of one variety with flowers if possible)
- A9 a lettuce
- A10 3 onions (not spring onions)
- A11 blackcurrants, not more than 125g, still on strigs
- A12 redcurrants, not more than 125g, still on strigs
- A13 6 strawberries of one variety
- A14 15 raspberries of one variety
- A15 8 gooseberries of one variety
- A16 3 sticks of rhubarb (leaves on)
- A17 5 culinary herbs
- A18 6 eggs
- A19 a jar of honey

Please name the varieties where possible.

Division B

- 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 6 stems of sweet pea
 - B7 6 stems of flowers, one colour (a minimum of 3 different flowers)
 - B8 5 stems of mixed 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, minimum 3 varieties
 - B12 dianthus, pinks or border carnations (6 stems)
 - 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

- C1 a picture, painting or drawing
'The collection'
- C2 calligraphy, "Full Moon; Santa Barbara" See text on separate sheet.**
- C3 a poem, 'Moonlight'**
- C4 a limerick, 'There once was a man in the moone'**
- C5 a piece of needlework, sewing, embroidery or tapestry, with a colour theme (any colour)
- C6 a paper Mache item.

Division D

- Photos in B/W or colour, no larger than 8"x12" (21cmx30 cm).
- D1 Heatwave
- D2 4-legged friend
- D3 The Hat
- D4 Water

- D5 An action shot
- D6 The illusion, digital editing allowed

Division E

- E1 an arrangement with a pink theme
- E2 a bridesmaid's bouquet**
- E3 a table centrepiece
- E4 a miniature arrangement featuring a kitchen utensil.

Division F

- F1 a jar of jam
- F2 a savoury ketchup
- F3 a fruit coulis
- F4 a jar of jelly
- F5 a jar of marmalade
- F6 3 decorated cup-cakes
- F7 a cake including a vegetable ingredient (not just vegetable oil!)
Please name the veg.
- F8 a fruit tart (min 6inch diam)
- F9 Soda bread

Division G

- G1 Under 5s. A decorated paper plate
- G2 Age 5-10. A miniature garden on a plate

The Tiblands Trophy will be awarded for 1st place in the Under 5s group, and there will be a Whitbourne cup awarded for the 1st place winner in the other age group.

Division H

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

Poem for Calligraphy competition in Annual Show

Full Moon; Santa Barbara by Sara Teasdale

*I listened, there was not a sound to hear
In the great rain of moonlight pouring down,
The eucalyptus trees were carved in silver,
And a light mist of silver lulled the town.*

*I saw far off the gray Pacific bearing
A broad white disk of flame,
And on the garden-walk a snail beside me
Tracing in crystal the slow way he came.*

Annual Show 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 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 during the tasting.

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 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; G1 Under 5's The Tiblands Trophy; G2 Whitbourne Cup; H Hughes Brothers Trophy. The Bill Pittman Challenge Trophy is awarded for the single best exhibit in Division B.

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.

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_____ Total money included £_____

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| Division A | Division B | Division C | Division E | Division G |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| A1 | B1 | C1 | E1 | G1 Under 5 |
| A2 | B2 | C2 | E2 | G2 5-10 |
| A3 | B3 | C3 | E3 | |
| A4 | B4 | C4 | E4 | |
| A5 | B5 | C5 | | |
| A6 | B6 | C6 | | |
| A7 | B7 | Division D | Division F | Division H |
| A8 | B8 | D1 | F1 | Hughes Trophy |
| A9 | B9 | D2 | F2 | |
| A10 | B10 | D3 | F3 | |
| A11 | B11 | D4 | F4 | |
| A12 | B12 | D5 | F5 | |
| A13 | B13 | D6 | F6 | |
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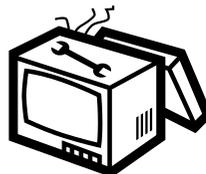
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Flowers and Brasses

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1st March | Lent |
| 8th March | Lent |
| 15th March | Lent |
| 22nd March | Lent |
| 29th March | Lent |
| 5th April | Mrs H. Colley |
| 12th April | Mrs H. Colley |
| 19th April | Mrs A. Taylor |
| <u>26th April</u> | <u>Mrs A. Taylor</u> |

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st March | Mrs G. Stormonth Darling |
| 8th March | Mr J. Cummins |
| 15th March | Mr. J. Allan |
| 22nd March | Mrs M. Kneen |
| 29th March | Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole |
| 5th April | Mr. J. Cummins |
| 12th April | Mrs G. Stormonth Darling |
| 19th April | Mr. J. Allan |
| 26th April | Mr J. Ransley |

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st March | Mr J. Howell |
| 8th March | Mr J. Bland |
| 15th March | Mrs M. Kneen |
| 22nd March | Mr C. Short |
| 29th March | Mrs S. Bland |
| 5th April | Mrs G. Stormonth Darling |
| 12th April | Mrs S. Dodd |
| 19th April | Sir N. Harington |
| 26th April | Mr J. Bland |

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 28th February | Mrs G. Stormonth Darling |
| 7th March | Mrs A. Howell |
| 14th March | Mrs M. Kneen |
| 21st March | Mrs E. James |
| 28th March | Mr J. Allan |
| 4th April | Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger |
| 11th April | Mrs A. Evans |
| 18th April | Mrs G. Stormonth Darling |
| 25th April | Mrs A. Howell |

Upper Sapey

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| March/April | Helen Miles/Carol Evans Fisher and Carol Wilde |
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Coffee - Whitbourne

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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1st March | Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley |
| 8th March | Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd |
| 15th March | Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen |
| 22nd March | Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg |
| 29th March | Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams |
| 5th April | Mr and Mrs J. Bland |
| 12th April | Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley |
| 19th April | Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd |
| 26th April | Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen |

Any queries relating to flowers, please contact Mrs Ann Taylor on 821744. Anyone wishing to be included in the cleaning rotas can contact Carol Wilde on 853491 (Upper Sapey) or Myrtle Kneen on 821707 (Whitbourne). New volunteers for any of the rotas are always welcome.

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

Church Services

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|----------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1st March Lent 2 | 8 am | *Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sunday 8th March Lent 3 | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Upper Sapey |
| Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere |
| | 3 pm | Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach |
| Sunday 22nd March Lent 5 | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday | 9.30 am | Palm Sunday Procession and Holy Communion Whitbourne |
| Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday | 7 pm | Commemoration of the Last Supper, Tedstone Delamere |
| Friday 3rd April Good Friday | 11 am | Celebrate Easter! Whitbourne |
| | - 12.30 | |
| | 3 pm | The Good Friday Liturgy, Whitbourne |
| Saturday 4th April | 7.30 pm | Easter Vigil, Edvin Loach |
| Sunday 5th April Easter Day | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Upper Sapey |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere |
| Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere |
| | 3 pm | Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach |
| Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter | 9.30 am | Holy Communion, Whitbourne |
| | 11 am | Holy Communion, Upper Sapey |