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LETTER FROM AMERICA

I'm delighted to welcome a new columnist to the Clarion.



Lisa Baldwin is a psychotherapist located in Irvine, California, who reads the Clarion thanks to my big sister over there. She tells me she enjoys Mrs Grumpy and that Cleobury seems to have a gentle loveliness about it

You'll find her first column on Page 17 and she invites readers to send her questions asking for advice. Contact me for her email address. *Jim Reynolds*

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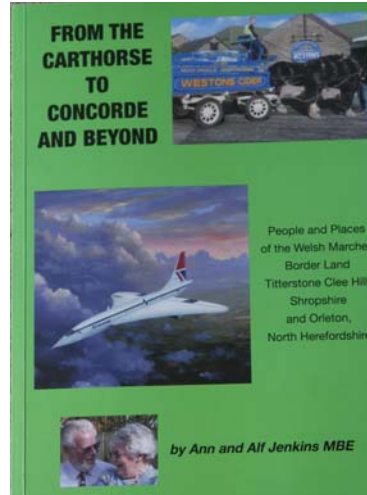
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THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

No less than 16 widely assorted photographers attended the inaugural meeting at The Talbot Inn on May 4th. Paul Serrell-Cooke outlined the idea of a friendly group, with plans to help one another rather than compete, and then handed out copies of a provisional calendar for this year. The Club will meet roughly every fortnight, with a mixture of meetings at the Market Hall and outside trips.

Any photographic device is welcome, from video camera to mobile phone or professional unit. The first outside event was last night, May 31st with the Clee Hill Sunset Trip. The results from that will be shown by those wanting to do so at the Market Hall on June 7th, starting at 7.30. Membership cost was set at £45 for the first year, with provision to adjust hire of the Market Hall is the obvious major cost at this stage.

The friendly atmosphere at this meeting promises well, with help and advice between members the driving force. The Clarion will be happy to report progress and meeting dates for the month ahead will be on our Social Calendar. Wednesday the 7th is the first meeting this month, starting at 7.30 in the Market Hall. Paul Serrell-Cooke is on 07791 378 240.

THE CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

"Reflection" singular or plural was the subject testing a modest number at our May meeting. Sylvia recalled grandparents and parents with

contrasting characters, the former loving and cheerful, her father never seeming to smile, a reflection of four years as a prisoner of the Japanese during the 1939-45 World War.

Marian wrote about the lost relatives whose memorials mark so many graveyards and the number of lives lost to the folly of war. The editor contrasted two generations in the pub, arguing over the price of beer reflecting how the world has changed. The two ladies then exchanged stories of the last great war and the lack of proper sweets. Who remembers Cadbury's misshapes that lacked beauty but not flavour?

We meet again at 6.30 on Monday June 12th at 6.30 in the library to explore the matter of 'Hands'. All scribes will be made welcome.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

For the first time for a year or two, the Club met at the Talbot Hotel on 9 May, when about 25 members gathered to hear Sue Brown ask 'Are You Sitting Comfortably?' Sue is well-known in the town as a chiropractor (and indeed some of the members are customers of hers) who has been established in our High Street for some years.

There was a time when chiropractic was completely unregulated, and anyone could set up as a chiropractor without any training, qualifications, or regulation. Since 1994, however, regulation and oversight has been provided by the General Chiropractic Council and, since

2000, it has been illegal for any unregistered person to describe themselves as a chiropractor.

In brief, Chiropractors diagnose and treat muscular-skeletal disorders, which arise from accidents, or from bad habits of posture. These can be unbalanced loadings on the body (and particularly on the spine) from, say, always carrying heavy bags or backpacks hooked over one shoulder, and always the same shoulder. Prolonged slouching over a computer or X-Box can have deleterious results too, and Sue showed us some X-Ray photos of the unhealthy distortions of the spine which can ensue from these – and from bad driving positions.

Sue then gave a demonstration of the way in which we should get up from a chair, keeping one's head vertically above one's feet, and NOT leaning forwards.

Over half of Sue's patients report lower back pain, and recent statistics suggest that there are some 30 million cases of lower back pain in UK each year, costing the NHS well over £1 million each day, and the UK economy about £40 million each day. Not surprisingly, workers in the construction industry are particularly prone to lower back pain, but it can affect anyone. If we take Sue's good advice to heart, we'll have a good chance of not adding to these worrying statistics.

The next meeting of the club will be held on 13 June at the Golf Club, when Eddie Humphries will be speaking about 'The Wind Beneath My Wings'. *Mark Baldwin*



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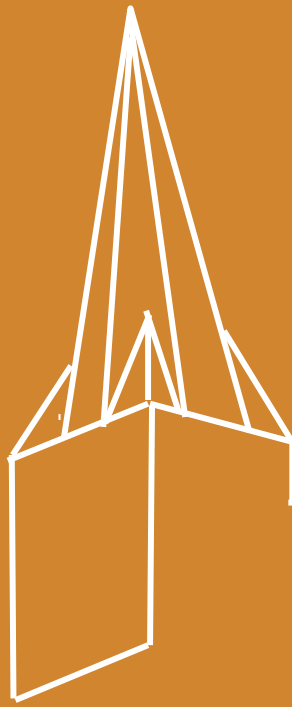
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On Saturday 17th June, at 7.30pm, we will be showing *Three Billboards outside Ebbing Missouri* – an American dark comedy drama in which a mother becomes frustrated at the local police force's ineptitude to solve her daughter's murder. When no potential perpetrators have been identified and the investigation slowly grinds to a halt, Mildred (Frances McDormand) takes matters into her own hands to ensure that the media, local citizens and the police take her plight seriously and find her daughter's killer. Starring Frances McDormand, (Best Actress), Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell (Best Supporting Actor). Bar, tea, coffee and cake. Tickets £5.

THE READING GROUP

Is the octopus the closest we will come to meeting an intelligent alien? A question posed by Peter Godfrey-Smith in 'Other Minds', our latest read. Eye-opening and highly readable, though needs some concentration. It covers biology, evolution, psychology

environment and more. We all gained by reading this illustrated book. Some fascinating facts plus amusing incidents. Difficult to grasp at times but well worth the effort.

Back to fiction this month 'The Sealwoman's Gift' by Sally Magnusson. An Icelandic tale from 1627. We gather again in Cleobury library on Monday 19th June.

I recently had an enquiry regarding joining the group but apologies to the caller as email bounced back, obviously wrong. *Deana Kimber 271754*

STOTTESDON W.I.

An inspiring and realistic presentation on Climate Change from Phil Evans at our WI on 17 May. Phil grew up in our locale and went to Lacon Childe School, inspired by Carl Sagan to study sciences. He is currently Director of EUROSATMET - a collaboration of nations using satellites to measure and report to governments on the earth's climate.

He gave us facts from observations, modelling and weather and demonstrated that we have all the compelling evidence we need. He also acknowledged the importance of sceptics to challenge science. When asked what we could do

about it, he affirmed what we know. We can all play our part in mitigating the effect through our lifestyle and personal choices and use opportunities to protest and to press our politicians and leaders to work together to get to Zero carbon emissions.

Thank you to Phil and for sharing the African proverb "Alone we go Fast, Together we go Far".

We need to all be activists now. It was a serious yet hopeful evening and the cakes were excellent.

Helena Hale

SWIFT WATCH

After a long and anxious wait this Spring, we were able to welcome back our swallows and house martins in April and our swifts in mid-May. With a backdrop of declining number nationally and internationally, we have yet to see what the breeding numbers are going to be here in Cleobury.

Swallow numbers were badly down last year but house martin and swift numbers have been steady for two years or more. Let's hope for warm weather and lots of flies and spiders as food for our magnificent visitors.

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We were treated to an evening of flower arranging, with Clare Bradley expertly demonstrating how to use flowers and foliage from the garden to create natural-looking displays. Three lucky ladies each won a lovely arrangement in the raffle.

It was a glorious evening as twenty members enjoyed a visit to Neen View. The gardens looked beautiful in the sunshine and the spectacular views from the top made the steep climb worthwhile! Buffet-style food, drinks and natter at

the Live and Let Live rounded off the evening.

A big 'thank-you' to Judy, Maggie, Jenni, Sally and new members Pauline and Denise who have worked hard in the centenary garden, weeding and planting new plants. The garden is now looking much neater, and we can look forward to enjoying the garden's first full summer.

Maggie, Wendy and Val spent an interesting day at the Shropshire Federation AGM in Shrewsbury. There were stalls and displays to enjoy, the usual reports and presentations. Ladies from Clun WI explained all about Days for Girls, an award-winning charity set up to make kits which help girls and women around the world to manage their menstrual period. The highlight of the day was the main speaker, Chris Lubbe who, in a thought-provoking presentation, told tales of his days working as a bodyguard for Nelson Mandela. He gave examples from his own personal experiences of the horrors that took place during the period of Apartheid. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as Chris received a well-deserved standing ovation lasting several minutes.

Our June WI Meeting will be on Tuesday 13th at 7.30pm in the Market Hall when our own member, Clare Hadwell, will give a talk on her recent three-month cruise around South America and Antarctica. This should be a fascinating evening and is open to visitors for a donation of £5.

A different venue for coffee and chat will be the Colliers Arms on Thursday 22nd June at 10.30am. Look out for our stand at the Cleobury Festival on Saturday 24th June, when you can find out more about what being a WI member involves.

As always, new members are welcome. Contact Judy 01299 270983 or email judysant10@gmail.com for information on how to join.

Val Sniadowski

THE CONVERSATION CAFE

An intriguing title for a novel place in The Old Scout Hut in Park Alley, off the High Street in Bewdley. As well as a cafe they offer training sessions in a wide span of skills. Curiosity will take us there to see what it's all about in more detail and we will report in a future issue.



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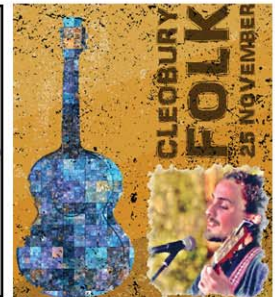
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It's on the Dowles Road out of Bewdley, on a stretch where those glad to escape the jams that blight that fine town can at last get a move on. Only to find this along the route home or maybe to work. How many wheels have been damaged by it, we wonder?

A conversation with one of the crowd gathered for the Photography Club inauguration in May made a

very pertinent point about the seriousness of such hazards if you ride a bicycle. He pointed out how riding through such a hazard in the dark, or through one made invisible by rainfall that makes it look like a puddle, can have a very serious result. In a car it's a thump and maybe a shake; on a bicycle it could mean a fall and injury.

SAINT JOHN'S DODDINGTON

A Wild Day at Doddington! With Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group, held in St John's churchyard. Thursday 1st June 9am – 4pm. A great half term activity, but all ages welcome! Refreshments all day. Come and help us to identify the nature in the churchyard – moths, bees, butterflies, birds, flowers, grasses. We'll have local experts on hand to help with ID and we'll add the records you help us gather to the national map to show the wealth of nature in burial grounds like ours. Drop in any time between 9am and 4pm. Parking & toilets at Doddington Village Hall. Part of Love Your Burial Ground Week.

Celia Gibb

THE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Held in the Cleobury Country Centre on May 19th, the event featured a good selection of local bodies and interests, but public attendance was poor. I estimated one or two.



Council on parade. Town Clerk Dorothy McBride talks to Vice Chair Neil Tysall and behind new Deputy Clerk Sam Dolphin is with Cllr Guy James.

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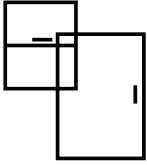


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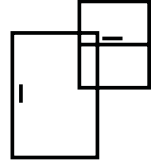
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Mullers had grown as the producer of high quality parts for the Swiss clock and watch

industry. Ideal people to gain Ministry of Defence contracts for aircraft and armaments parts and in the early years of peace the place grew until about 500 people were employed. A sports field was developed and a Sports and Social Club catered for football, tennis, bowls, cricket, motoring, amateur dramatics, dancing and photography. It produced 'The Sphinx', its own magazine named after the Muller company logo. There was a licensed club based at Spregdon House in the High Street. As you can imagine, this was a buoyant time for the town, with so much well paid employment.

The 60s and 70s brought a great deal of change in industry; anyone who worked in Kidderminster will know about that. Mullers faced stiff competition abroad and put in computerised control that saw the labour force reduced. In the 1980s a management buyout was agreed and Swiss control was handed over. The movement of production to other sites with a pool of engineering experience to recruit from made hard sense and in April this year the doors were closed on a piece of local history.

FROM THE BANDROOM

Due to a number of band members being out of action for health reasons, unfortunately we had to cancel our 'Best of British' concert on 13th May. There are still two tickets that haven't been refunded. If you get in touch with a band member, we can get this sorted for you. If you have left them as a donation, then thank you VERY much!

Moving into June a small band will be playing at Neen Sollars Fete on Sunday 18th and the following Saturday at Harvington Fete.

Also, advance notice for any brass band enthusiasts that Pershore Midsummer Brass will be on Saturday 1st July, Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass will be playing in the Abbey at 10:45 and The Angel at 13:45. This is always a good day out.

Please take note that we are still on the look out for some bass players! Please come along to our friendly practices on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

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Ruth Downes

WOOD WORDS

The Bowling Club held its first "Taster Session" on Monday May 15th, attended by over 20 people wishing to try their hand. With guidance from members, talented prospective players were "discovered" who hopefully will go on to join the club with a view to playing regularly.

Club captain Nick Flatters said "It was great to see so many in attendance, my thanks of course to those who came along to have a go." Watch out for details of the next event or contact anyone at the club for further information.

Other news is the availability of a defibrillator in the club house, thanks to club chairman and his wife, Tony and Jean Wilson.

In the Ludlow league victories have been recorded over Craven Arms, Corve and a tie with Teamsters. The Tuesday night Highley League have mixed results, wins over Chelmarsh and Bridgnorth B, not so good against Horsehay B and Worfield A. In the Shropshire senior league victories reported over Bridgnorth B, Much Wenlock and Bowring A

All details on the club website :cleoburybowls.org.uk

For further information about playing bowls contact club captain Nick Flatters on 07952 2 9 6 7 1 0 / e m a i l cleoburybowlsclub@gmail.com

Chris Smith

SOMETHING DIFFERENT



Whatever you think, this is not a domestic scene, even if proud cyclists may think so. It's one of the barns at Heath Farm, where people who like the best of meat go shopping and it's quite separate from the shop.

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Stepping Out! Who's Walking, When and Where.

Has anyone else been struck by the abundance of wild flowers and blossom this Spring? Cowslips in particular have caught my eye along with daffodils, bluebells, wild garlic and wood anemone to name just a few. It's lovely to hear the buzz of the bees in the tree blossom.

Thirteen people joined the Country Walk on Sunday May 7th. It was supported by Wyre Forest SusFest, a festival with the brilliant theme of "Greener, Happier, Healthier". Starting at the Golf Club we followed CMFA walk No 23, The Three Coppices. An undulating route along woodland tracks, pastures and paths; after the heavy rain of Coronation Day we did have to avoid some muddy areas. At one point the route crossed the line of the Elan Valley Pipeline which carries drinking water from Wales to Birmingham. The weather was lovely and the bluebells were in full bloom.

Sunday 4th June is the next Country Walk. Starting outside St Mary's church at 10.00am. This is also the date of the full moon for June. Not

hard to guess why it's called the Strawberry Moon!

The second Walking for Health away day of 2023 is on June 14th when we will be going to Upper Arley. Meet at the Cleobury Sports Centre to leave at 10.00. Transport will be available. Or meet at Arley Car park at 10.15. The car park is opposite the village down the road from the Arley Railway Station. The walk will be on pavements, footpaths and fields, with a short incline to start. We will stop at the Arboretum tearoom for refreshments before walking down to the footbridge over the river to the car park.

Walking for Health on Wednesday 28th June will start outside the Market Hall at 10.00 with refreshments afterwards at the CoCo coffee morning.

In May the work party installed a kissing gate to replace a broken stile in Neen Savage. Two new volunteers joined the group and the extra spade power was very welcome. You may have seen on our Facebook page that Footpath Guardians are needed to look after footpaths in Cleobury Mortimer and

surrounding villages. Each guardian undertakes to look after a length of footpath on their own. It mainly involves clearing brambles, nettles or hedge growth at stiles and gates. This is usually only needed a couple of times a year and doesn't take very long. Tools can be provided if requested. If anyone is interested please get in touch with CMFA on footpaths.cmfa@gmail.com CMFA activities are on our website www.cmfa.co.uk and also on Facebook.

Veronica Hargreaves

ROCK PATHFINDERS

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Last month my neighbour told me she had heard a cuckoo so I hope that by the time you read this there will be several pairs up to their naughty tricks in this part of the forest.



Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary
Photo by Mick Farmer

Butterflies are not seen in droves any more, but we can celebrate every one which we do see. Even in a forest National Nature Reserve which has been managed deliberately to provide good habitat for ‘woodland specialist’ butterflies for over a decade they seem to be hanging on precariously. This month I hope to be able to watch a few Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries, as well as their larger relatives who generally appear on the wing in May. The charity Butterfly Conservation recruits and trains volunteers to count the species they see on regular woodland walks so that there is a record of how well, or badly, each is faring. To quote the BC West Midlands’ group magazine, ‘The purpose of recording butterfly numbers...is to monitor population trends and to feed that

information back into habitat management. There’s little point in doing surveys unless the results are used to improve habitats and, conversely, there’s little point in managing habitats unless the effects of the work are measured.’

At the farm we recently hosted a group of naturalists from Sandwell. They spent the day exploring the orchards and meadows but not venturing very far, focused as they were on the minutiae of the mosses in the farmyard, the invertebrates on the apple blossom and dead wood, the tiny fungi among the grasses and the remains of the cattle’s hay. But they didn’t fail to notice the splendour of the day or the joyful singing of the Garden Warbler as they sat to eat their sandwiches in the garden. Thank goodness we are a nation of amateur naturalists and conservation volunteers: people who can record what they see and help to care for it. This month we are hosting a ‘Pollinators Day’ at the farm to learn more about the fascinating creatures which perform such a vital role in the lifecycles of flowers, trees and crops and find out how our gardens can encourage them. I will also be going to a training day at Lower Smite Farm, the headquarters of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, so that I can identify and record bumblebees in my area. Here are some contacts for any of you who want to find out more about volunteering:

West Midlands Butterfly Conservation:
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Philip Dunne's Letter from Westminster

I am writing this article, with memories of last month's coronation of King Charles III and the subsequent bank holiday still fresh in my mind. The ceremony, steeped in the history of our nation, unfolded in Westminster Abbey, capturing the attention of tens of millions of people both in the United Kingdom and abroad. The constitutional monarchy, with the King at its helm, stands as a testament to the enduring traditions and values of our country.

King Charles III's ascension to the throne marked the culmination of the longest-ever apprenticeship for becoming our Head of State. At the age of 74 when most individuals are well into their retirement, he embarks on his reign, building an example of his mother the late Queen and his own experience as her heir for over 50 years.

One of his most effective contributions was his founding of the Prince's Trust in 1976. This charity helped over a million young people in their education, training, and securing employment. His commitment to this cause reflects his genuine concern for the wellbeing and future of younger generations.

The King has travelled extensively since 1966, representing our nation and fostering relationships with other countries and their people. His wealth of experience in international relations and diplomacy has made him one of the most seasoned practitioners in the world. While his approach may not always be the most tactful, his undeniable convening power and sense of humour have helped him win over sceptics and initiate positive change.

Transcending politics, King Charles III has been a vocal advocate for causes that reach beyond party lines, such as environmental preservation. Long before it became popular, he championed environmental issues, showcasing his foresight and commitment to addressing critical global challenges.

On the eve of the coronation, the King and Queen visited Parliament, spending a couple of hours engaging with MPs, Peers, and parliamentary staff. This gesture exemplified the vital importance of mutual respect between the Monarch and Parliament, a cornerstone of our constitutional settlement. The presence of politicians from all political persuasions, eager to congratulate their Majesties, underscored the

respect and support that our new King aims to earn from the British people.

The coronation itself was a magnificent occasion, seamlessly blending centuries of tradition with the realities of the modern world. The event was witnessed by an average of 18 million viewers in the UK alone, highlighting the enduring fascination with royal ceremonies. It also demonstrated how technology has transformed our ability to experience and engage with such historic moments.

Amidst the grandeur and tradition, efforts were made to ensure that modern Britain was also represented and celebrated. The inclusion of the King and Queen's blended family in the service, as well as representatives of other faiths, showcased a message of diversity and inclusion. Historic firsts, such as the participation of women bishops, girl choristers and a female Lord President of the Council bearing a ceremonial sword for nearly an hour reflected the evolving nature of our society.

In total, 5,000 armed forces personnel and 19 military bands took part. Despite the very English weather - constant rain - there was a celebratory atmosphere on The Mall, with periodic Mexican waves and police officers being cheered. Around six protesters, who were unloading a van of placards, were arrested. In total, the Metropolitan Police said they arrested 64 people for affray, public order offences, breach of the peace, and conspiracy to cause a public nuisance around the Coronation, some based on active intelligence.

While hundreds of thousands of the assembled crowd came out to cheer the King, there was also a very small protest from Republic, the group campaigning to abolish the monarchy and replace it with an elected head of state.

The street parties and gun salutes played their part, and members of the public including here in Shropshire, found idiosyncratic ways to celebrate. From plates piled high with cake to Coronation chicken and quiche, with miles of bunting decorating our shops and streets, across the bank holiday weekend more than 3,000 street parties took place in England alone. Twenty towns in Shropshire, including seven here in the South, put up commemorative plaques on public buildings. In so many ways, the Coronation showed just how important the monarchy remains.

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Lisa Baldwin's Letter From America

Lisa's subject this month: Apologies

QUESTION:

Why is it that when I apologise it never quite gets accepted? I have been told more often than once that I do not seem sincere. What am I doing wrong?

ANSWER

The first part of a successful apology is to really listen to the other person without interrupting. We need to understand the impact our words and/or actions had upon another. The tendency is to begin to defend ourselves. We do this in a variety of different ways. One way is to say that we didn't mean to hurt them, and that our intentions were good. Regardless of our good intentions, the other person is hurt, and we need to listen to how they were impacted by us. Instead of moving toward defending ourselves with our good intentions, it can be helpful to say "Help me to understand how I impacted you." This type of open ended question allows the other to explain how they were hurt.

Another common error is to tell the other person that they are too sensitive and you were only joking. Do not minimise the importance of what they are telling you.

Also, turning the conversation to all the things that the other person has done to you, is never helpful. Stick to the issue at hand, and avoid making excuses. For example, if a friend is telling you that she is frustrated because you are late every time you have plans to meet, don't start listing reasons why you run late and how it is often someone else's fault that you get delayed.

If you are feeling overwhelmed in the moment by the other person's frustration

with you, tell them that you want to consider what she is saying, and that you will get back to them. Thank them for taking the time to explain, and do be sure to follow through and get back to them.

Then take some time to reflect on the conversation. Do you need to behave differently in certain areas of the relationship? Do you need to be more considerate of their sensitiveness? How would you feel if the situation were reversed?

Perhaps you do not agree with their assessment of your interaction? If you believe that you owe them an apology, simply say. "I understand how I have hurt you, and I apologise. Here is what I am going to do to be better in the future." If you do not agree with the friend's view of the situation, tell them "I am sorry that we are misunderstanding one another, and I hope that we can have a continued discussion to consider how to move forward."

If you can do it sincerely, and the relationship is meaningful to you, tell them, and offer a suggestion for future contact. Perhaps something to do together that you both enjoy. But, don't force this, especially if the relationship is not an important friendship, and you just want to maintain a working harmony.

Some people find it helpful to pray for the person whether or not you have a close relationship with them in the future. You are then left with the knowledge that you have concluded on a positive, giving basis.

Lisa Baldwin



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'CARTHORSE TO CONCORDE'

Ann and Alf Jenkins' Masterwork

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An early pleasant surprise for me was reading next door neighbour Des Gwilliam's story, from his birth at Crumps Brook in 1939, working down the pit at Highley and building a successful selling career as a self employed agent. Along the way he played in local bands and played tricks on the likes of ex Ludlow town crier Barry McQueen. He still laughs a lot talking about his memories.

Lionel Preece of Coreley tells a good tale. Like using a big hay knife at the age of just eight and collecting empty bottles from the dump - no rubbish collection then -and adding whatever tops would fit and taking them to the Colliers Arms to be paid three pence each. Or the M&M school bus stopping under apple or damson trees for the kids to pick their choice. Fresh fruit, part of a healthy diet!

In icy conditions the children crowded to the front of the bus so that the rear driving wheels spun and progress was slow. The bus was blamed, not children who knew such tricks.

A quote from Ewart App: "Mrs Edwards often gave me some bread and jam, the fust jam I had ever tasted. The blackcurrants and gooseberries came from the gardens at Railway Terrace. They used to grow some fantastic rhubarb in them 'ouses and it was from emptying lavatory buckets round the plants."

Dennis Crowther, known to many as 'The Bard of Titterstone Clee Hill', he gets a chapter to tell something of his music and comedy talents. Alf knew him as the singer and musician who

called in at the Dhu Stone Inn, the pub where Alf was born and raised, in a quarryman's normal dress of cloth cap, muffler, corduroy trousers and hobnail boots. He was renowned for impersonating the local vicar and giving his own version of a sermon....

Naturally the Hedgehog Preservation Society gets a good plus for its work. Founded by local councillor Adrian Coles, it is run by the enthusiastic Fay, it sends seven hundred press releases to recognised outlets and boasts over 10,000 members.

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David Harewood (Homeland) and Zachary Quinto (Star Trek) play feuding political rivals.

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Live Family Show

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG)

2 & 3 June 7pm, 3 & 4 June, 2pm

Family Film

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Air (15)

5, 6, 8 June at 7pm, Monday matinee 5 June at 2pm

Film

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7 June at 7pm

Film

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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG)

9, 10 & 12 June at 7pm, Monday matinee 12 June at 2pm

Film

Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. Stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen & Mary Steenburgen

My Romantic History (15)

10 June at 7.30pm (contains strong language)

Live Theatre in the Regal Studio

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ROH Opera: IL Trovatore

13 June at 7.15 PM

Live Broadcast

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NTLive: Fleabag (15)

15 June at 7pm

Live Broadcast

Adry-witted woman, known only as Fleabag, has no filter as she navigates life and love in London. Written and performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge

Are you there god? It's me, Margaret. (PG)

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Film

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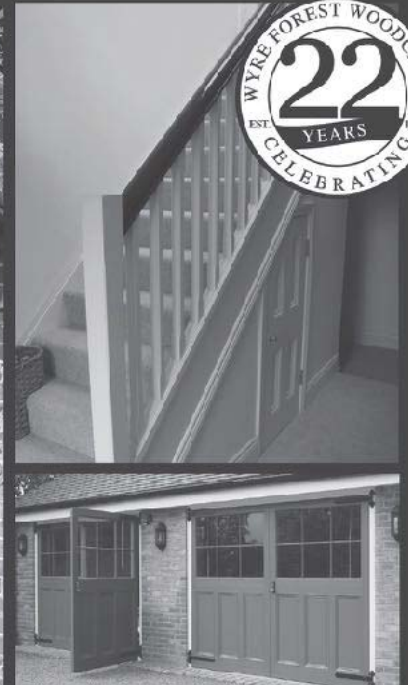
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The Appliance of Science

Like me, you may have spotted a lot in the press about an apparently inevitable apocalypse heading our way. The feeling of doom and dread comes to you courtesy of something called Artificial Intelligence (or, for those who like an acronym, AI). Oh yes, it would seem that computers have got it in for us and, in the very near future, the very fabric of society will be governed by machines that previously could be defeated with a quick Ctrl-Alt-Delete. Now it's payback time, and all the aggression meted out on the Sinclair Spectrums and Commodore 64s in the 1980s has come back to haunt us. They're fighting back, and according to the more flappy-handed members of the press, we're all doomed.

Always one to look on the bright side of things, I've chosen to enjoy the short break in hostilities and make the most of the ongoing technical revolution. Occasionally technology can be a boon, especially for a particularly cack-handed gardener with a memory like a sieve. So now, when I meander around my weed-infested plot, I'm armed with a smartphone packed to the gunnels with clever apps to help ensure I dig up the bad stuff (weeds) and leave the good stuff in (flowers and the like). Sounds a simple enough task, I hear you cry, but until the advent of the plant identification app, I'd be faced with a choice:

Option A.

- Hold off digging
- Walk back to the house
- Take off my filthy gardening shoes (God forbid these ever make it over the doorstep)
- Pad my way through to the bookcase with my small library of gardening books
- After scouring three different books, find a picture that looks a *tiny* bit like the plant I'm about to annihilate/save

- Decide whether it's a weed or not
- Pad back to the door, stick on the shoes and walk back to the flower bed in question
- Try to relocate the plant in question
- Realise I've left my trowel on the doorstep
- Swear a bit, retrieve the trowel and finally, if things are going really well, actually get around to digging said weed out of the ground.

Option B.

- Take a punt and dig it up.
- Realise, some months later, that I'd actually dug up and disposed of perfectly good plants and, by some cruel twist of fate, created the perfect environment for weeds to thrive.

Guess which of these options I would normally (for which read, *always*) take? That's right - option B. Gardening was haphazard, to say the least, and despite my best efforts, I was wrong more times than I was right.

Now all I have to do is whip out my phone, point it at a plant and then wait while some very clever technology tells me if it's a weed or something I should be keeping in the ground a little longer. In fact, this app is so 'smart' that it will also give me Latin names, global prevalence and even poems written or featuring said plant. Admittedly, it's mad, totally over the top and, most of the time, pretty pointless, but it brings me hours of joy without the need to remove my gardening shoes.

Sorry folks, the AI doom-mongering will have to wait for another day - I'm having too much fun with my gardening apps.

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Have you been having problems with your postal deliveries? I get nothing for several days and then a whole bunch of stuff appears. I have recently had two letters arrive, both were sent first class and both had taken three days to get to me. Given that a first class stamp now costs £1.10, you might think that correspondence might actually arrive the next day as promised.

However, some services work well. I recently had suspected cystitis (it's no fun is it girls?) so rang the Medical Centre who advised me to go straight up and provide a sample. I did this and within an hour had a call to say that I did have an infection and that a prescription was waiting

for me in the pharmacy. Given all the problems with the NHS at present, I think this was brilliant service so well done to our Medical Centre.

Got an HP printer? Do you use non HP ink cartridges? It has emerged that HP have hidden a modification in a regular update which prevents the use of non HP refills. It doesn't apply to all models and HP won't say which ones are affected but they have paid damages to customers in a number of countries who have been hit by this. So, if you find your non HP cartridges won't be accepted when you come to fit them, this may be the reason. Apparently, it is possible to disable this feature in some cases but it depends on the model of printer.

Joe Biden made a great song and dance about his Irish ancestry during his (short) visit to Northern Ireland and his (much longer) visit to the Irish Republic. What he never mentions is the fact that he is also descended from a William Biden who emigrated to the USA from Westbourne in West Sussex (that's in England Joe...) in the early 19th Century. I wonder why he never mentions this? Speaking of (ex) Presidents, the Donald has been found guilty in a civil case of sexually assaulting a woman back in the 1990's and told to pay \$5 million. His defence of 'What woman? never heard of her' was not well received...

I see that Severn Trent have raised concerns about the possible effect that the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road will have on water quality as much of the drinking water for Shrewsbury comes from boreholes near the proposed route. I do find it a bit rum to see this when they are largely responsible for the industrial levels of pollution in our rivers...Regarding the new Cleobury treatment plant, the Town Council have asked for clarification in several areas and the Shropshire Council tree specialist has expressed concerns over the route of the overflow pipe. Watch this space...

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There's a clue to the company style when Sarah tells you "You can teach skills, but not care." It showed when I walked into the smart offices tucked away at Upper Baveney Park, off Baveney Lane. She offered a cup of tea and checked who else needed one and made the lot herself. No sign of the boss sending someone else to do it, this is a place where team spirit really works.

That caring attitude carries on in places where they may not be working. Like Bonnie in a supermarket, recognising that a lady was unloading her basket because she couldn't pay for all that she wanted. Bonnie helped her put it all back

and forked out to help with the bill; a clear case of care not being taught, but part of a decent character.

So how is this service funded in this time of almost every care business looking for such help?

"There's NHS funding, local authorities and charities like the Nightingale Nursing Fund - they're really a great help. We offer training to other companies and other training sources as necessary. Shropshire is a good authority to deal with, they have easy lines to communicate upwards if you need it."



The team Leaders. From left: Sarah, Clinical Lead and Nominated Individual; Melissa, Deputy and Routing Manager; Sonia, Care Quality Champion and Training Manager and Bonnie, Care Quality Champion.

Seated in regal splendour is Michelle. Registered Manage

Sarah herself still gets out on the road to make care calls, it's a habit she won't drop because she then sees the job as those she employs see it. It also guides future planning, like offering a 24-hour package because the finance available doesn't cover the real cost of travel between calls in this widespread country area. She did step back from the caring task to do eight months work for the Department of Work and Pensions. But she came back to this side of the business, where care is all important

Sarah is the Nominated Individual and Michelle the Registered Manager, who's worked her way up from starting as a carer to this senior management position, with Mel as her Deputy Manager.

At their Pre-Pandemic peak the headcount at Upper Baveney was 58, down a shade to 40 in the more stringent present. But all of them caring people who are trained to deal with problems or who to refer the matter to. Their business and their ambition is giving care to those who need it. And they do it well.

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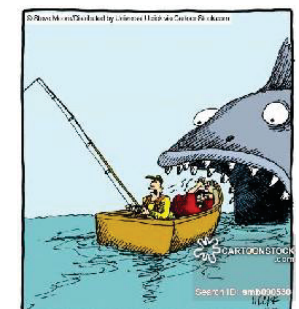
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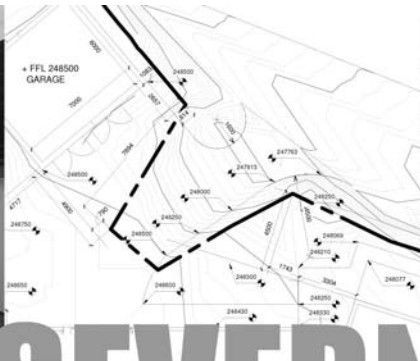
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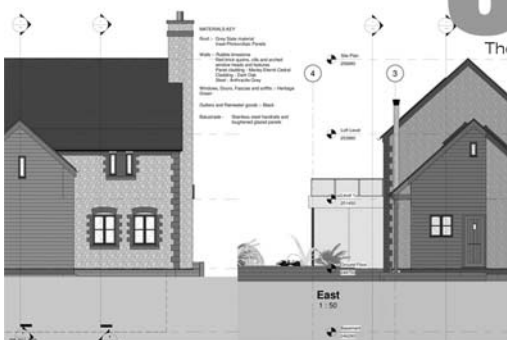
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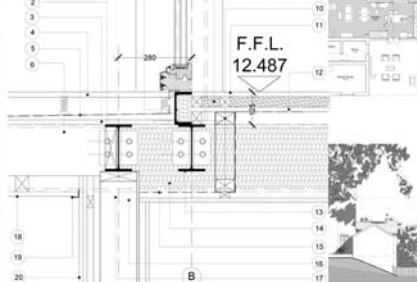


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LUDLOW DOG DAY

It's been sorely missed with the Pandemic stopping its operation. But next month, on the 24th, Ludlow Dog Day will be back. At Stokesay Court, on the A49 north of Ludlow, with the gates opening at 10.00 and the Show starting at 11.00.

It's organised by the Ludlow Round Table and profits made are donated to local charities. Seven Shows so far and £140,000 raised to help local causes, a quite remarkable track record.

There are no less than 20 classes for dogs to contest, ranging from the Waggiest Tale via Most Handsome to the more demanding business of simple Racing. Over in the Display Ring there will be

displays by a range of doggie bodies, including the wonderfully titled Paws For Thought.

It's designed for dog lovers and families to enjoy, with trade stalls to help established owners and persuade those just thinking about having a dog to decide. Any dog owner will confirm that it's great to come home and be greeted by a wagging tail and a licking of your hand; no matter how bad your day may have been.

Early Bird tickets for the Show are £10 for adults and £5 for 5 to 16 year olds. Family tickets for two adults and up to three children are £25. That's if you prebook; pay on the day and the prices rise to £12 and £6 Car parking is free.

HOW MUCH?

I'm just back from the Medical Centre where I had a blood test. Talking to Mandie we exchanged holiday plans and experiences; she and her husband went to Sardinia, which she says was beautiful. But when they had a drink in the hotel, he had a pint and it cost £17! I used to amaze people with the tale of my son buying me a Guinness in Raffles Hotel in Singapore about eight years ago, when it cost £13! Frightening.

Do you think there's an International Teetotal Drive to persuade us all to opt for clean living and drinking? Let's not go there, or the price of a cup of tea will be the next big shock.

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Here we are in June with the promise of some kind of summer ahead of us. It's been a rather gloomy start to the year but brightened up with 5 bank holidays, from Easter to the Coronation. These are the times that honest law-abiding people like us can relax and enjoy time with friends and family. Not so with the ever-active fraudsters who use these occasions to up their game when some of us might let our guard down.

The focus of many of these scams is what's called 'Transfer' scams or what the banking industry calls 'Authorised Push Payments' or APP's. In our simple lay man's terms these are Bank Cash Transfers made by a victim to a scammer. Not that long ago Banks refused to reimburse victims of these frauds as they claimed that the victim knowingly handed over bank details allowing the scammer access to their funds. A typical scenario of so-called 'authorised' frauds would be an account holder being tricked with fake purchases, impersonations or even cruel romance scams, which were not fully protected by bank guarantees.

In 2022 nearly half of the £485 million stolen by fraudsters in transfer scams last year was not reimbursed, due to Banks dragging their heels and blaming the victim for being careless. Of the £485.2million extracted from such victims in 2022 only £285.6million, or 59 per cent, was reimbursed. Payment regulators are considering new regulations requiring banks and building societies to reimburse victims of authorised push payment (APP) scams fully where the loss is greater than £100 which is good news for the victims.

However, Finance Industry chiefs do not agree, on the basis that if they universally repaid all claims of scams, the public would not take enough care and responsibility for protecting themselves. As scammed money rarely gets recovered the Banks would end up paying out and customers that are more

careful or have not fallen to scams would end up paying the price in higher charges.

Of those Banks that have signed up to a voluntary reimbursement code, nearly 66% of APP scams have been reimbursed. One particular Bank (TSB) that operates its own guarantee recently said its policy saw 97 per cent of money paid back to scam victims. A staggering excess of £1.2billion was stolen through fraud in 2022, according to the UK Finance annual fraud report - equating to more than £2,300 every minute. The good news is that these figures have fallen slightly in the last 2 years but the volume of cases, at 207,372, rose by 6 per cent. Nearly all of these involved personal accounts. 78 per cent of APP fraud begins online and 18 per cent over the phone.

So, what does this mean for us? Simply, it means that awareness of possible scams is critical and being able to identify the early initial approaches via email, telephone or text message goes a long way to cutting off a scam long before it gets to the stage of you inadvertently disclosing personal details. In previous articles I have outlined some of the most effective scam approaches and I urge you to remind yourself and your friends and families of the simple steps you can take to protect yourself.

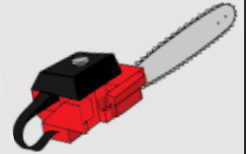
Remember that scammers over the phone can be very persuasive, convincing and can get aggressive if they don't get what they want. Banks, building societies, Financial Institutions and Government agencies whoever they claim to be, will NEVER adopt tactics like this and indeed are unlikely to call you out of the blue anyway.

Social Media has many benefits but also provides many opportunities for scammers to locate victims and prey on them. Follow your instincts and the guidance offered and try not to be in 2023 one of the 207,372 cases reported in 2022.

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As if it's June already! The days have longer light and the warm weather is finally here. This means that our decking is finally getting used again and people can enjoy a refreshing milkshake, iced coffee or just a place to relax and enjoy a safe space. Hub Youth are doing more outdoors and we are booking family outdoor climbing days throughout the summer.

FOCUS ON: Cleobury Festival - SATURDAY 24th JUNE

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We are really looking forward to the Cleobury Festival Day on the playing field in Cleobury. Obviously we can't get our Climb61 bouldering wall on the field so we have partnered with Cleobury Mortimer Town Council and Redpoint Climbing Centre, Birmingham to bring climbing to the festival. We will be hosting the wall for the day with donations going towards the running of the Cleobury Community Hub, for our community.

We're already looking ahead to the summer holidays. We are running two holiday clubs for 5-11 year olds throughout the summer holidays as well as several family climbing trips. Please keep an eye on social media for specifics as the climbing trips will be weather dependant. More information will be in the July Clarion.



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LADIES NIGHT - 1st June and the following month - 6th July.



Welcome to the new Chair..... John Greaves

I am originally from Codsall (near Wolverhampton) and have lived in Cleobury since June 2014. I currently work full time for a net zero energy think-tank looking at ways to decarbonise the energy mix through industrial innovation, government policy and corporate investment.

Growing up, my parents owned a holiday home in Doddington and I have happy memories of exploring the local area during my childhood. I am proud to be part of the Cleobury Mortimer community and to have the opportunity to lead the Town Council.



Dorothy McBride is confirmed as the newly appointed Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, assisted by Samantha Dolphin in the Deputy Clerk role.

Vacancies

The Town Council currently has three Councillor vacancies. If you have a good knowledge of, and interest in our community, have good communication skills, are keen to work with community partners and can attend monthly Town Council meetings then please consider joining us. For more information, please contact us 01299 271154 or email council@cleobury.org.uk.

Annual Town Meeting/Annual Town Report

This year's Annual Town Meeting was held at the Cleobury Country Centre. Representatives from community groups and organisations were present at this public meeting along with the councillors. We would like to thank all the representatives for their support. If you would like a copy of the Town Council's Annual Report 2022/2023 it is available from the Council office, Cleobury Country Centre, or by contacting the Clerk on 01299 271154 or email council@cleobury.org.uk. The report can also be viewed on the Town Council's website www.cleobury.org.uk.

Cleobury Festival

The Festival volunteers' group are working really hard finalising the details for the Cleobury Festival on Saturday 24th June 12.00pm-7.00pm. The event will be held at the Sports & Social Club Field and has a packed itinerary, including Dog Show, Falconry, Climbing wall and much more. Keep updated with what's on through Face Book – Cleobury Festival.

Meet the Councillors

Come along to the Market Hall on Saturday 17th June between 10.00am-12.00pm to meet your councillors. Have your say by completing the Council questionnaire and ask the councillors about any pressing issues.

Neighbourhood Plan update

The Regulation 16 consultation was completed in early March 2023 and the next step will be the appointment of an independent examiner who will assess the plan to ensure it meets the statutory requirements. We are hoping this will commence in June 2023 with the final report submitted to Shropshire Council in September.

Once the findings from the examiner have been addressed, the NDP will go to a public referendum organised by Shropshire Electoral Services. The referendum must achieve a simple majority public vote in order to become law and part of Shropshire's Local Plan and we are hoping this will take place towards the end of 2023.

THE SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE

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10.00..Rock Pathfinders walk from Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8LE PAGE 21
- Sun 4th 10.00 CMFA Country Walk, starting from the Parish Church. PAGE 21
- Wed 7th DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS EMPTIED TODAY
6.00 to 7.00 Late Night at the Food Bank, Market Hall.
7.30 Photography Club meets at the Market Hall PAGE 5
7.30 Whist Drive at Doddington village hall
- Sat/Sun 10/11th Blacksmithing course at Conversation Cafe, Bewdley PAGE 30
- Sun 11th 6.00 Joint church barbecue at Farlow and Oretton village hall. PAGE 17
- Mon 12th 6.30 Creative Writing Group gather at the library, PAGE 5
- Tue 13th 7.30am. Breakfast Club gather at The Golf Club on Wyre Common PAGE 5
7.30pm Cleobury W.I. meet at the Market Hall. PAGE 11
- Wed 14th GREEN BINS GARDEN RUBBISH BINS EMPTIED TODAY
10.00 Walking for Health starts from the Sports Centre. PAGE 21
10.00 CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall
- Thu 15th 10.00 Rock Pathfinders step out from Hare & Hounds, Shenstone PAGR 21
- Fri 16th 8.00 Bingo Night at Doddington village hall
- Sat 17th 9.00 Cleobury Country Farmers' Market.In and around the Parish Church.
10.00 to 12.00 noon. Meet your Councillors. In the Market Hall.
7.30 Flicks in the Sticks at the Parish Hall. PAGE 9
- Mon 19th 7.30 The Reading Group gather to compare notes at the library. PAGE 9
- Wed 21st DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS EMPTIED TODAY
7.30 The Photographic Club meets at the Market Hall. PAGE 5
7.30 Whist Drive at Doddington village hall PAGE 5
- Thu 22nd 10.30 Cleobury W.I.coffee and chat at The Colliers Arms. PAGE 11.
- Sat 24th 12.00 noon. THE CLEOBURY FESTIVAL on the Sports Field. PAGE 7
2.30 Afternoon Teat at Melville Chapel, Oretton. PAGE 17
- Mon 26th 7.30 The Nearly Dead Poets Society meet at the Library.
- Wed 28th GREEN BINS GARDEN RUBBISH EMPTIED TODAY
10.00 Walking for Health starts from the Market Hall. PAGE 21
10.00 CoCo Coffee Morning, Market Hall, Church Street.
- Fri 30th 8.00 Bingo Night, Doddington village hall.

AND LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY:

- Wed 5th DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS EMPTIED TODAY
7.30,,Whist Drive at Doddington village hall.
- Sat 8th 9.00 to 4.00 Wild Day at St John's Church, Doddington.

REGULAR EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Mon 8.00 Bingo Night at the Market Hall
- Tue 2.00 Friendship Club meet at the Parish Hall.
- Thu 10.00 Drop In at St Mary's church to chat and maybe share a problem
7.00 Tina Hobin gives lessons in the Birth Dance and good health at the Market Hall.

**THE PARISH HALL
REPORT**

Extracts from the chairman's report to the recent Parish Hall AGM

The chairman named the committee and their particular areas of responsibility:

Gabby, Chair; Janet, Treasurer; Robert, Deputy Treasurer; Vicky, secretary; Dick, deputy chairman; Geoff, Town Council representative

The chairman thanked the committee for their work and support, which had particularly included work on the hall tower. Robert had succeeded in raising grants to help with this work from the Town Council and others, for which the committee are very grateful.

Banking was brought into line with current requirements for charities and guests can now pay electronically; the Hall is now part of the Gift Aid scheme. The electrical system in the hall was examined and work done to bring it up to standard, for which a grant was given. An extractor fan was installed to combat mould in the kitchen.

The bar was rebuilt and the roof of the new ladies toilet repaired.

The Ealing Comedy Festival did not prove popular, but the Burns Night and Bavarian Oompah evening proved to great successes.

Future entertainments include a Band Dance on August 25th, the Cosford Military Wives Choir on October 7th, a Folk Evening on November 25th and a

Christmas Bazaar in December.

The Trustees manage upkeep of the two neighbouring cottages and have had new kitchen, fence and fire alarms fitted and the electricity system updated.

ADAM'S JOURNEY

Adam Ponsford reports on the fund raising for his big African trip later this year:

The fundraising last month didn't start so well with us having to cancel the Bingo due to several involved having Covid. However, I am pleased to report that this has now been re-scheduled for 16th June. Please let us know if you hope to join us as it makes things easier setting up the hall.

We had a great turn out for the Quiz, which was kindly run by Keith & Terri Walton, so a huge thank you to both of them. A massive £640 was raised on the evening.

We are taking orders for Father's Day Chocolate boards at a price of £6.50 each. If interested please give us a call on 01299 841032.

I will be having a craft stall at Cleobury Festival on 24th June; it would be great if you could pop along and see the latest things I have been making.

Thank you everyone for your help in supporting my journey. Just a reminder about this month's Bingo:

Friday, June 16th. 7.30 at Kinlet Village Hall. £15 for six games.cash and many other prizes to be won. Licenses bar and snacks available.

Adam

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WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCIES	Severn Trent	0800 783 4444	
NEWLIFE CHURCH	Pastor E Stirrup	01562 630595	Sunday services at 10.30



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FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Gym 
- Exercise Classes 
- Sports Hall 
- Outside Astro Pitch 
- Netball 
- Tennis Courts 

OPENING TIMES

MON	7.30am - 10am 10am-12.30pm GP Referral 3.30pm - 10pm
TUE	3.30pm - 10pm
WED	7.30am - 10am 4.30pm - 10pm
THU	4.30pm - 10pm
FRI	7.30am - 10am 3.30pm - 10pm
SAT-SUN	7.30am - 1pm

Pre booking not required for Gym use.
Induction or Disclaimer required
in advance of use.

CLASS TIMETABLE

MON	9.15 - 10am 6.30 - 7.15pm	GENTLE AEROBICS BODY PUMP
TUES	9.15 - 10am 10.15 - 11am 6.15 - 7pm	YOGA YOGA TRX
WED	5.15 - 6pm 6 - 6.45pm	PILATES CIRCUITS
THU	6 - 6.45pm 7 - 7.45pm	STEP SPIN
FRI	6 - 6.45pm	STRETCH & RELAX

Pre-Booking required for Exercise classes
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