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PHILIP DUNNE APPOINTED WAR GRAVES COMMISSIONER

Philip Dunne MP is to become a War Graves Commissioner, which means four years serving to honour the 1.7 million men and women of the British Commonwealth lost in two World Wars in the last century.

"Commemorations of the First World War centenary has brought the sacrifice of our forebears through the horror of the First World War sharply into focus for present generations," said Mr Dunne.

"As a former Defence Minister, I take pride in being able to assist the work of the Commission and look forward to contributing in whatever way I can."

The Commission exists to commemorate those lost and to tend 23,000 cemeteries and memorials in more than 150 countries.

More information about the work of the Commission on www.cwgc.org

GROWING WILDLIFE CONCERN

The Annual General Meeting of the Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group in March drew a full house to the Village Hall. The meeting itself took ten minutes for the members to hear that they needed new blood on the committee and that the group is solvent. Well done, chair Sue Dawes for that brief but effective session.

A series of speakers then told how their particular area of interest had been looked after, with a mix of good and bad news. The protection of a pair of peregrines and the installation of cameras to watch their nest following the killing of two birds in 2017 was a measure of how seriously local people feel about the matter of preserving such a precious asset.

Curlew numbers are dropping, red kites are growing. Inside this issue you'll find an appeal to report seeing curlews on Page 23; please use it if you are in the habit of walking across our wonderful hills.

There was so much more than we have room to report in these crowded pages. But we will give more space this year to telling you what's being done to preserve wildlife, from rare butterflies in the Cramer Gutter area to rare birds on Clee Hill. We owe it to our children to do more to preserve threatened species.

THE MEN'S SHED

A significant move forward for this important venture, that will provide a place for men to swap stories and teach one another skills to put into practice on the tools that are being donated by generous people.

The laying of the footings for the shed will be done this month, courtesy of Hylton Smith and his family crew. They will be donating their skill, time and materials to get the job under way. And with planning consent granted the application for a National Lottery grant can go ahead.

Congratulations to Pete Blackburn on his leadership and all the committee members who have given their skills and time.



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Cleobury Owl Watch. Watching over some of our wonderful but threatened wildlife. More about this active group on Page 19.



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DOG FOULING

Kath Philips is fed up and not shy about speaking her mind:

‘Gateway to Shropshire’ or is it just ‘Dog Pooh Alley’? We have had this topic before, but unfortunately some dog lovers have not heard the plea “Please clean up after your dog”!

In the March Clarion we heard from the Evans family that there are over 500 dogs in and around Cleobury, so which of these owners constantly allow their dogs to pooh all up the Ludlow Road? A couple of weeks ago it was outside the Old Post Office, The Fountain and the King’s Arms and quite often it’s along the back lane, where school children have to walk. I for one am getting fed up with having to clean it off the pram wheels after a trip into town.

I notice the Town Council are singing the praises of the CCTV in the town and it helping to solve crimes. Perhaps it’s time to start monitoring it to see who the Bad Dog Owners are and maybe it’s time to ‘Blame and Shame’ them. A session cleaning all our streets of the offending excrement might just do the trick and make them think about keeping Cleobury clean.

Kath Philips

CHANCE TO VISIT

CHATSWORTH HOUSE

Cleobury Mortimer Horticultural Society is planning a trip to the RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth House (which is a magical setting), and would like to know if anyone would be interested in coming along with the Society. The date of our trip is Friday 7th June and the cost of admission is £34 per person, but we will get a discount if a group of 20 or more would like to come with us. We will go by coach which will be an additional £18.50 per person.

If you are interested in joining us for a lovely day out please contact me on either 07870 930562 or 01299 270362.

Carol Franklin

THE HOPTON WAFERS

SPRING SUPPER

It’s this coming Saturday, April 6th, in Doddington Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Includes a Two Course Carvery Supper provided by The Clock House of Tenbury Wells. Tickets are £12.50 for adults and Children Under 12 get in for £6.25

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. *Marilyn Wood*

A BIG THANK YOU

Saint Mary’s Youth Project would like to say a big ‘Thank You’ to the Sports and Social

Club and organisers of the Big Quiz Night. Everyone involved enjoyed themselves, had a great deal of fun and realised how much they didn’t know! This particularly applies to the committee from SMYP who didn’t quite come last!

The evening raised £377 for the Youth Project which will be invested in our Community Hub development. As this gets under way we will be inviting the community to come and have a look at what is being created by the young people of our town for everyone in our town. More news via the Clarion in the near future and also keep up to date at our website www.SMYP.org.uk

Roger Brown

SILLY BITS

(With an American country flavour)

1. **Our mountains aren’t just funny. They’re hill areas.**
2. **Turning vegan would be a big missed steak.**
3. **Life is short if you can’t laugh at yourself. Call me -I will.**
4. **Ban pre-shedded cheese. Make America grate again.**
5. **Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.**
6. **I’m friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don’t know Y.**

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The Cavalier Centre, a new all-year-round home for Riding for the Disabled in the Much Wenlock area, opens this month. It's been six years from start to finish and as the drive to raise funds continues, a special Car Boot Sale at The Isle outside Shrewsbury promises to be a star event.

It will be on May 12th, with a valuations tent run by local BBC TV 'Flog It' star Christina Trevanion one of the features, plus a vintage clothes tent. Gates open at 9.00 and close at 3.00 and you can book a stall to offer those family relics you really don't need any more. Danny Budd on danny.budd13@gmail.com will happily reserve space for you.

CHARITY FUND RAISING

Roger Gittins, who does such a good job collating fund raising reports.

SUNDAY LEAGUE CHARITY FUND: The Fund last year donated 90% of the funds raised to Nightingale Nurses and Cleobury Compassionate Communities. They each received a cheque to the value of £884. My thanks go to the captains and players of the team

at The Lion, The Bell, The Stable Tavern and the Sports and Social Club.

POPPY APPEAL 2018: The Appeal has so far raised £8736.77. May I pass on the thanks from the Appeal to all the businesses who allowed us to place collection boxes on their counters. My thanks to the collectors, schools and all who did a grand job in raising such a magnificent total. *Roger Gittins*

ROCK PATHFINDERS

The two April walks for this keen band of walkers have different starting times. On the evening of the 4th they meet at the Earnwood Copse Car Park on the B4194 Dowles Road at 6.30, a sure sign that spring is here. Sat Nav DY12 3HS or Ordnance Survey reference 743784. All walkers welcome.

On the 18th they gather at 10.30 in the a.m. at The Manor House of Whittington, where parking will be free. That's on the A449, Sat Nav DFY7 6NY or SO 857828.

More details if you need them from Alan on 01299 400304.

THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

The Association held its annual dinner at the Sun and Slipper in Mamble during March. 32 of us enjoyed very good food and

were grateful to Diane Waddington who had the event organised to run smoothly. An enjoyable evening and great to see new members with us. More business-like matters are on the agenda for Friday April 5th as it's our AGM – downstairs in the Market Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Please come along if you are interested to finding out what we do.

The April Parish Walk is on Sunday April 7th at 10.00 from outside the Church. We will be heading up the Rea Valley where we can expect to see evidence of springtime in flowers and lambs in the fields.

Graham Simpson

MUSIC IN BEWDLEY

St George's Hall in Bewdley has a monthly music feature and this month is The Good Lovelies, Kerri, Sue and Caroline, all the way from Canada.

They have a country folk core to their music, with influence from pop, roots, jazz and hip-hop. They've been together for thirteen years and have a string of albums to their credit.

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A busy Spring so far. A Tapas Evening which raised about £300 in aid of Humanity, a walk on the Snowdrop Trail at Dudmaston Hall with afternoon tea outside in the Orchard, our last meeting of the year and a talk at our March Supper by Helen Timmins on the Rose Theatre Youth Group.

Our new year starts with our AGM on April 4th, at 7.30 pm in the Baxter Church Rooms, when we will also welcome our new President Janice Bell. Our Supper meeting will be on April 18th at La Brasserie, at 7.30 pm and we look forward to an interesting talk by Angela Randle, Volunteer with Refugee Action.

Our regular coffee morning at the George Hotel will be on April 25th, from 10.00. Do come and meet some of us. Our annual Bridge Tournament will be on April 24th Blakedown Parish Rooms; coffee at 10.30 for an 11.00 am start, finishing at 4.00. £12 per player, including all refreshments. For further details and to book places call Sue Merrill on 07831 487 648, 01562 700079 or email: susanmerrill8@gmail.com.

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Elke Jury

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In February we heard from two of our members about growing flowers to cut for ten months of the year. They had attended a course with Sarah Raven, a renowned plantswoman who introduced them to her methods.

Prepare ground, plan planting rota and sort the best positions for the chosen. Sarah supported tall plants with a movable grid that you raise as they grow and this proved to be a good idea. Our growers found they needed to leave wider paths between rows to enable easy picking, a lesson learned for next year. Some planting was done in containers and proved that you could successfully grow cut flowers without a large plot.

In March we enjoyed a quiz night. Our quiz master showed slides and we had four answers to choose from which promoted plenty of discussion. Two teams

scored the same, so there was a tie breaker. It was also the evening of our Spring competition, a collection of flowers in a standard jam jar. Of several lovely collections the winning entry was from Jenny Vanderhook.

Our next meeting is on April 8th in the Methodist Hall. Would all members please remember the Spring Plant Sale on May 11th at the Market Hall. We would welcome plants to sell and your company. Refreshments will be available.

Liz Smurthwaite

MUSIC AT NEEN SAVAGE

On May 11th at 7.30pm, popular ensemble Fordante present "From Romance to the Movies" in St. Mary's Church, Neen Savage. A night to remember as they blend Waltzes, popular Romantic Classics and Movie Love Themes with a mix of Fordante's songs. Tickets are £10.00 with a complementary interval drink. There has been a great deal of interest and the seating is limited, so it is recommended that tickets be purchased beforehand. They are available from Cleobury Mortimer Church Office and Cleobury Country Centre.



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National Gardening Week this year is between April 27th and May 5th. It is run by the Royal Horticultural Society to encourage more people to take part in the healthy and productive outdoor activity of gardening.

If you're not a member then come along and join us at one of our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas and advice with other members. We have a great programme of speakers as well as evening visits to local gardens.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 24th, the speaker for the evening will be Kate Hurst with a talk on 'Shelsley Herbs & Flowers'

Pauline Bowen

PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC AWARD

Cleobury Mortimer Primary School was recently awarded the Gold Mark for music.

This award goes to the school for ensuring that each class is taught music by a specialist music teacher every week. Lessons may be linked to the class topic work and the music can be from a variety of cultures and in many different styles. Pupils will enjoy singing, playing instruments or composing and performing. It is also possible for them to have one to one instrumental tuition with the specialist music teacher. Music can be very therapeutic as well as encouraging the development of language and creativity.

Congratulations to the school for recognising the value of music to a child's development. The school continues to enhance the music curriculum and is now working towards achieving the Platinum Mark.

Jayne Brown

FROM THE BANDROOM

On March 9th our contest band travelled to Kenilworth for the area competition. The week before had been a little fraught when our lovely baritone player

Gill fell down and broke her wrist, then our principal cornet Vince was in immense pain with his back which meant that on the contest day he sadly wasn't able to be with us.

We went on stage with depleted numbers but still managed to be placed 6th, which is brilliant, all things considered. We are top of the 3rd section in the Midlands and now on points we will be promoted to the 2nd section from next January.

Our summer season kicks off with our annual Spring Concert on April 6th, tickets are £10 each and include a fish and chip supper. We have an African theme for this concert, so you can expect music from the Lion King, Out of Africa and other works. We recently donated some of our older instruments to the charity Brass for Africa which enables youngsters to learn, there will be a short presentation on this wonderful charity during the evening and some of the proceeds from the evening will also be sent to the charity. We look forward to seeing you there, tickets are available from Cleobury Café or Donna Tracy on 07791642214 or any band member.

Katie Griffiths

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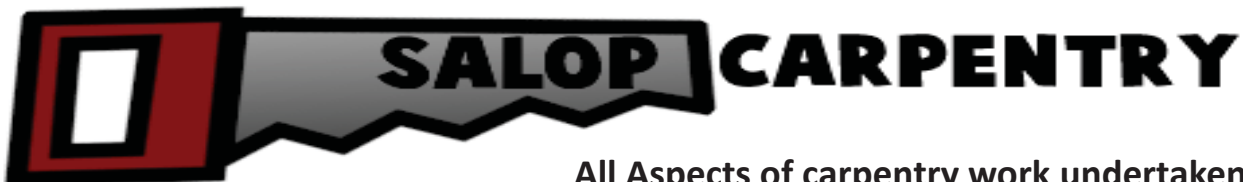
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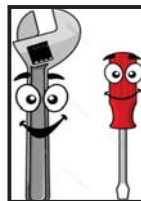
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The Glen is one of eight caravan parks in the West Midlands and Wales owned for three generations by Hillandale Caravan Parks who are based at Stourport-on-Severn. Their Parks vary in size and clientele from coastal Aberystwyth, to the smaller Glen in rural and peaceful Cleobury Mortimer. The Glen caters for those seeking a bolthole away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Most owners live within a 45 to 90 minute drive away, Cleobury is far enough to call a stay in the countryside, a holiday, but near enough for sheer convenience and pleasure.

In 2018 The Glen maintained a Silver award from the David Bellamy Conservation Awards. The Awards started in 1996, and

aim to protect and enhance Britain's natural environment. They are judged by local wildlife experts looking for wildlife havens, reduction in energy use, reduction, reuse and recycling of waste and for integration into the local community. The Glen is part of a Honey Bee Friendly Project and is planning to introduce bee hives in 2019 to make the most use of the Park's wildflower sowings and encouragement of biodiversity. Frank, Sheila and The Glen are going for Gold in 2019!

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Kit Smith



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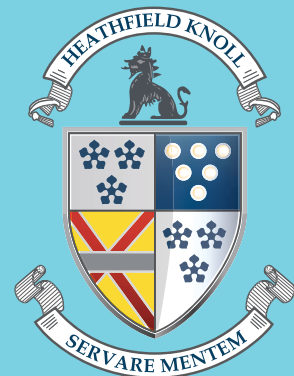
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CLEOBURY OWL WATCH



The barn owl. Such a beautiful creature.

Cleobury Owl Watch was formed in spring 2018 following British Trust for Ornithology's instigation of a national campaign to halt the decline of Tawny Owls. Our aim is to raise awareness of Tawny and Barn Owls, to safeguard valuable and scarce owl feeding grounds/habitats and to help in a good owl year provide new homes for extended owl families. Owls are a recognised indicator of the health of an important biodiversity system.

Since June 2018 nine volunteers around Cleobury Mortimer have recorded well over a hundred hooting owl calls. We now have a reasonable picture of which owls are where and in what numbers. It shows that there are three major hot spots for owls: around the Skate Park, Pinkham Mill and the wooded area along the Pudding Brook Wildlife Corridor. Other areas have a few recordings of hooting owls but we are concentrating at first on the

three hot spots. The data collected on our owls' territories and the proposals for future protection and encouragement of owls is an integral part of the developing Cleobury Neighbourhood Plan.

We are seeking confirmation from tree owners for us to place three Barn Owl and six Tawny Owl boxes with the possibility of two Kestrel boxes between now and the autumn. We are very grateful to the emerging Men in Sheds who have agreed to build the boxes despite not having a Shed yet.

There will be a local meeting in summer where we can exchange information and owl experiences and let's hope news of a successful owl breeding year.

Spring is here and our bird visitors of Swallows and House Martins should be seen in April with the Swifts here by early May.

Kit Smith

AGE UK LUNCH CLUB

On Mondays from 10:30 to 3pm, there is a social gathering at the Day Centre in Cleobury Mortimer, run by Age UK. Those taking part arrive in the morning for coffee, biscuits and conversation. A two course hot meal is served up at lunch time.

At the moment we have eight people who come along on a regular basis and we have room for more.

The day is ideal for people who are lonely and would like the chance to have some friendly company. If transport is a problem this may be arranged. If you are interested or know someone else who might be then please contact Sarah Wilde on 01299 272628

SAINT ELIZABETH'S HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Our thanks to Judy Reid for these details of the town's Catholic services.

Sunday, April 15th, 9.00am: Palm Sunday Mass.

Maunday Thursday, April 18th, 6.30pm: Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday, April 19th, 9.00am: Stations of the Cross. 5.00pm: The Passion.

Easter Sunday, April 21st, 9.00am: Mass at Saint Peter's, Ludlow.

Tuesday, April 17th, 7.30pm: Reconciliation Services.

Saturday April 20th, 9.00pm: The Easter Vigil, service of Light and the first Mass of Easter.

The priest will be Canon Christopher Walsh of Saint Peter's, Ludlow, telephone number 01584 872906.

FASHION SHOW AT LUDLOW

The Friends of Saint Mary's have a Fashion Show at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill store in Corve Street, Ludlow. on April 4th. Tickets cost £5.00 and there will be ladies and mens clothes modelled. There will be sale items on offer and non-sale stuff will carry a 20 percent discount. Anything can be returned if it's found to be not suitable and a full rebate given.

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HOLY WEEK 2019

All are welcome to attend any services or join in the walk – most services will be according to the ordinary style of the relevant parish. The three week day Addresses will form a sequence, and be given by Rev Preb. Ashley Buck.

PALM SUNDAY 14th April

3.00pm Kinlet

BLESSING OF THE CROSS AND PILGRIMS

Kinlet through Baveney Wood. Approx. 3 miles. Muddy.

4.30pm Lower Baveney Farmhouse

ALL AGE SERVICE WITH THE CROSS AND TEA

Baveney Lane on to Neen Savage. Approx. 2miles. Tarmac.

6.30pm Neen Savage

PILGRIMAGE SERVICE WITH ADDRESS

MONDAY 15th April

5.00pm Neen Savage

HOLY COMMUNION

Neen Savage to Hopton Wafers. 3 miles. Lanes and cross-country

7.30pm Hopton Wafers

EVENING PRAYER WITH ADDRESS by Rev. Preb. Ashley Buck

TUESDAY 16th April

3.00pm Hopton Wafers

PILGRIMAGE SERVICE

Hopton Wafers to Doddington. 2 miles. Lane and track, steep climb. Calling at Hopton Bank Methodist Chapel

7.30pm Doddington

EVENING PRAYER WITH ADDRESS

WEDNESDAY 17th April

10.00am St Mary's CM

No Service

2.00pm Doddington

PILGRIMAGE SERVICE

Doddington to Milson. 3 miles. Lane and cross-country

4.00pm Milson

EUCCHARIST

Milson to Neen Sollars. 1 ½ miles. Tarmac

7.30pm Neen Sollars

VILLAGE WORSHIP WITH ADDRESS - Rev. Preb. Ashley Buck

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18th April

3.30pm Neen Sollars

SENDING FORTH OF THE CROSS

Neen Sollars to Cleobury Mortimer. 3 ½ miles. Very muddy

5.00pm St Elizabeth's Church CM

RECEPTION OF THE CROSS & TEA

7.30pm St Mary's Church CM

SUNG EUCCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER AND VIGIL

Where we recall Jesus' Last Supper before he died, by washing of feet and breaking bread together followed by the watch until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April

9.00am

Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth's Church, moving on to the Methodist Church.

10.00am St Mary's Church CM

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY & COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT.

10.00am – 12.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY MESSY CHURCH SPECIAL in the Methodist Hall, Parents also invited.

12 noon from the Methodist Church

ECUMENICAL PROCESSION OF WITNESS.

2.00pm – 3.00pm St Mary's CM

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS – Rev. Preb. Ashley Buck

6.30pm – St Mary's Neen Savage

COMPLINE AND LAYING TO REST OF THE ICON OF CHRIST.

EASTER EVE

8.30pm – St Mary's CM

EASTER VIGIL EUCCHARIST

Where the kindling of the Easter fire heralds the light of the risen Christ coming into the darkness which is acclaimed in the ancient words of the Exsultet and we rejoice to sing Alleluya again.

EASTER DAY 21st April

St Marys Cleobury Mortimer

08.30am – Said Eucharist

St Michaels Hopton Wafers

09.45am – Parish Eucharist

All Saints Neen Sollars

10.00am – Parish Eucharist

St Georges Milson

11.00am – Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Neen Savage

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Lapwing

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Kestrel



Curlew

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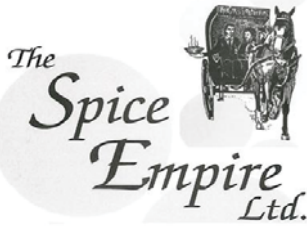
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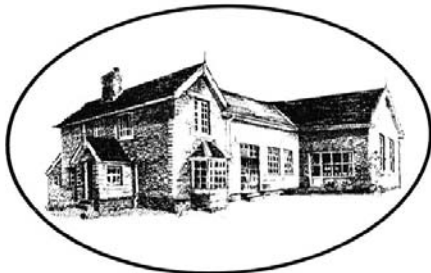
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He started by explaining that the Water Guard was a section of Customs and Excise which has long since been incorporated into HMRC. He started at the bottom and worked his way up, meeting another well known 'Cleoburyite' Adrian Pearce whilst at Terminal 3, Heathrow. There officers received a reward for all their seizures, as well as the witness called to verify it. He was then posted back to Central London on Harpy Pontoon and then West India Dock as Rummage Crew (searching ships) where the Flying Cortina came in. A specific instrument 'shifty scope' (a long handled drill with a light on for peering into dark spaces) was required but had been forgotten, so Dave volunteered to fetch it from the office using the brand new Civil Service Cortina. He jumped into the car but forgot that ramps used to access the ship had been removed and so landed heavily, braking a fog lamp but with, apparently, no other damage.....except the doors never closed properly again! Steve then had us in stitches with a slightly risqué story involving burly sailors and ladies of the night!

Then on to Special Unit, a team of two and plain clothes work although only one major find, a ship from the Far East with significant amounts of cannabis hidden in the funnel lining. After marriage he moved

to Newhaven and the Dieppe ferry where it was mostly Spaniards, and their cheap brandy, coming through. The Water Guard disbanded in the 1970s and Steve moved onto pastures new.

Our March meeting brought out the crafty side in us all as we expertly decorated pots with paper napkins. Everyone was thrilled with their handiwork, with all the finished items looking very professional.

After a huge amount of hard work by Sandra, Angela and Mary, the phone box will be unveiled in its new location by the Parish Hall on Saturday 20th April. The WI are extremely proud to be involved in this project, having first identified the need for refurbishment and alternative uses several years ago and are thrilled this has finally happened.

Details for our 70th Anniversary Celebration have been finalised and we would love past members to join us at The Larch Barn on Friday 21st June at 7pm. The evening will start with a glass of Pimms, followed by a fork buffet with dessert and tea or coffee. Tickets are £15 each so please get in touch if you are interested.

Our April meeting, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday 10th is hosted by the members but I do know that the speaker comes highly recommended and will give an insight into living abroad. Visitors always welcome, £4 to include refreshments and raffle ticket. For more information please contact me on 01299 270647.

Catherine Evans
President

THANK YOU

Dan and Angi Gregory are moving on, to live nearer to their daughter Zoe. Angi would like to say 'Thank you' to their many friends:

We've spent many happy years in Cleobury, such a lovely place to live. Made many friends, through Dan's motorbike connections, my involvement with the W.I. and just people we met as part of everyday life in a small, friendly town.

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Angi Gregory

CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE

This month we'd like to mention Walking for Health.

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Persecution of Christians

As Easter approaches late this month, for many Christians it is a time to renew faith and reflect on the role of Jesus in bringing Christian values to life. But it is a sad fact that, just as Christ was persecuted for his beliefs, many Christians around the world are not free to practice their religion as they wish.

Nearly a quarter of a billion people are suffering persecution today because of their Christian faith. In addition, 80 per cent of people who suffer persecution because of their faith, are Christian.

I know this is an issue of great concern to the Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP, who has acted to boost the UK's role as a defender of Christians facing persecution overseas. As part of this renewed focus, he has asked the Bishop of Truro to conduct an independent review into the UK's response to the persecution of Christians abroad.

This review aims to map levels of persecution and other discrimination against Christians in key countries around the world. It will provide an objective assessment of the impact and levels of Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) support, and make recommendations to the Foreign Secretary.

That is not to say no action has been taken so far. In fact, the UK has played a leading role in bringing together other countries that share our values and giving a voice to those who do not have one. The Church of England also meets the FCO regularly to discuss freedom of religion and belief. But the outcome of this review should be for the FCO to gain a deeper understanding of what it can do better in this arena.

I look forward to reading the reports emerging from this Review, which the Bishop intends to focus on evidence and consultation with a range of participants, including survivors and victims, civil society institutions, the diplomatic community, governmental and multilateral entities. The Initial Report to the Foreign Secretary is expected by the end of April, with briefings for MPs in the following month, which I hope to attend.

Interestingly, the place and type of religion in Parliament came to the fore recently, when there was discussion about whether the day should still begin with 'prayers'. In both Houses of Parliament, sittings begin with prayers that follow the Christian faith, though there is no compulsion to attend. I and many of my colleagues appreciate the opportunity for a few minutes calm reflection before the formal business of the day begins - not least during this critical period in our country's history. So I will not be supporting removal of daily prayers from our proceedings.

In more local news, I was pleased to welcome the former Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev James Jones KBE, to Ludlow last month for a service of thanksgiving in St Laurence's, Ludlow for Mortimer Forest. The Bishop had worked with the Forestry Commission to produce an Independent report in 2012, so was a most relevant speaker for what was a very positive service.

I hope all readers have a restful Easter break over the longer weekend, and that people across the country embrace the sense of renewal that Easter and the natural world at this time of year inspire.

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A RATHER SPECIAL ARTIST

Chris Smith is a talented artist with an extra dash of imagination. If you visit the Hobson's Brewery tasting room, the mural of the brewing process along the bar wall is one of her works. Something well above the predictable normal.

The house she and partner Nathan share with daughters Nina and Merryn reflects both her work and artefacts collected from all over the world as they have travelled. It's a fascinating effect that keeps you walking around and looking at something new.



Is your staircase as interesting as this? Bet it's not.

She recently quit KPMG and set up as an artist, as well as

looking after the children and running a home. She can work in a lot of media, but specialises in murals and large scale works. Like the tree in the the corner of one room, picking out one of the wall lights and dramatising the lighting effect.



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The Grade 1 listed manor house, with its lovely reception rooms, will be open for viewing and you could find something special to buy at the craft fair, where a number of skilled crafters and artists will display and sell their wares.

As part of this event, there will be a café in the old house kitchen, the proceeds of which will go to **Rwanda Aid**. This charity has for 10 years been supporting communities in the poorest province of Rwanda, a country that has been rebuilding itself since the genocide of 1994, twenty-five years ago. If you are interested in their work, there will be more in next month's edition, or you can go to www.rwanda-aid.org.

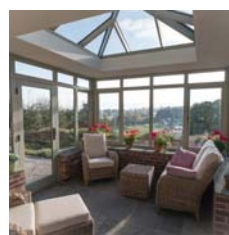
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The April Social Calendar

Part One

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|------------------------|--------|---|----------------|--------------|
| Wed 3 rd | 10.00 | Free Drop-In NHS Hearing Aid Clinic at the Community room, St Mary's Place, Love Lane | | |
| | 11.00 | Sing, Laugh, Breathe are in harmony at the Market Hall. Good friendly sounds! | | |
| | 7.30 | Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall | Sonia Pearsall | 01584 890874 |
| Thurs 4 th | | BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED | | |
| | 12.30 | Lent Lunch served in the Market Hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid | | |
| | 6.30 | Rock Pathfinders Evening Walk, meeting at Earnwood Copse Car Park, Dowles Road. PAGE 7 | | |
| | 7.30 | Soroptimists' AGM, Baxter Church Rooms, Kidderminster. PAGE 9 | | |
| | 7.30 | Fashion Show at Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Ludlow. PAGE 19 | | |
| Fri 5 th | 7.30 | Live music at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane. PAGE 45 | | |
| | 8.00 | Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. Plenty of good parking space | | |
| Sat 6 th | 8.00am | Sale of Household Goods at Knowle Sports Ground, Clee Hill | Audrey | 01584 890644 |
| | 7.00 | Casino Night at the Sports and Social Club. PAGE 45 | | |
| | 7.30 | Hopton Wafers Spring Supper, up the hill a bit at Doddington Village Hall. PAGE 5 | | |
| | 7.30 | Cleobury Concert Brass play at Parish Hall. PAGE 11 | | |
| Sun 7 th | 10.00 | Parish Walk Steps out from the Parish Church. PAGE 7 | | |
| | 6.00 | Open Mic Night at the Kings Arms, Church Street. Acoustic only. | | |
| Mon 8 th | 6.30 | The Creative Writing Group meet at the Library, Love Lane | | |
| | 8.00 | The Horticultural Society meets in the Market Hall. PAGE 9 | | |
| Tues 9 th | 7.30 | Cleobury WI meet at The Market Hall. PAGE 45 | | |
| Wed 10 th | 10.00 | Walking for Health steps out for a brisk morning stroll from the Market Hall | | |
| | 10.00 | CoCo Coffee Morning, in the Market Hall. Coffee and Cake – Yum! | | |
| | 11.00 | Sing, Laugh, Breathe again at the Market Hall | | |
| | 7.30 | Neen Savage WI meet at the Village Hall. PAGE 25 | | |
| | 8.00 | Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street | Mike Hermolle | 01299 271384 |
| Thurs 11 th | | GREEN GARDEN WASTE WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY | | |
| | 12.30 | Lent Lunch the Market Hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid | | |
| | 2.00 | The Thursday Girls present a slide show on seabirds by Eric The Fish, in the Market Hall. Admission free. | | |
| Fri 12 th | | The Good Lovelies play at St George's Hall, Bewdley. PAGE 7 | | |

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| Fri 12 th | 6.00 | Family Disco at Sports and Social Club. PAGE 45 | | |
| Sat 13 th | | Coach trip to Cheltenham | Bookings | 01584 891464 |
| Sun 14 th | 12.00 | Hardy Plant Society's Spring Plant Fair, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Hill Road, Bayton Hill, Shrewsbury | | |
| Mon 15 th | 7.30 | The Reading Group gather at the Library, Love Lane. PAGE 41 | | |
| Wed 17 th | 11.00 | Sing, Laugh, Breathe at the Market Hall. The title tells you all! | | |
| | 7.30 | Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall | | |
| Thurs 18 th | | BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY | | |
| | 10.30 | Rock Pathfinders Morning Walk, from Manor House, Whittington. PAGE 7 | | |
| Fri 19 th | | Easter Bunny Hunt at the Sports and Social Club. Time? Don't know! PAGE 45 | | |
| 19 th -21 st | 12.00 noon | Art Exhibition at the lovely Rock Parish Church. PAGE 37 | | |
| Sat 20 th | 9.30-12.30 | Cleobury Country Farmers Market, in and around St Mary's Church | Clare | 01299 272300 |
| | 9.30 | Craft Fair in the Market Hall, visit them both! | | |
| Tues 23 rd | 2.00 | Stroke Support Unit meet at the Sports and Social Club. PAGE 45 | | |
| Wed 24 th | 10.00 | Walking for Health meet at the Market Hall before striding out | | |
| | 10.00 | CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall | | |
| | 7.30 | Clows Top Garden Club meet at Victory Hall. PAGE 11 | | |
| Thurs 26 th | | GREEN GARDEN WASTE WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY | | |
| Fri 26 th | 8.00 | Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall | | |
| Sat 27 th | 12.00 | St George's Day Lunch, Doddington Village Hall. PAGE 53 | | |
| Mon 29 th | 7.30 | The Nearly Dead Poets' Society meet at the Library, Love Lane. | | |
| | | AND LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY..... | | |
| Wed 1 st | 7.30 | Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall | Sonia Pearsall | 01584 890874 |
| Thurs 2 nd | | BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY | | |

EASTER WEEK

This is the most important week in the Christian year, when we remember the crucifixion of Christ and his resurrection. It is fitting that the Benefice Diary on Page 21 lists in detail the Church of England special events and services throughout the area.

And in response to a special request from Judy Reid, on Page 19 we print the Roman Catholic church list of services. In a troubled world where intolerance seems to be growing, let us respect the beliefs of all religions and seek peace.

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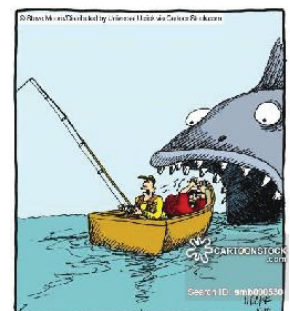
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Mary - A Retail Tale

Ever since Mary Quant and her peers came on the scene I have always loved clothes. Who else remembers Ozzie Clarke et al? Car buying might leave me cold but shopping for clothes, shoes and bags – now you're talking. (I'm so shallow.) This is made even more pleasurable living in Cleobury, thanks to Betty and Gill. Monthly coach trips to Worcestershire in the summer and Telford in the winter enable me to indulge this passion. En route one can enjoy our stunning countryside much of which remains hidden at car level. Fellow passengers are great fun. We laugh a lot and on arrival there are no worries about parking. Wonderful.

Years ago there were times when, wanting to browse in peace, I became fed up with enthusiastic sales assistants. Be careful what you wish for. Nowadays, there can be a complete dearth of assistance in some stores. On at least three occasions recently, I have wanted to buy but struggled to pay. We are all aware of imminent store closures. Not wishing to add to the misery I will not use real names.

Let's take Debaclehums for instance. On one shopping trip I am thrilled to find a garment I like at such a fantastically reduced price that I couldn't possibly leave it on the hanger. I've already got one in that colour but that's never stopped me before. I go to the nearest till. Nobody. I spot an assistant but she is deeply involved with two other customers. I walk to find another till. In the end I walk the whole length of the floor, from top to bottom and from left to right. It dawns on me with incredulity that the assistant I saw is the only member of staff on the floor. The shop is quiet but even so. This is a department store. I return to the first till, its proximity to the only assistant giving me hope. I wait and wait. The purchase is too good a bargain to dump and walk away.

Somebody comes through a staff door and I manage to persuade her to take my money. She is keen to help but anxious and apologetic because she is now working in stock and has not been on a till for two years. Another customer asks if the store still offers a fitting service. The reply is in the affirmative but the customer is asked to come back another day "because we are short staffed today." Where is management? Abandoned ship along with leadership, apparently.

In a smaller shop, The Kaputs, I find a book that one of the grandsons would love. The back is covered in something sticky and it is the only one left. I spot an assistant stocking a shelf and ask if there is any chance of trying to wipe off the sticky. I expect to be fobbed off. Instead she smiles and asks if I would just give her a minute. When she returns the book is pristine. I am so pleased and I also realise so starved of this kind of excellent service that I am gushing thanks.

There is similar excellent service in a large bookshop whose staff always impress me with their extensive knowledge of authors and their works. It is a pleasure to chat with them. They trace a Swedish children's author for me and we learn that his books are currently stuck at Customs. Now there's a turn up!

Shopping is sociable. The demise of the High Street is more than sad. If we are now too busy to do anything but click there is something amiss with work/life balance. Images of Bots to Door delivery should be accompanied by tumbleweed whistling through deserted streets to a tinkling tune, or a protest song: "Where have all the people gone?"

Sometime soon, I say to Hubby, there will be a robot who can do everything I can do. He ruminates. "And then, I'll be able to turn her off!" he says. "I've been born too soon." He wails.

Wait 'till her circuitry goes awry. *Mary*

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MET AT THE MARKET

Claire Nicklin's display at the March Farmers' Market really caught the eye. A parade of tall, circular lamps with their shades in a range of designs and colours, lighting up a corner of the church.

This is Fox and Fettle, a range of designs printed on fabrics of all kinds, and more to come as she experiments with different textures.

Her story is one of success born of determination. She admits that her original art degree was not one that left her feeling well prepared to enter the fiercely competitive textile industry. But she's one determined lady and went on to teach art for eight years, loving the subject but getting stressed coping with the job and the added burden of cancer treatment. So she quit the job and spent three months just painting, putting down ideas that came to mind.

Not sure what to do, she sent five designs to The Silk Bureau in Evesham and they came back as printed fabrics. Breakthrough time - she could see what she where she wanted to go in the future.



Claire with the colourful wall of lamps that were catching the eye at the Farmers' Market.

The lamps she was showing are just an attention grabbing glimpse at what she can offer. Her own range of designs and a huge range of colours available printed locally at The Silk Bureau are complemented by the different fabrics to choose from - close to 100! Silk/cotton blends, linens, pure silks and cotton velvets. What's next? we asked. "I'm looking at jersey for dresses - there's a lot of interest in that area," she says. "I'm keen to develop a range of wallpapers, too."

The demand for quality and individuality that takes you out of the bland and ordinary will always find a market, and as Claire gets around the wider Midlands at fairs and markets the more her business will grow. On these pages we cannot give even a hint of the beauty she produces. Take a look at www.foxandfettle.com to see some of the range in full colour.

ART AT EASTERTIDE

Once again there will be an Art Exhibition at Rock Church over the Easter weekend. Organised under the guidance of artist John Instance, it will feature more than 150 pictures by 35 local artists, proof of the pool of talent in this area. You will also see a range of fine crafts presented.

The doors will be open from 12.00 to 4.30 on Saturday to Monday, the 20th to 22nd and admission is free. Parking in the neighbouring Village Hall is free, disabled parking is provided in the churchyard and there are toilet facilities in the church. Home made refreshments will naturally be on sale..

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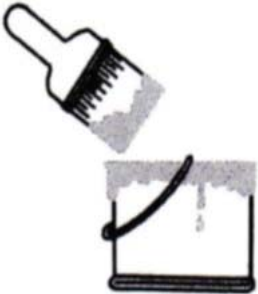
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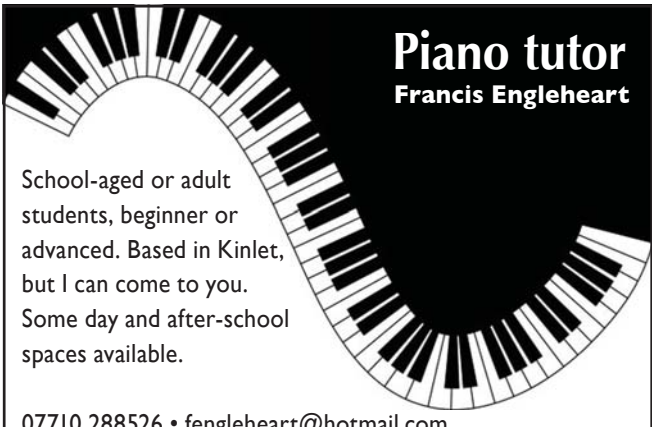
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It's all happening in the forest this month. This would be true for a normal April, but this year spring started early and quite a few seasonal milestones are being turned on their heads. There were reports that Swallows and House Martins were arriving in the southwest at the end of February. I hope they found enough food – the insects they rely on may not have woken from their winter slumbers in time to breed the numbers needed. This is a danger with climate hiccups and changes, which upset the patterns that the life cycles of wild creatures exploit. The example that springs to mind is that of Great Tits, which have been studied by Oxford University in Wytham Woods since 1947. I quote from the project's website:

'Once the chicks hatch, parents embark on what is perhaps the most challenging few weeks of their lives – in the space of two weeks they will transform their naked and blind chicks, weighing about 1 gram each, into fully-formed birds capable of flight, each weighing more than their parents! This is only possible because the parents time their breeding so that they have chicks in the nest when there are lots of caterpillars in the woods. Although caterpillars are plentiful they are only available to the tit for a few weeks, and the timing of this caterpillar peak varies greatly between years. Timing of egg laying is therefore critical – if parents get it wrong, and lay too early or too late, they may not be able to find enough food to keep their brood alive.'

I don't know when the Swallows and House Martins will arrive at Uncllys but Great Tits are the most numerous birds in our garden and probably in the surrounding woods. They

empty our (large) sunflower feeder in a morning but I suppose need the caterpillars to give their offspring a balanced diet.



If the weather is anything near normal I shall be trying to spot the toads this month as they migrate through the woods to spawn. They walk rather than hop, and on a still day you may be lucky enough to track them by the rustling of dead leaves as they make their way to their favourite pond or lake. They produce long strands of dark spawn (unlike the clumps of frogspawn) along the pond margins. When we lived at the end of Kidderminster Road, Bewdley we often saw toads at all times of the year but they dwindled, presumably as the construction of the by-pass took its toll on the Spring Grove lakes. Now that we live in the Wyre Forest we try to make our patch as hospitable as possible to all forms of wildlife and value the visits of *Bufo bufo*, hoping that it will continue to help itself to our slug population.

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THE READING GROUP

Thirteen of us met to discuss Stephen King's novel 'Joyland' which was published a few years ago. Surprisingly only three of us had ever read one of his novels- possibly because the horror genre is not a favourite of the group.

The novel is written in the first person many years after the events that occurred. It is the story of a 21 year old male student's summer job at a Carolina theme park at a time when he is devastated by the ending of his first love. There is a history of a brutal murder in the Joyland House of Horror ride which allows King to bring in a few elements of the supernatural and fortune telling. However much of the book is about the staff and way of life in Joyland where the owner stresses they are there to 'sell fun'. The narrator discovers he has a rare talent 'wearing the fur'- dressing up as Howie the Hound. He also develops a very close relationship with a boy with a life shortening illness.

Almost everyone enjoyed the book and agreed that King is a good storyteller. The 'smell' of the fair was very well conveyed and the 'carny' language was enjoyed e.g a ride is a 'chump hoister'.

Several people would consider reading another of his books.

Our next meeting is in the library on April 15th, when we will mull over Anita Shreve's 'A Wedding in December'.

David Ogden

THE PIONEER REPORT

March was a wet month at The Pioneer Centre. Kids from the schools have enjoyed being here but they did look like they jumped in the pond with their clothes on. We cranked up the heating to make sure clothes were dry overnight but the Activity staff made sure that they had a super time anyway.

We also had a real treat at the end March. Lea, who lives on site, had her friend Isobel over to play. But instead of playing outside, they decided to do some litter picking all around the site. We thought that deserved an extra shout out to say "Thank you"!

The Kitchen team has been really busy this month. With more schools, youth groups and conferences attending, they are working their socks off to cater for all the different dietary requirements. We also just had a wedding blessing here. The food was absolutely amazing, they went all out with a three course meal with a big spread of desserts (most important

course) The cake was gorgeous, Chinese inspired as the bride is from there. The couple live in St Albans but thought the Centre was the best venue for their family that live all around the country.

Interviews have begun for the new intake of activity trainees. I have only met a few but they look like a fun bunch. On interviews they get to have a go on some of our activities to see if they like what we do here, and we get to see a bit of their personality. We look forward to meeting the best of the best in August, which will be here sooner than we think.

Naomi

THE LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to the cooks, helpers and customers who have supported the sociable fundraising lunches which continue on Thursdays [April 4th](#) and 11th.

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CLEOBURY W.I.

We welcomed Sian Hawes to our March meeting. Members and visitors filled the room and there was no space to have mats on the floor or any equipment for this 'Practising Pilates' session. Sian was not deterred and there we were, joining in the exercises sitting in our chairs and standing up.

Pilates helps to improve breathing, posture, balance, flexibility and strengthens core muscles; this gentle form of exercise was enjoyed by everyone. We finished the month with a very lively and friendly Coffee Morning at the Larch Barn.

We are looking forward to next month's meeting when Robin Conwy will speak on 'Witnessing a Crime, an interactive presentation'. Visitors will be very welcome at the Market Hall on Tuesday April 9th, starting at 7.30 pm.

Gabby Franklin

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Big Quiz of March 2018 saw The Beast from The East. This year, it was the turn of Storm Freya, who did not deter a full house attending the Social Club to take part in the Big Quiz 2019 on March 3rd, raising £377 for St Mary's Youth Project. Thanks to all our sponsors of team prizes, to those who donated raffle prizes and to Quizmaster, Karen Gallagher.

April sees the start of a new game- Lucky Numbers. There are more prizes - seven winners each month! Draws will take place at the Committee Meeting, on the first Thursday of each

month. Visit the Club for more information and to enter.

Live music in the Club on Friday, April 5th, with Andrew Pearce, a solo acoustic artist playing covers from the 70s onwards

April 6th sees GKY Dance holding a Casino night, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 each and available from Grace on 07939 638 637.

To start the Easter school break, there will be a Family Disco on Friday, April 12th, from 6.00-8.00pm. £2 entry includes Easter treat.

On April 13th, CM Rugby Club play Trentham, KO 2.15pm

The Easter Bunny visits the Club on Good Friday, April 19th, when there will be an Easter Egg Hunt with activities and Kids Karaoke afterwards. £3 entry includes Easter Egg.

On April 23rd, the Stroke Support Group will meet between 2.00-4.00pm. This month, a Trauma Paramedic will be giving a talk on their very valuable work, well worth coming along to listen.

And finally, Saturday April 27th sees CM Cricket Club play their first home game of the season, starting at 1.00pm.

For more information, please contact our Bar Manager, Tony Barker-Newton on 01299 271448 or via our Facebook Page.

Glenys Turpin

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

The Club met at the Golf Club in March to enjoy an impressive collection of pictures of African wild life, presented by Jonathan Fair. He spent many years in South Africa, and has often

stayed on the Thornybush Reserve, home to ten game lodges of which Jonathan's brother owns two. This has given him the chance to see some of Africa's iconic wild animals at close quarters.

He took us through a typical day a visitor to a game reserve might experience. The day would begin with a 'game drive' in a specially built four-wheel-drive vehicle. With luck the drive will allow close-up views of all the big animals, such as lion, leopard, giraffe, hippo, rhino and zebra, and some of the smaller ones, too.

This is followed by lunch and a rest, then a second evening drive, ending with a camp fire and barbecue. It looked a wonderful way to experience something very far removed from a rainy day in Shropshire.

Jonathan's splendid photographs were followed by a brief AGM. Angela Drennan, who has for some months been acting Chair, Secretary and Treasurer nobly volunteered to continue doing so. We are all very much in her debt.

The Breakfast Club next meets at the Talbot Hotel on 9 April to hear Steve Wilson on 'Cooking up a Life' Those wishing to attend should contact Angela Drennan (270636) to book places.

Mark Baldwin

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Just a quick update on the 292 situation. No firm news yet on any developments although the tightness of the schedule time is still an issue. On the occasions I have seen the 292 going through Cleobury, it has been more or less on time but I gather they are going to lose their best driver so this may change. Some work has been done (although not by the Council) on revisions to the 292 schedule but it looks very difficult to solve the timing problem if only one bus is being used. One option would be to use two buses and run an hourly service but don't hold your breath... It appears that Shropshire Council are having great difficulty finding intelligent life within Worcestershire Council in order to discuss the contract. The Diamond-run college service is still prone to breakdowns and delays although other routes including the 125 are now served by spanking new buses. As the 2A service has been cancelled and the Habberley route is now being covered by the Community Bus service, this has pushed more passengers on to the remaining Bewdley to Kiddy services including the 292. As the current contract only runs until June, time is running short and efforts are still being made to identify other possible operators.

An organisation called Transport Focus has recently completed a comprehensive (approximately 50,000 people) survey of bus users

in England and Scotland. The results for England make interesting reading and Worcestershire features prominently (but not in a good way) The first set of results are based on 26 Local Authority areas with Worcestershire as one. The scores are a combination of 'very Satisfied' and 'Satisfied' and are listed under several headings starting with Overall Satisfaction ratings. Under this heading, Worcestershire comes last with a score of 75%, the best being 95%. Don't worry, it gets worse...The next heading is Value for Money and Worcs comes bottom again with 44%, the best being 72%. Next comes Punctuality and yes, bottom again, with a score of 60%, the best being 83%. The last category in this section is Journey Time and here things improve as Worcs soars to...equal bottom! with a score of 79% compared with a best of 92%.

The second section is an analysis of individual operators and this consists of 5 National and 68 local companies. Diamond Buses have two entries – West Midlands and Worcestershire and we will concentrate on the latter. The headings are the same as before and the same scoring criteria are used. Starting with Overall Satisfaction, dear old Diamond comes...bottom with a score of 60% compared with a best of 96%. As a matter of interest, the next lowest score in this category was

78%... Moving to Value For Money, things don't improve. Bottom again with a score of 35%, the best being 85%. Once again, Diamond shine (no pun intended) being the only operator with a score of less than 40%. Punctuality?, yes you guessed it, bottom with a score of 49%, the best being 87%. In the Journey Time category, there was a better result with a figure of 76%. Unfortunately, everyone else scored more so Diamond were still bottom... The only thing you can really say in their favour is that they are at least consistent.

One other section listed scores for particular aspects of the operators performance and it is interesting to note that the areas of greatest dissatisfaction with your favourite bus operator were ... Condition and cleanliness of vehicles and driver attitude! We could have told them that ages ago. If you want to look at the survey yourselves, it can be found online at:

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 www.transportfocus.org.uk](http://www.transportfocus.org.uk)

I did look on the Diamond website but, oddly, could find no reference to the survey. Nothing on their Twitter site either, as this seems to consist largely of apologies for non running services...

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We shouldn't overlook the contribution the teaching staff make to efforts like this, talking about the event and encouraging children, both shy and confident, to make an extra effort. Special thanks to them.

CATHERTON AND WILDLIFE NEWS

One of our Shropshire Wildlife Trust Volunteer Wardens for Catherton Common reported the first Curlew arriving back on 19th Feb this year. This is a whole week earlier than she can ever recall! Just the one so far but we must remain hopeful. The frogspawn also appeared in our ponds (and unfortunately in some very small puddles!) again a week early, so the signs are there for an early spring.

We need dog walkers to observe the legal restrictions and keep their dogs on a lead and be vigilant if Curlews are to survive in this area. The Skylarks and Stonechats too are very busy and vocal at this early stage, these are also ground nesting birds easily disturbed if dogs are quartering the ground off the lead.

Unfortunately the success of nesting curlew on the common has declined hugely in recent years. This reflects a nationwide decline in the species but is also partly due to the increasing numbers of people, dogs and predators forced onto smaller

and smaller areas of green space. To find out more about how you can help curlews locally visit the 'Curlew Country' website.

In order to protect our ground nesting birds and avoid any disturbance please act responsibly:-

Do not let dogs off the lead roaming across the common between 1st March and 31st July.

Reduce to a minimum driving vehicles off-road onto the common, do not take vehicles where you do not have a right of access.

Keep to rights of way and well worn paths as much as possible when you access the common.

Clive Dean - SWT Reserves Officer South

PRIMARY EGG HUNT

Cleobury Mortimer Primary School will be holding an Easter trail again this year! Come join us at the Market Hall on April 13th from 12.00 until 2.00 pm.

We will be hunting for Peter Rabbit and friends along the High Street. If you can find all of the characters you will earn your very own chocolate Easter egg, donated by local businesses.

The trail will be £2.50 per child, and there will be tea, coffee and cake stalls for you grown ups. All proceeds will go towards the school book drive.

Caroline Harris

LEARN FROM THE YOUNG

I was very flattered when Sarita at the Ever After Nursery asked if I would read a story to the children on March 7th, which was World Book Day. Ever a sucker where children are concerned, I agreed.

But I wanted to write my own story, which Sarita said would be fine by them. I sat down and wrote a rhyming story about Clever Trevor, the Tall Tree. I used to make up rhymes for my sons many years ago, so it wasn't too demanding to come up with a few lines. But would it be interesting for young children? I decided to ask Ava, my six year old grand daughter.

She listened closely as I read it, thought for a little while and said: "I think you should have a 'Once upon a time' in there, Grandad." You don't ask for professional advice and ignore it, so that standard phrase that has stood the test of much time went in.

On World Book Day one rather nervous Grandad stood in front of well behaved children and read his story. It earned a round of applause - very polite of the children to be so encouraging - and I went home happy. And with the highest regard for the carers at the nursery who keep such good order with a gentle touch.

FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

At the March Annual General Meeting, treasurer Heather Kippin reported a successful year of fund raising. A total of £6353.62 was achieved, to help with the restoration and preservation of the church fabric.

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Rosemary Abbiss can remember when they started, with the idea that funds should be raised to provide care when the established District Nurses couldn't cope. "The Charities Commission said we had to raise £15,000 before we could start operating. We did it within weeks."

Raising that much money 20 years ago for an unknown body, even one with the best of intentions, was quite a feat. And they've been providing back-up and special care ever since. There are no special fundraisers within the body of volunteers, but Nightingale has such a good name that a wide range of event organisers work to keep them financially afloat.

They provide care across the board when people need it. Like the very first case they dealt with, a lady nursing her sick husband who slipped and broke her ankle, which meant her going into hospital to have the injury plated. Nightingale brought in care to look after the man.

They will put care into the patient's home to help a family, calling on C M Bespoke Care, their first choice as a source of nursing help with a caring staff of 20, plus other agencies in the area. In a recent case, a man in hospital and nearing his life's end wanted to be at home with his family. It took a lot of persuading for the hospital to agree to his transfer, them rightly being very careful about proper care being available.

Rosemary assured them that good care would be laid on and the man came home to spend his final hours with his family. Rosemary again: "They even called when he was home to make sure we had all the care he needed." The difference that made to both patient and family can only be understood by people who've been there and done it.

This care is available at very short notice, because serious illness does not always arrive at a convenient time. So there's what most people would call a 24/7 telephone service, even if they don't advertise it.

Co-operation with other caring bodies is a vital element in their work and they get a lot of referrals from Cleobury Caring Community, or CoCo as most people call it.

Money is a permanent matter of concern, with the annual

turnover of payments ranging from a modest £3,000 in a quiet year to £14,000 in recent time. Looking after that side is the third member of the central team, treasurer Gill Shorter, who keeps a firm eye on the finances. All of that coming from people working to help them, and every penny raised going to pay nurses to help those in need. When we call these people volunteers, we mean that they work without any payment at all - that is for the professional nurses and carers they call in. If you put a donation, no matter how large or small, into one of their tubs that you'll find in many shops and pubs in the area, you can rest assured it will get to people who need help.

How do they see the future, with more demands upon such voluntary bodies as this when cutbacks grow? Debbie Brown, a medical service professional as well as Chair of the Town Council, has no doubt about what they have to do: "The more people use us, the more we'll have to improve our service."

No wonder they're held in such high regard.

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SILLY BITS

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad I take something for it.

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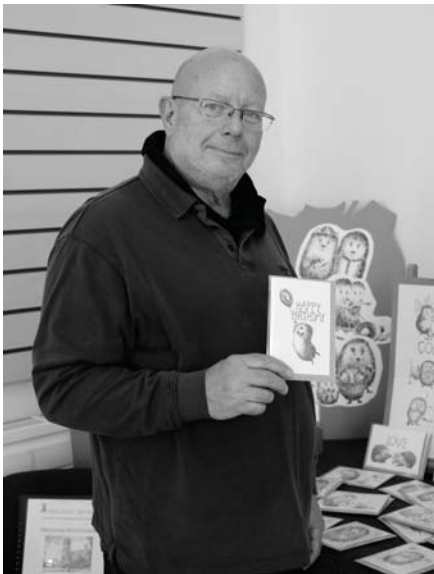
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COLLECTED AT THE CRAFT FAIR

Having given the Craft Fair that graces the Market Hall on every Farmers Market day a plug, we felt it only right to look in and find out about some of the people who support that event.

THE SKILLPIGS

These friendly little animals made their public debut for last Christmas and have been making friends ever since. They are the creation of Dick Skilton, long retired from the headship at Kinlet C of E school and now doing the markets and fair with his wife Barbara, shopping off his considerable artistic skills and printing ability too. Everything they offer is printed at home; nothing is outsourced to another company.



Dick Skilton, the man behind a new breed of novelty animal.

Skilpigs look remarkably like hedgehogs in a variety of fancy outfits, wearing big smiles and generating a feeling of happiness with their appeal. Not a brand that's going to get TV advertising, they're strictly local folk and you can find them in

local shops and at Cleobury's Craft Fair.



Well, you'd trust such a friendly little nurse as this, wouldn't you?

Dick also has a busy service offering finely detailed drawings of notable local houses, used in adverts, letter headings, even wedding invitations. He also does personal commission work and I'll admit that there's an example of that work on the wall of my apartment, painted for my late wife's retirement.

Meet Dick and Barbara at the Craft Fair, look at his work on www.skiltonsartwork.com, or email them at skiltonsartwork@gmail.com

While we're on the subject of the Craft Fair, we must tell you about Marion Wilson's excellent Orange Marmalade. We bought a jar of her last batch and were pleased to see the ingredients simply listed as "Sugar and Prepared Oranges". Such a change from the more common list of chemicals that makes you wonder if the stuff came from a test tube factory. Marion's version tastes as good as the list of contents suggests. Highly

recommended and at £1.80 for a large jar, great value. JR

DODDINGTON NEWS

Following the success of our Burns Lunch, we are holding a St George's Day Lunch with an English theme on 27th April at 12noon in Doddington Village Hall. Entertainment includes English country dancing, with an opportunity to join in, singing and dramatic readings, and food will be typically English (bring your own drinks). Tickets £7 available from church members, Celia on 01584 318036 or eandcgibb@gmail.com; let us know any special diet when you book your tickets. And book 18th May in your diaries for a Quiz Evening. Celia Gibb

TALBOT DONATION

The Talbot were able to hand over the £500 we raised in our Christmas raffle to the men at the fire station. We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets to allow us to raise this fabulous amount. This was all made possible again by the generosity of Mrs Yvonne Walton who kindly donated the prizes.

This just goes a little way to thank the fire brigade for the amazing job they do for us in the community. Many thanks again to all who took part.

We will be holding an Easter Raffle at the Talbot. Call in and buy your tickets - you have to be in it to win it! Val Wilson

SILLY BIT

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

Harrison Ford

If life was fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

Johnny Carson

PLASTIC NOT SO FANTASTIC

Tip Number 10

However hard we try, it is very difficult to avoid plastic completely. Plastic packaging is everywhere. Looking at the recycling bins here in Cleobury Mortimer we are very good at recycling our plastic waste. But a reader recently contacted us to tell us about an alternative - making Ecobricks.

Recipe to make your own Ecobrick: 1. Take a used plastic bottle 2. Clean and dry it. 3. Stuff it full with other clean and dry used plastic (bags, wrappers, labels, anything you can get through the bottleneck)

Once packed solid (with a minimum density of 0.33g/ml) ecobricks can then be connected together and then used as building blocks to make really useful things: furniture, garden structures, walls and even full-scale buildings! Making something valuable out of waste. You can join a whole network of Ecobrickers and see how Ecobricks are being used in different ways around the world- See ecobricks.org.

The Cleobury Mortimer Plastic Reduction Group have all started Ecobricking and would like others to join in. Please let us know how you get on and your ideas of what we could build, individually or together. Get Ecobricking now and we will give you details of what you can do with your finished Ecobricks soon.

Please contact us about this or any other ideas of how to reduce our single use plastic usage in 2019 and beyond; we would love to hear from you. Plastic:Not So Fantastic will promote tips you

send us. You can contact us by email : Neil.tysall@cleobury.org.uk

A CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

We must admit, Shindig are not frightened to break away from the conventional when it comes to evenings at Clows Top Victory Hall. On May 10th, they present the Lempen Puppet Theatre Company's 'Cardboard Carnival' with the promise of "Carnival of the Animals - but not as we know it. A cardboard treat for everyone from 4 to 104."

Tickets are £10 standard and £5 for Under 12s. Obtainable from Rachel on 07788 604 542 or Roger on 07870 522 567. In the usual civilised Victory Hall style, there will be a licensed bar.

AND NIGEL CALDICOTT REPORTS AN EARLIER EVENT AT CLOWS TOP

Clows Top Victory Hall provided the venue for The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc to provide their near capacity audience with a really memorable demonstration of their remarkable fiddling skills and musical expertise.

Hailing from Norway, Sweden and the Shetland Isles, the trio entertained the large audience with examples of traditional fiddle music from their homelands and further afield.

Olav Mjelva from Norway played the Octave and Hardanger Fiddles whilst Anders Hall from Sweden performed using Fiddle and Viola and Kevin Henderson from Shetland played the Fiddle.

Their performance was made without any sound enhancing

equipment, harmonious and well matched. The Chairman of Clows Top Victory Hall, Roger Dyer, said "Everyone here tonight has enjoyed a truly wonderful performance, so much so that we will certainly be looking forward to inviting The Fiddlers Bloc back to Clows Top at some time in the next year."

Nigel Caldicott

LOTTERY SUPPORT FOR STOTTESDON'S CHURCH

Stottesdon's ancient Saint Mary's Church has been awarded a grant by the Heritage Fund to help develop a heritage project in the village. The church has been at the centre of the community for around 1,000 years and will naturally be a major feature in the plan. It is one of only 21 churches in Shropshire listed in the Domesday Book.

Repairs to the fabric of the building as well as improved heating and lighting to enhance outstanding features like the Norman font and Saxon tympanum will be carried out, to help make the church more easily used for services as well as social events like concerts.

Volunteers will be trained to use archives and manuscripts to help create visitor guides and other media to explain the importance of the church. It all means a new lease of life for one of the outstanding buildings in the area.

SILLY BITS

**Kill one man and you're a murderer,
kill a million and you're a conqueror.**

Jean Rostand

**The weatherman is the only person I
know who can be wrong 99.9% of the
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Johnny Carson

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GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND

After 39 years as Caretaker and Estates Manager at Lacon Childe School, Don Carter has retired. During his prestigious reign he saw many changes, from a two site 'traditional' school to the modern institution it is now, as well as the Sports 2000 project which saw the introduction of the extensive sporting facilities including additional playing fields, an astroturf pitch, netball courts and cricket nets.

In modern schools each and every member of staff is key to its success, and a good caretaker plays an essential role in this. Much of their work is unseen, starting in the early hours of the morning, and continuing until late in the evening when everyone else has gone home. They have a thousand and one jobs to do to ensure the school is safe for both children and staff, that it is clean, warm and of course secure. On top of doing all of these jobs Don was always looking for ways to improve on things, to get the small details right. A key part of his job was to manage teams of other staff, including the team of cleaners; of which his wife Rita was one for a significant period. He always managed to get the best out of his colleagues, to ensure the school always looked the best that it could be, as well as remaining happily married!

The school, students and staff have benefitted from Don's love for his local community. To him, working at the school was more than just a job... as he has always wanted the very best for the school. When there were special events on, for example Speech Day and the Bike Show, himself and long term work partner (since 1987) Colin Davis, always worked hard to ensure the school would be seen in the best possible light. In preparation for the Bike

Show in early September every year, as soon as the school day ended on the Friday afternoon, the dynamic duo of Don and Colin would begin working on their plan to get the school ready for an influx of over 50 motorbikes, and several thousand visitors over the weekend. No detail ever seemed too small.

In the days when Don was a part time retained fire fighter, he was ready at a moment's notice to drop everything to get to the fire station as quickly as possible and go out on a call to help others, yet knowing when the 'shout' was over he would have to return to school to finish his work. At Lacon, we have been grateful for his knowledge and skills in this area, as there have been at least two fires he had to deal with; a serious one when a fire caused extensive damage to one of the science labs, and a smaller incident when a boiler caught fire.

Don has enormous charm, a lovely manner and a great sense of humour, which enabled him to build relationships very easily, with students and staff alike. In his younger days, in the 1980's Don was also a keen member of the staff football team. He could slip into almost any position but probably preferred to emulate one of his Spurs heroes, Dave Mackay, as a hard tackling midfielder!

So Mr Carter... Lacon Childe School, its students, parents, staff and governors (past and present), and the whole community, wish to express our admiration and say a huge thank you for the enormous contribution you have made to Lacon Childe School during the past 39 years. You are a special person, a true Lacon Legend, and you are greatly missed.

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The Town Council Report

The Town Council have been very busy during the last month, first of all Co Opting a new Councillor bring our numbers back up to nine, where we should be. We welcome Councillor Liam Roberts, who will add value as he is young and can represent youth on the Council.

We have had a lot of comments on how the traffic flowed so well while the new crossing, which we are grateful for, was being constructed. As a result, we are looking at traffic management through the town at our April 1st meeting, covering the issues outside the new nursing home and High Street from the Tenbury, Childe Road crossroads.

We have had a meeting with Shropshire Officials and a resident at the Newbridge corner, due to the speed at which vehicles enter the Town at the bottom end and are working to provide some traffic management, flashing slow down warning sign and hopefully moving the speed restrictions. We have started the process now and will keep pushing.

Another meeting with Highways was held to address a flooding and drainage issue in College Close, a dropped kerb and disabled bay outside the Parish Hall and re-marking the others in the Town, the state of the steps at the top of the Talbot car park, markings and the road throughout the Town and also the Talbot car park. All of these we vigorously chase constantly with Shropshire Council.

The Councillors, parents and children met at the site of the new Bike Trail for the kids to ride their bikes around safely, where we worked really hard clearing the brush, thinning the trees and digging out tree stumps - hard work! We still have some work to do down there so please contact the council office if you and your children would like to donate a few hours and help.

We have given the go ahead to have the wildflower meadow put in at the Skate Park, which should provide a colourful display with poppies and other wild flowers and will exclude dogs from going on. This brings us onto the twenty-metre square dog training area we have agreed to get done, which we will be working on over the coming weeks, to give dog owners a safe and secure area for training and letting their dogs off. Again, please clear up your dog mess as it is still bad around town, and report anyone not doing so.

The play area is being looked at now with quotes ranging from £50,000 to £70,000 to refurbish and is a main focus to get done. We have also not given up with the adult gym equipment after our application for funding was rejected; we are looking at other ways to fund that project.

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving on with lots of hours spent gaining data and putting together plans for the future as to what we actually want from future developers.

We must congratulate the Primary School for their big moves forward to become Dementia friendly and the work they are doing. Also, the workshops we run to become a Dementia Friendly Town, involving the local businesses.

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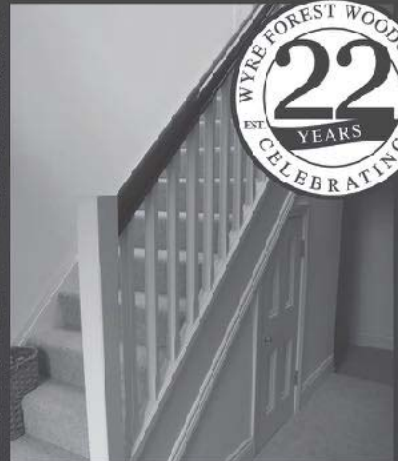
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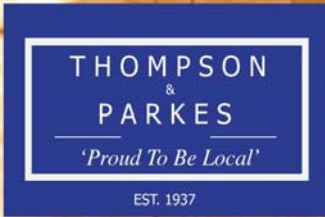
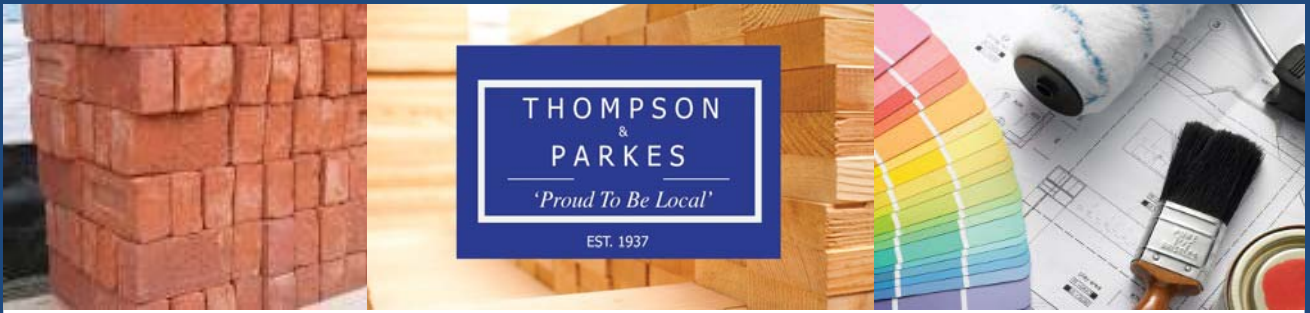
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