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DEFIBRILLATORS

AT HOPTON WAFERS

Hopton Wafers Parish Council have made a positive move to help anyone in that area suffering a cardiac arrest. They have bought three defibrillator units that have been installed at the Village Hall, Hopton Bank Garage and Doddington Heights Park Homes.

What this means is that in the event of a cardiac arrest, anyone with the sufferer can access the unit and get instruction in using it to keep the patient safe until help arrives. This would normally be one of our Community First Responders, who in turn will tend the case until an ambulance arrives. In a rural area like this, such a wise move is to be praised, as it is inevitable that an ambulance will take time to reach the site.

The units are mounted on outside walls, in bright yellow cabinets that makes them easy to identify. They will be checked regularly and the Parish Council will continue to support with replacement parts and training sessions. **More on Page 49.**

THEIR BIG DAY



They've been an item for a long time and on July 1st Adrian Satterly and Wendy Chadwick tied the knot and became Mister and Missus Satterly.

It was naturally a local event. The wedding in the Parish Church and the reception across the road at the King's Arms. "We would like to thank everyone that came to celebrate our day with us and also for their kindness and generosity," said Adrian. We wish them every happiness.

ACTION AT LAST

The Town Council have taken positive action on the matter of dog fouling and nuisance. The Town Clerk has completed a training course at Shrewsbury and is now on the Shropshire Council's register as a Reporting Officer.

This means that he will report dog fouling to the County Council and they can then take one of three actions from the report. The first will be to take no further action, the second to issue a warning and the third to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 (reduced to £50 if paid within ten days), or prosecution of £2,500 for littering or £1,000 for dog fouling.

There will be no decision taken here at town level, it will be a matter for the Shropshire Council officer concerned to decide what is most appropriate in the circumstances. What it does mean is that the offence of dog fouling, and the possibility of infection of children playing on one of the town's fields, is being recognised as illegal and is a serious matter.



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THE LACON LOTTERY

Winner of the June draw was Rachel Krufft Wetton, whose £10 ticket for the season won her a handy £88.50. That's what you call a result.

THE FAR FOREST SHOW

Since becoming a full weekend event, the Far Forest Countryside Show now draws around 10,000 visitors. Here to see the mix of countryside pursuits, arena events and stalls selling a variety of products, from wine and gifts to live chickens.

This year's show is on August 12th and 13th and promises to be better than ever with Saturday evening entertainment and a programme of talks and displays in the horticulture marquee.

The Medieval Combat Society are headlining in the main arena and other acts include The Falconry Centre whose interactive show is always spectacular and popular, and displays by Zennor's Dance and Musical Theatre Academy.

The lower arena will host two days of canine capers, including IQ competitions and a fun dog show to enter as well as Dog Agility and Obedience displays from visiting teams. There are a considerable number of animal exhibits as well as new for this year, take a walk with an alpaca.

There will be displays of farm machinery including classic tractors and stationary engines. Displays of vintage cars and

caravans contribute to the nostalgic atmosphere.

Live music from the music stage, rides and activities for the young and not so young, including inflatable football darts, pony rides and tractor rides. There will be a treasure hunt for children of all ages to find the Alice in Wonderland characters. All will be welcome, in fancy dress if they wish.

The show offers a range of sandwiches and cakes provided by the Far Forest WI through cream teas to gourmet burgers. The food marquee is always a great attraction with locally produced products on sale to take away.

There is a licensed bar and teas and coffees are also on sale around the ground. On Saturday evening entertainment will go on until 10 pm with the bar open until 11pm, so visitors can stay and be entertained in the Callow Hill Showground. Overnight camping is available.

Further information and advance ticket purchases can be made by visiting www.farforestshow.co.uk

THE BEWDLEY FESTIVAL

Susan Humphries has early news.

The opening night on Friday 6th October will be poetry "but not as we know it" with Roger McGough, appearing alongside musicians and poets Little Machine, who have glowing testimonials from Carol Ann Duffy. The Festival's finale

features that great impressionist Jan Ravens as Theresa May and many other 'Difficult Women'. In between there will be famous names from radio, Woman's Hour's Jenni Murray, and television, architectural historian Dan Cruickshank, plus some great music acts, including Tom Robinson as part of his short and exclusive 2-4-6-8 Motorway Tour.

The daytime programme brings another treat for fans of 'The Archers', Lesley Smith will definitely appear as Boudica and our war commemoration piece is an award winner from the Edinburgh Fringe. Both the Women's Institute and Birmingham Town Hall will be celebrated and whether you are addicted to, or bewildered by, cryptic crosswords there will be a talk by a national crossword compiler with a very special twist exclusively for Bewdley Festival. And, of course, there will be another sell-out lecture by Max Keen.

The art exhibition features the "big, gutsy oil paintings" of Keith Turley RBSA on the theme of 'All in a Day's Work'.

We are doing our best to make this 30th year programme as memorable as possible. For full programme details, and to buy tickets, visit www.bewdleyfestival.org.uk

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Carole and Keith Evans would like to thank all the people of Cleobury who have enquired about Keith's health after his sudden stay at Alexander Hospital. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have been given. Thank you to everyone who looked after Alfie and offered to look after him whilst I visited Keith in hospital.

We feel very lucky to live somewhere like Cleobury, where people are so very kind and helpful.

We would also like to thank Cleobury Medical Centre, who put 'the wheels in motion' so quickly for Keith's diagnosis and treatment.

Carole Evans

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

No Flicks this month, as the service takes a summer break, but Sue Griffiths has advised us of the very attractive autumn programme for the monthly Parish Hall gatherings.

They'll be back on September 23rd, with the acclaimed 'Hacksaw Ridge' and the true story of Desmond Doss. He refused to bear arms during the 1939-45 World War Two, on religious grounds, but managed

to save 75 men in the Battle of Okinawa without firing a shot. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honour for his bravery.

In October the feature is 'Jackie', the story of Jackie Kennedy facing life after the shooting of her husband on that awful day in Texas. And to warm our hearts when November's chills are gripping, 'Sully' is the story of Captain Chesley Sullenberger landing his crippled jetliner on the Hudson River and all 155 passengers coming out alive. To add to the story, there's the further battle he had with the bureaucrats who said he could have safely made it to an airport.

All at the Parish Hall, where admission is a mere £3.00. Top value!

CLOWS TOP SUMMER GARDEN SHOW

Saturday August 19th is the date for this year's Summer Show at Clows Top.

The show is open to anyone who likes to grow vegetables or flowers, making your own jams, cakes, or handicraft and floral art skills. There's even a children's section so something for all the family. The show is in Clows Top Victory Hall with plenty of parking at the rear.

Schedules are available from Clows Top Shop, Colliers Farm Shop and Forest Stores.

The Show opens at 2.00pm; admission £1.00.

There will be horticultural exhibits, refreshments, tombola, plant stall and other side shows. Stall holders can pre-book with Marion Wilson. The cups will be presented at 4.00pm followed by the raffle draw.

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Pauline Bowen

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THE FIGHTING COCKS ARE TOPS



Top Team, the people who make the Fighting Cocks such an outstanding pub. From left in the background: Sarah, Eleza, Hilda and Toni and in front Bre and Mark (Photo by Dave Braddon of Bridgnorth CAMRA)

The Fighting Cocks at Stottesdon is back in the awards again. On June 27th they had a visit from the Bridgnorth branch of the Campaign for Real Ale, who were there to celebrate the Cocks winning the Rural Pub of the Year title for the sixth time! The award was handed over by Bridgnorth CAMRA chair Eleanor Haddon, who spoke warmly of the way the pub has been uprated yet still offers a real country welcome.

The place is a tribute to the commitment of Mark and Bre,

who have given a smart new face without losing the friendly touch that has long been its hallmark.

We naturally ate there, even though the editor had to leave his very fine steak and try to get a picture of the presentation. Was it his clumsiness or lack of sustenance that got the camera confused and the pictures ruined? Fortunately the friendly people from Bridgnorth CAMRA came to his rescue and Dave Braddon provided the shot you see here. Another good experience of the Cocks and outside was evidence of more going on. We'll tell you about that in a later issue

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

August is traditionally the month for a well-earned break. If you're going away make sure that the garden can cope with the summer heat. If you can, ask a friend to call in to water the plants, outdoors and indoors.

Geraniums are one of the most popular summertime garden plants. Many gardeners use them as summer bedding and then discard at the end of the season. But they can be kept, with protection, until the

following year, and are also easy to propagate from cuttings now.

At the June meeting it was the club's Rose & Sweet Pea Show. Some good specimens were entered despite the rain; many thanks to Anne for judging the show. The results were: 1st Marion Wilson, Joint 2nd Madge Edwards & Chris Cowdell. Best Exhibit Chris Cowdell.

Our next meeting will be on August 23rd, when Graham Stevens will talk about Hedgehogs.

Pauline Bowen

THE SOROPTIMISTS

We are delighted to report that our Walk and Brunch in aid of Handicap International raised a magnificent £200. Club members have taken part in the 'Race for Life' at Worcester Racecourse on July 16th in aid of and organised by Cancer Research UK.

As is customary, there will be no regular club activities in August, but there will be an Afternoon Tea Party in aid of the 'Meru Day of Action', organised by one of our members for August 5th. This is open to all. For further details and tickets contact: parc.pamartin@talktalk.net or telephone Pat Martin on 01384-636884

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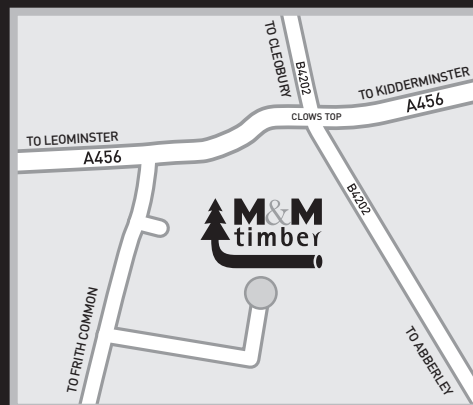
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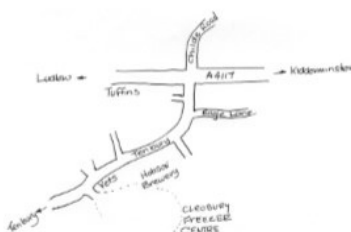
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THE POETRY CLUB

A slight air of panic opened our June meeting, when the key to the library wouldn't work! We later learned that the lock had been changed but the spare key not updated. As it was a warm summer evening, we took over a bench on the Sports Field to support

the bar in the Sports and Social Club and welcomed newcomer Janet Dickinson. She is a native of Milson who used to work in Jack Barratt's fine old grocery shop on the High Street.

We were reminded that the man who originally campaigned to get the club started has moved on and never attended one of our friendly evenings. The resourceful David Walford rose to the challenge and penned a poem to our absent friend. This is for you, Simon, the absent poet of C.M.

He promised so much the absent poet
Perhaps he is locked away in his closet
Would have been great to hear some lines
But never mind, here are a few of mine
Let's try a Haiku I am sure that would do

Spring

*Metamorphic Spring
Colourful petals, birds sing
Swans with angel's wings
Or perhaps a Tanka instead*

Summer

*Summers heat blue skies
The rolling fields of barley
Where red poppies hide
The harvesters scything blades
Leave stubble, brown emptiness
Ha too short he would have said
"The Absent Poet"
Let's try a few lines of alliteration then:*

*The crooked steeple creaked beneath
its cross*

*Parishioners prayed to peels of bells
Well my absent poet*

*I think some rhyming words
would have come forth from
you*

*Maybe like this: perhaps a
sonnet*

*Do you not hear my thoughts
beloved*

*Do you not hear my thoughts
beloved,*

*As you walk in your dreams alone?
Beside a crystal stream that flowed,
Beneath the trees, by marble stone,
The blossoms are as white as snow,
And pink as clouds on setting sun,
They fall around your feet so slow,
The silken gown the silkworms
spun,*

*Do you not hear my thoughts
beloved,
Beneath a dreamer's sky of blue?
As blue as eyes of you beloved,
My beating heart is lost to you,
Do you not hear my love untold,
How much I yearn for you to hold?
And so our elusive absent poet
...Adieu*

*I don't think we can wait any
longer for you.*

David Walford

Since that meeting we've
received a poem from Janet
Dickinson:

I'm writing to Cleobury Clarion
To thank you very much
For printing all the Cleobury
news.

It's nice to keep in touch.

A friend who lives in
Dhustone Lane
Saves her Clarion, just for me.
She knows the things I like to
read

And the things I like to see.

I was once a Cleobury girl
Worked in Jack Barratt's store.
So knew a lot of local folk,

Some wealthy, some quite poor.

It's more than fifty years ago
Since I went on my way.
So things look very different
When I come to spend a day.

Lots of little shops have gone,
There's new houses, different
people
But the thing that never changes
Is the famous Crooked Steeple.

So, 'Thank you' to the editor
And other helpers too.
I look forward to the Clarion
With the news, and points of
view.

Janet Dickinson

Thank you Janet, such a kind
gesture. JR

And just a reminder that this
month we meet on the 28th,
which is the Bank Holiday, at our
usual base in the library.

HAVE YOU TRIED?

It's not too hard to find really tasty
jams today. Probably because of
the growing interest in quality
food products locally.

We tried a Damson Jam from
Lyndy's Country Kitchen, bought
from the array of jams and pickles
on offer at Heath Farm Meats. Its
contents are listed simply as
Damsons and Sugar. Made in
Kidderminster, its depth of flavour
is such that you spread it straight
onto a slice of bread and enjoy.

So very different from the so-
called jams I can vaguely
remember from tender years when
I was an evacuee in North Wales. I
was in the Co-op with my mother
when the manager asked her with
a big grin: "Would you like a jar of
carrot jam? We've just got some
in."

I seem to recall that it said
something different on the label,
but carrots were available and
cheap, so it very likely contained
some of them. JR

The Bayton Church Fete, July 8th

Writing about the Bayton Fete in the July Clarion we suggested that this would be a traditional village event. Bayton is a prime example of that, a strong community that lives quietly and peacefully, unless someone is foolish enough to upset their social equilibrium. That can be rather like stirring a hornets' nest.

A good example was the plan to close the Church of England primary school years ago, as the roll of pupils was a mere 40 and the place was seen as unsustainable. The threat of closure was a trigger for a very strong reaction and the closure plan being put on hold. It was about then that Avis Pounder was appointed Head of School and a gentle revolution began.

This publication has praised Mrs Pounder in the past, so let's just recognise that this is now a very successful school, with 110 pupils and a fine reputation. It's an outstanding example of a community reacting to a threat; you take on these people at your peril.

So the school was an obvious place to hold the annual Church Fete, with cars parked on the neighbouring field and the play area open to all. I asked if I could park my motorcycle

helmet and jacket somewhere and was accommodated almost immediately. In the village hall there were teas and cakes on offer; maybe later? I wandered on, camera and notebook in hand.

Face painting is always a popular attraction, and in the shade of the school's many trees Sarah was working delicately on a very patient Sadie. I'm always impressed that young children will happily sit and let a stranger paint their faces, a total trust in a gentle touch. The result in this case was smiles all round. Not quite magic, but close.

Nearby was the cake stall, wonderful examples of the home baking art there to tempt. Plus jams and pickles. I moved on before temptation proved too much.

A call to spend just one pound with the chance of winning a bottle of whisky was too good to miss. I lost and the winner won a small carton of chocolate or sweet drink.

Next stop was at a hoopla stall, offering three goes for just 50p and the possibility of winning a lollipop. It was interesting to see how these rivals for your money both attracted varying levels of attention. It would be good to

report that the non alcoholic option proved to be the winner, but that could not be firmly established.

Marion Wilson, who seems to be at every event where plants are sold, was looking after the Clows Top Gardening Club stall along with Juliet Hole. Marion recalled that she was a pupil at Bayton Primary when her family first moved into the area, and her dad would leave the churns from that morning's milking at the farm gate, then carry on to take her to school.

Her teacher was Ruby Perkins, who lived at Beech Hay and would sometimes walk home with young Marion. "She taught me the names of all the flowers we saw along that walk," Marion recalled. "We used to do gardening back then and the gardening club would come in and judge who was the best. Now I'm the chair of the gardening club!"

After talking to a very helpful gentleman about the restoration of the village church I went back to take just a cup of tea and no cake, delicious though they looked. A lovely, gentle afternoon, with great warmth and respect in a community that represents the best of all that is traditional Britain. JR

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The cake stall in the shade of the school's trees had much to tempt, with home made jams and pickles as well. A lovely display.



The school needed another shed. So parents got together and built one from plastic bottles. Community spirit alive and working.



The chance to win a bottle of scotch was a rather complicated task, with three contestants playing snap and the winner then choosing a ticket for the draw. Fortunes varied a great deal at that point, as many ambitions to take home the whisky resulted in a far more modest reward, like a carton of a sweet drink or a bottle of Hobson's for the more fortunate.



Sarah applied a gentle face painting touch and Sadie, one of the school's pupils, glowed.



Such a bargain, three goes for just 50p! Much digging into parental pockets and emptying of the piggy banks' remains to sponsor a chance of winning one of those lollies.

It should come as no surprise that the younger children did not find this a fascinating process, no matter what mum, dad or grandparents might say. After all, at that age ice lollies are much more appealing.

Music for the occasion was provided by the Brass Ensemble of the West Mercia Police Band, who performed right royally under the baton of David Taylor, who doubled up between conducting and playing his part on his cornet. Whether you like brass band music or not, it is almost an essential part of a country fair, the sound of unamplified instruments complementing the gentle and friendly atmosphere.





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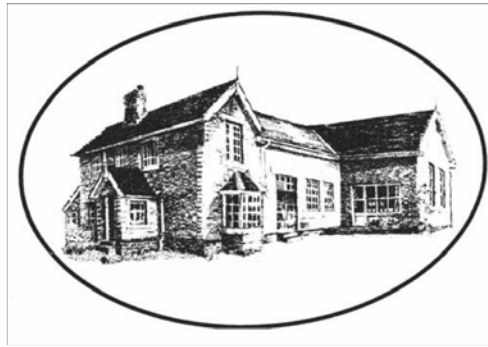
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VARIETY AT ROCK CHURCH FETE

Classic cars are almost a standard feature at church fetes and local fairs. But at Rock on July 1st the motoring idea was much more widespread than usual. There were vintage and classic cars, plus a selection of the latest electric vehicles. Great idea.

Outstanding amongst the older cars was Roger Messenger's fine 1934 Citroen 'Rosalie', built in Slough, not France, would you believe.



Roger Messenger and his 1934 Citroen - eight years of spare time went into its restoration.

Finding parts for a complete rebuild has been something of

an epic. Auto jumbles have been searched, fellow Citroen lovers have helped and when he wanted a very rare speedometer one turned up in a breaker's yard in France, where the rule was that locals got priority. His enthusiasm obviously struck a note with the man who served him, who actually gave him the speedo. "If I sold it to you the boss would want to know why I sold it to a foreigner," was the explanation.

The Citroen is a big car for a 1300cc engine and cruises at a modest 50mph on its rare outings. It's a tribute to its owner's restoration skills.



Don Makepeace showed off his Austin Seven 'Imp' with a sporty look based on the factory's late 1920s Speedy Specials.

Nearby was a stylish little Austin Seven Special, its glass

fibre body made by Chris Gould and built onto Don Makepeace's 1933 Box 7 chassis and running gear. The kit comes complete with instructions for the home builder who wants something really different.

There were four electric cars on show, which I described as the future when interviewing an owner about the Nissan Leaf. "Not the future, the present," corrected a gentleman whose name I missed, but he was happy to enthuse over his BMW i3. A governed top speed of 94mph, 0 to 62 mph in 7.3 seconds, zero emissions and no road tax. He let me sit in it and the air of BMW quality added to the favourable impressions. Just the matter of £32,000 stands between admiration and realisation. Ah well, keep on buying the weekly Lottery tickets and keep the fingers crossed.

It was a brief stop at this popular event, as the morning was taken up distributing the July Clarion and in the evening I was due to run a quiz and conduct an interview in distant Kettering.

Rock churchyard was almost a local press conference, with the editors of both the Rock and District News and Teme Valley Times there.

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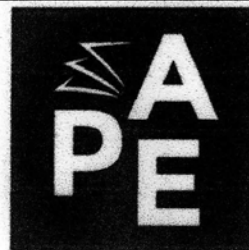


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TOP TIPS FOR FEARFUL DOGS

A fearful dog can be stressful for everyone. For the friend who just wants to say hello, for another dog who just wants to play and for the owner who wants their dog to be able to do all those things. There is no quick fix for a dog who is often frightened or nervous but here are a few tips to get the ball rolling.

1. Stay Calm

When you predict something is going to make your dog scared (such as another dog or person), the natural reaction is to become nervous yourself. You might subconsciously become tense or reassure your dog that everything is ok.

By tensing up you are telling the dog that there is about to be an incident that is worth worrying about. If you remain calm and don't show the dog that you are afraid of the situation, they are less likely to be afraid themselves.

If you comfort a dog while they are acting frightened or nervous, you are actually rewarding them for showing that behaviour with attention. They will then repeat that fearful behaviour in future, in order to get more of your attention.

2. Training Classes

Through training classes and strengthening the bond between you and your dog, you will increase their confidence when they are with you towards other people and dogs.

Start off slowly, just by being in the same vicinity as other people or dogs. Don't try to get anyone to greet your dog straight away, start off just by being around others. Over time (may take many months) and regular classes you will build up to people greeting your dog.

Don't rush! One bad experience for your dog could possibly set you back to the beginning.

3. Desensitization

By taking your dog to places with unusual sounds or lots of people and dogs regularly will slowly increase their confidence in these situations.

If your dog is particularly frightened of loud noises, you could always get a CD that plays noises such as fireworks, cars backfiring etc., in the house. By having this on quietly to start with and over time increasing the volume, the dog will get used to the noises that used to frighten them.

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5. Seek Professional Help

Sometimes, the first 4 tips just won't be enough. If you are still struggling with your fearful dog you may need help from a professional canine behaviourist. Although we vets can give some behavioural advice, often we may refer dogs needing more in depth help to a professional behaviourist who deals with it all the time.

There are many different canine behaviourists out there and it can get quite confusing trying to find the best one for you. So before you get in touch with any ask your vet who they recommend.

6. Don't give up!

Getting your dog to be more confident and overcome their fears can be a long, challenging experience but by getting through it you will have a happier companion with a more fulfilled life at the end of it.

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There's a social side to the work, with events for reading helpers to exchange experiences and make new friends. It must be rewarding work when 98 percent of schools think that Beanstalk improve their pupils' confidence.

Reading is such a vital part of a child's early development and education. Encouraging them with one-to-one tuition can make them better prepared for the life ahead and able to realise their potential. Few volunteer opportunities can be as rewarding as that.

Contact Lois Breen at Beanstalk on 01952 567846 or at www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk

LAST LECTURE



The last of the 2017 Cleobury Mortimer Lectures drew a good crowd to the Parish Church on July 6th, when Robert Hodge talked about 'The Perils of Not Belonging'. As the man whose

idea this was, and who had put so much work and original thinking into making the idea a success, it was a privilege well earned.

It was not a happy subject, telling about the custom of people being recognised as members of the community where they lived and the many anomalies that existed. Like a man being recognised, but not his wife or children; in the 21st century it's very easy to overlook the awful injustice that accompanied the second class citizen ranking of women and more so orphaned children not so very long ago.

Records show that Cleobury Mortimer had a more merciful record than most parishes in this area, which spurred Nick Davis to ask in the question and answer session if the recent case of a man's funeral being funded by the community reflected this traditional but forgotten habit of helping the poor. We'll let you know on that point.

Congratulations to Robert on another fascinating series of talks that did the town's name a lot of good. We do hope that this recently established habit will live on to become a tradition.



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The new test of our imaginations with a story to write about something that could not be named worked well for those who took on the challenge. Before that Gill Guest and Vicky Honeybourne swapped details about a publisher who may be taking on a work from both of them. Our fingers are firmly crossed.

Ann Webber suggested another new slant for this month's task: write a piece beginning with a set first line. "If only I'd known" was the choice and we went home looking for inspiration. If none is forthcoming, we can write up to 1,000 words including standard, invincible, pencil and unifying. On August 14th we meet in the library to see how testing the tasks were.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club met in the Kings Arms in July to hear Andy Vanderhook talk about his work as a Rail Controller for Shell-Mex & BP, a joint venture company created in 1932 to allow Shell and British Petroleum to merge their marketing operations. Planning rail operations was just one of

the 14 jobs Andy had in the UK oil industry, and one he found 'a bit different'. As an example, he recalled a lucky escape in May 1974, when a signalman in Runcorn spotted sparks being thrown off a passing rail tank car carrying Liquefied Petroleum Gas. The tank car was quickly detached from the train, and isolated in a siding. A broken spring had allowed one of the wheels to come into contact with the tank itself, and was grinding into it. Luckily, this had been detected before the tank failed.

Moving oil by rail has a history going back to 1858 and grew substantially until soon after WW2 when rail's market was eroded by the growth of road transport and pipelines, and the rationalisation of oil depots. Rail freight changed substantially after the war, being replaced by 'block trains', carrying only a single commodity such as steel-making materials, steel, coal, oil, or chemicals. Andy together with a team of 13 had to predict demands for liquid petroleum products at various sites, match these with import fuel arrivals or refinery outputs, and then ask British Rail to provide the necessary trains serving, for

example, power stations, chemical works, airports and paper mills. BR's problem was then to thread these extra trains (an average of 80 each day) through their existing network of rails and train times – all done without the aid of computers in those days. An impressive achievement!

The Club does not meet in August, so will next gather at the Golf Club on September 12th to hear Jane Cullen speak on 'Just Apples'.

A CORRECTION

Richard Prentice writes to point out an error in the 'Teaser Bit' on page 9 in the July Clarion.

We stated that the first number to contain an 'a' is one thousand. But Richard asks: "What about one hundred and one, and on up to nine hundred and ninety nine? An oversight of nearly a thousand numbers! Is this the equivalent of President Trump's 'Fake News.'?"

Quite right, Richard, and thank you for pointing out the editor's error. He really should know better.

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It happens twice a month. Local business people gather at the Cleobury Country Centre on an informal basis to swap stories, talk about recent events and maybe new business, then tell what they've got coming up. No need to reveal trade secrets, just say what you safely can.



Peter Roper chairs the meeting with an easy style.

He goes around the table and lets everyone have their say. Claire Carter is a keen member of this movement, picking up business from these meetings and at the breakfast equivalent in Tenbury Wells. Her future plans include trips to Iceland, Scotland, Sweden and then

Iceland again, leading photographic parties and developing their camera skills.

Clare Todd outlined a notable training course coming in August, outlining the General Data Protection Regulation that is coming into effect in May 2018 and will impact any business operating a database. There's a lot of interest in this one day course that will cost £285.00 a head. Better to spend and learn to avoid an expensive error.

Bill White, Far Forest's noted nurseryman, outlined the changes he has introduced as the nursery business has grown more competitive. He's added Wyre Hire, offering a big range of facilities to rent, from seats and a stage through to potted trees and plants plus electrical equipment which his son handles. He has his first funeral rental soon, another new direction to take up.

And Bill is struggling to keep up with the demand for camomile lawns, growing them and installing them all over the country. Like two jobs in Milton Keynes and one in South London in one day, which suggests that his reputation is good. That was a pretty long day, and still he came up smiling



Bill White offers a lot more than the Far Forest nursery we all know.

He's also added a hall to the Far Forest site that will seat 60.

Peter Roper is building his Family Business social media site, featuring Midland people in his regular podcasts. It's free, and any family business in the area can get a boost from this enthusiastic professional.

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This is the first year in which my family has not had our summer calendar arranged around the end of school term, as our youngest left school last year. But in practice this makes little difference as the Parliamentary calendar tends to mirror that of schools in England. The House of Commons went into recess after business closed on 20th July and returns on 5th September. This will doubtless be a relief to many readers, as politics tends to take a back seat during August.

I shall be busy around the constituency for most of the month, but like many people am also planning a 'staycation', in our case in Scotland. There is reportedly an increase this year in holidaying within the British Isles, perhaps reflecting the less favourable exchange rate, but also the concerted effort of tourist boards in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to encourage more people to get to know Britain.

This is not only targeted at domestic audiences, but also internationally. A record 36.1 million visitors came to Britain in 2016, collectively spending £22 billion, showing the enormous importance of tourism to our economic prosperity.

Shropshire, and South Shropshire in particular, is a clear beneficiary. Across the county, tourism contributes £539 million to the local economy every year. South Shropshire hosts over 5 million tourists throughout the year, but especially in the summer, visiting our popular festivals and shows.

Tourism helps to maintain, both directly and indirectly, over 5,000 full time equivalent jobs in the Ludlow Constituency.

The Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a particular draw to South Shropshire, attracting many walkers and cyclists. With Offa's Dyke running inside the Welsh border to the west, and the Jack Mytton Way, starting in Cleobury Mortimer and stretching over some 100 miles of glorious countryside, South Shropshire has much to offer those who like to walk.

There are many other things to do on a holiday in Shropshire. Our food and drink offer is exceptional, with produce on display at agricultural shows at Burwarton and Burford as well as fetes in many villages, plus our fantastic farm shops, specialist food shops, pubs and restaurants. Next month's annual Ludlow Food Festival attracts thousands of visitors from across the country.

We have great days out, on the Severn Valley Railway, at Acton Scott historic Victorian working farm, or (just outside the Ludlow Constituency) the extensive ruins of what was once the fourth largest Roman city in England, at Wroxeter – not to mention castles like Ludlow or Stokesay.

So for those who may not have settled on a plan over the summer, you could always get to know our own backyard of South Shropshire a little better. If you are thinking about taking a holiday in Britain, information and inspiration is on the VisitBritain website, at www.visitbritain.com.

Whatever your plans for the summer, I hope readers will have a chance to take a break and enjoy some time off, whether at home or abroad.

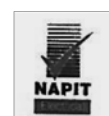
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Patients of the Brown Clee Medical Practice are invited to a meeting to learn more about a new initiative which Dr Bassett and Dr Railton are keen to introduce.

Compassionate Communities, (CoCo), aims to match patients, who are spending lots of time on their own, with volunteers who have a couple of hours a week to spare. The matches are all made on the basis of shared interests or hobbies, and all volunteers are trained and DRB checked. The scheme is operating successfully in many other areas of Shropshire, and the Doctors already know a number of patients of Brown Clee who would really benefit from companionship.

The Severn Hospice manage CoCo in Shropshire and provide the training and ongoing support to volunteers. Paul Cronin (Director of the Severn Hospice) will be at both meetings to answer all your questions. Please come to find out more. If you attend there is

absolutely no obligation to become a volunteer.

Thursday September 21st, at Ditton Priors Village Hall.

3.00 pm (with tea and cakes) and repeated at 7.00 pm

For more information please contact Tina Ranson, Chair of the Brown Clee Patient Group on 01584 823282 or tina.ranson@btinternet.com

MORE NETWORKING

Further to our Page 25 report on networking at Cleobury Country Centre, this month the habit takes wing and moves out to Nineveh Care Farm. It will be happening there at 6.30 on Wednesday the 16th, complete with a barbecue. All local businesses welcome and if you haven't been to the Care Farm before, be prepared to be impressed.

For those who don't often use the back road from Cleobury to Bayton, please note that there's a bridge down and you have to take the long around via Bayton.

NEEN SAVAGE W.I.

We have had a busy few weeks. Our first entry at the Neen Savage Annual Scarecrow

Convention proved fruitful with 1st prize! Look out for Betty making guest appearances at forthcoming events. A Cake Stall and Guess the Weight of the Cake raised £95, which we will add to our Bursary fund, giving us more opportunities to learn new skills. At our meeting in July we visited the garden of Flo and Peter at Catherton Barns. A labour of love with something for everyone to enjoy, from formal areas to an English wood, wildlife pond and beautiful sweep of budjelia trees. Many thanks to Peter and Flo for their generous hospitality.

Our next meeting, on 13th September, is My Life in Willow, a talk from Alison Hastie, Willow Artist. Before then do join us for our 3rd Annual Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th September, 2 - 4pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. Afternoon Tea with a Twist: start with a savoury scone then choose three puddings! All washed down with lashings of tea or coffee, for only £5 a ticket, available from the Library, CoCo Coffee mornings or on the door. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will be divided between our charity of the year, Ludlow Food Bank, and WI funds.



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This year's Clubfest will be on Saturday, August 19th with the Battle of the Bands taking place in the afternoon between 1.00 and 4.00. Melissa Romeo is putting out a call for young bands and solo artists under the age of 21 to enter the Battle, with five slots being available. The winner's prize is a day in a recording studio worth over £200. If you are interested, please contact either the Social Club or call Melissa Romeo 07532 246617.

On August 23rd/24th between 9.30 and 3.30, CM Rugby Club are running a Kids Summer Rugby Camp for boys and girls aged 7 to 14yrs. Coaching is led by Tony Yapp, former Exeter Chiefs player and costs £49 for two days or early booking price of £40. Email cleoburyrugbycamp@gmail.com or call 07425 333216 for more information or to book.

El Club Social's La Pequena Cocina will be hosting a fundraising Tapas Night on Friday, September 1st with all profits going towards match funding to continue further improvements to the Club. Richard and Shadia Smith bring their expertise in the hospitality

business to help us run this event. There will be a five course tapas set menu and welcome sangria on arrival, with a little quiz between courses to test your knowledge of all things Spanish, and musical entertainment afterwards. 60 tickets are available at a cost of £20 each, which can be obtained from Guy Turpin, contacting him either by emailing guy@sunlab.co.uk or call 07779 427814. Please inform him of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

As usual, please contact Club Steward Andy Goold for further details via our Facebook page or on 01299 271488.

Glenys Turpin

ROCK PARISH POUND THE BOUNDS

The way-marking team was extended to 12 people this year, quite a few new and younger members from Rock Village. To do the job right does take quite a bit of time, some of us reckon about one mile per hour.

Many walkers were showing their generosity by rounding up their fees and the net income was very sweet again. There were 468 walkers, doing a total of 4688 miles, which is nearly overland to Kabul. When adding up their registration fees,

raffle income, individual sponsoring, WI contribution, advertisers and other fringe income such as the cake-stall at Homestead by Emma and Henry Stones the total income will be in excess of £5250 when including the Gift Aid additions and the W.I.'s contribution of £100.

The Rock Footpath Officer, John Nightingale, has been very active again helping us to get our distances right and he designed maps for each route. He also repaired a number of collapsing stiles and had the County Council replace a little bridge near Porchbrook.

We are grateful to all 50 volunteers working so hard in the village hall, taking care of the registration part and at the five marshalling points. And of course to all walkers, some from far afield, for taking part.

After 17 years of it I have decided to hand over my liaison and logistics function to Colin Thornton and Ian Wilson, who already took on most of this year's hard work. I am confident therefore that the event will continue to be a success.

Next year it will be on May 6th
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The August Clarion Social Calendar

Part One

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone
Wed 2 nd	10.00am	Walking for Health strides out from the Sports Centre, Love Lane	Alan Kimber	CM 271754
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 3 rd		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	08.00	Burwarton Show is the biggest one-day agricultural show in the country. Too much to see in one day!		
	10.30	Rock Pathfinders meet at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre. PAGE 7		
Sat 5 th	08.00	Knowle Sports Household Goods Sale, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill		
		Soroptimists@ Tea Party in aid of Meru Day of Action. PAGE 9	Pat Martin	01384 636884
Sun 6 th	6.00	Open Mic Night at the Kings Arms, Church Street		
Wed 9 th	10.00	CoCo Coffee Morning in the Market Hall. Coffee and cake for £1.50 – great value!		
	8.00	The Royal British Legion meet in The Bell, Lower Street.	David Taylor	CM 270793
Thurs 10 th		BLACK WHEELIE BINS & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 11 th	7.30	Cheese and Wine Evening at 10 Church Street, Cleobury PAGE 45		
Sat/Sun 12/13 th	10.00	Far Forest Show is one the big local events. Great Show! PAGE 5		
Mon 14 th	6.30	The Creative Writing Group meets at the Library, Love Lane. PAGE 23		
Wed 16 th	10.00am	Walking for Health starts from the Sports Centre in Love Lane	Alan Kimber	CM 271754
	6.00	Cleobury Country Networking at Nineveh Care Farm, Bayton PAGE 29	Clare Todd	01299 272300
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 17 th		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30	Rock Pathfinders gather at Great Western Inn Bewdley. PAGE 7		

Walking for Health is one of those voluntary services that does a great job in a gentle, quiet way. They meet twice a month, on Wednesday mornings, and at 10.00 o'clock all move out for a walk led by experienced guides. Just a decent walk, as recommended by the medical profession to help keep you fit and healthy.



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The August Social Calendar Continued

Part Two

Fri 18 th	8.00	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 19 th		Coach trip to Blackpool	Mrs Gregory	01584 891464
	9.30/12.30	Cleobury Country Farmers Market, St Marys Church	Clare Todd	01299 272300
	12.00	The Chorley Show is back – good family event! PAGE 39		
	1.00	Clubfest 2017. In & around the Sports & Social Club. PAGE 31		
	2.00	Clows Top Gardening Club Summer Show. PAGE 7	Marion	CM 270475
Wed 23rd	10.00	CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall. Cake, coffee & a chat!		
	7.30	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at Victory Hall. PAGE 9	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thurs 24 th		BLACK WHEELIE BINS & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Wed/Thurs 23.24 th		Kids Summer Rugby Camp, coaching by Tony Yapp. PAGE 31		
Fri 25 th	8.00	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Mon 28 th	7.30	The Poetry Club meet at the Library in Love Lane. PAGE 11		
Thurs 31 st		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
		AND LOOKNIG FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER		
Fri 1 st		La Pequena Cocina Tapas Night at Sports & Social Club. PAGE 31		
Wed 6 th	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 7 th		BLAKC WHEELIE BINS & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Sat/Sun 9/10 th	09.00	The Border Classic Bike Show is raising money for the Lacon Childe School. Two halls of motorcycle history to browse.		

THE BORDERS CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

This annual show at Lacon Childe School is organised in the name of the School Parent Teacher Association and raises funds to help provide extra facilities for our community school to the benefit of the children. It is entirely run by volunteers and they are appealing for more people to join a happy band who deal with the crowd of enthusiasts who ride here, walk around, greet old friends and talk bikes over a cup of tea. They really are a friendly bunch, as visitors from the neighbouring St Mary's Close and Mortimer Close will confirm.

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Thankfully crime levels in Cleobury continue to remain low. This being said I would encourage residents to remain vigilant and continue to ensure all properties remain secure. With the recent hot weather I understand the need to open windows and doors but please do this sensibly and ensure that doors and windows remain locked when you are not nearby.

With the school holidays coming up I have been asked by the proprietors of a local estate to remind residents that the popular swimming spot on the river Rea falls within private land. By attending this location you can commit the civil offence of trespass and the owners may wish to pursue through the courts.

Recently there have been reports of several residents receiving malicious calls claiming to be from their bank. I would like to remind residents that banks do not operate in this way. If you receive a call claiming to be from your bank please visit the bank to discuss this with them in person. No genuine bank will ever ask you to provide details or transfer money over the phone. Never disclose your password or account details over the phone. They operate by using what little information

they are able to get on you and then use this in an attempt to get you to disclose more.

West Mercia has recently invested in issuing mobile technology. This is to enable police to be more visible and to complete work that previously had to be done in a police station out and about. This means you may see officers completing work using mobiles and laptops in the community.

Some of you will know by now that I am leaving my position with West Mercia police. Whilst it has not been long I have greatly enjoyed my time as a PCSO and I would like to thank the local residents who I have met and especially the Town Council and Crime Reduction Group. PC O'Leary along with PCSO Hyde and PCSO Eden will continue to support the local community in my absence.

We continue to engage with the local Crime Reduction Group, Town Council and other organisations within Cleobury. If there are any events or meetings you would like us to attend, please inform us and we will do our best.

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Following last month's fire and the dismal record that Diamond Buses has had over the last four(!) years, Councillor Madge Shingleton has sent another formal complaint to the Traffic Commissioners regarding this company. She has attached copies of all the articles I have penned for the 'Clarion' (this is number 32) so they should have plenty to consider. After several weeks there has been no response, not even an acknowledgement, which seems to be standard practice for the Commissioners. Perhaps they are hoping the problem will go away if they keep their heads down (it won't).

At least we are not alone with our problems. There has been a letter to the 'Kidderminster Shuttle' complaining that the No 3 service which should run every 15 minutes (!) is not working as published as all the buses seem to end up at the same end of the route together. The writer suggests that this may be due to the drivers not knowing where they are going – join the club route 3 users... . Another article tells of a 15 year old being assaulted on a Diamond Bus by a man with long hair. I assume this wasn't the driver as this would probably have been mentioned. Q: When is a bus not a bus? A: When it breaks down and becomes a greenhouse. (With thanks to Ken Bruce on Radio 2)

Regular breakdowns continue unabated with one

service arriving in Cleobury 50 minutes late and then expiring on Clee Hill. Perhaps all the drivers should do what one thoughtful soul has developed. Coming from Ludlow, the bus stopped in a lay-by on the approach to Angel Bank and waited. When asked why this was, the driver replied that he was giving the bus a rest before attempting the climb thus increasing the chances of success. It seemed to work as they did make the summit although it wasn't quick. Still, at least the passengers got on to that service. Several people were waiting in Cleobury for the Ludlow service and were heartened when it was spotted coming up the street more or less on time. Their smiles vanished when it carried on past the stop without slowing and disappeared. Never mind, only two hours to wait for the next one... My grandson has just sent me a photo taken from the 2L of the coolant top up flap – which should be closed – wide open and flapping in the breeze. Not sure if it was broken or just that nobody had bothered to close it.

It seems that these happenings must all have been made up as Diamond Directors say that reports of poor service are exaggerated and that they provide a satisfactory service and meet punctuality requirements. As far as I can see, the relevant legislation requires 95% of services to operate within a window of not more than two minutes early and five minutes late. As

there are around 20 services a day on the 2L route, this means that only one service per day can be outside these limits if the requirement is to be met. When I put this to Diamond management some time back, they said that the 95% definition was a guideline rather than a hard target. I could argue that I have a guideline to do the washing up promptly rather than a target but I would still be in trouble if it wasn't done on time.

I was hoping to bring you a report on a planned update meeting with Shropshire Council which was due to take place on 24 July. However, I have just been told it has been cancelled due to the non availability of Council staff. This seems a little sudden as it has been in everyone's diary for at least a month. One reason given was to give time to invite a representative from Worcestershire Council to attend and discuss the results of their on board survey. However, it seems a bit late to decide to issue such an invitation so soon before the planned meeting given the well known difficulty of tracking Council officers down...More on this next month (possibly). One subject that I want to raise is the fact that over three years since Shropshire Council said they would stop the practice, passengers on the 9.14 to Kiddy are still being charged £1. Still, mustn't rush them.

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POLICE BRAVERY AWARDS

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion has commended the bravery of two West Mercia Police officers, who put themselves in danger to save a woman's life.

PC's Phil Parke and Steve Bloomer from Telford, attended an incident where a man had doused himself and a woman in petrol and was threatening to set them both on fire. The officers were able to pull the woman to safety and gain control of the man. The officers were treated for chemical burns and cuts.

The man was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to life in prison. The courageous officers were commended at the recent Police Bravery Awards in London.

Commissioner John Campion said "These officers went above and beyond to save the lives of all four people in the room. On behalf of the victims, we are extremely grateful for the actions of PCs Parke and Bloomer.

We must remember these are ordinary people, who do extraordinary things to keep others safe. I am very pleased to see them getting the recognition they deserve."

Phil Parke and Steve Bloomer said: "What we expected to be a routine incident, turned out to be very different and quickly escalated. We were forced to take immediate action in order to deal with the situation.

We feel proud to receive this nomination and are confident that any of our colleagues would have acted in a similar manner to deal with the incident."

Chair of the West Mercia Police Federation, Sergeant Russ Yeomans, said: "These officers showed supreme courage in tackling this man, knowing full well that petrol could have ignited at any moment."

TIME FOR A LAUGH

Old George the Shepherd took two stuffed dogs to a recording of the TV show 'Antiques Roadshow'.

"Ooh!" said the antiques expert, "It is unusual to find a matching pair, and this is a very rare set indeed, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers who were taxidermists operating in London at the turn of last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"...Sticks?" Old George suggested.

CHORLEY SHOW

Good to see this popular show back; it has been missed. It will be on Saturday the 19th this month, with the gates opening at 12.00 noon.

The focus this year will be on raising funds for Rupert's Revenge and amongst the major attractions are the K9 Quackers featuring ducks herded by sheepdog, in the main ring.

On stage, duo 'Everything But The Band' will be entertaining and elsewhere local artist Hollie Childe will be showing off her excellent animal works. Craft and vintage vehicles displays, Hobson's fine ales at the bar and dog show that includes a Fun Gun Dog Scurry. Sounds like a good day out for the family and the entry charge of £3.50 makes it a bargain..

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What can we expect in August? An average of 20 degrees C maximum and 10 C minimum temperatures and 2.3 inches of rain, I have discovered. After so much warm weather and low rainfall this year we could be looking at record holiday temperatures or it could all go horribly wrong as in so many disappointing years.

No-one complains if there's some rain at night with sunshine in the day, but that wouldn't do for us if we're still trying to make hay this month. Even a heavy dew takes a while to dry, and necessitates a turn around the field with the hay bob to flick over the damp grass. Three days of dry weather will be enough to make hay but it's a chancy business and makes 'haylage' a better option. This is a damper version where the grass still has 30 - 40 % moisture and is baled and wrapped to make a partially fermented feed, similar to silage. The fermentation which takes place soon after wrapping uses up the oxygen around the grass and prevents further deterioration. Nowadays much of the grass in the small fields managed by the Wyre Community Land Trust is wrapped by contractors but volunteers and staff still have some hard work ahead making and collecting in small hay bales in the awkward orchards and fields too small for a large tractor and baler to manoeuvre in. All this will keep the Dexter cattle fed during next winter. When the work is

done it will be a good time to relax, and some of the local shows - Burwarton, Far Forest and Button Oak this month - will be the place to find the rural community doing just that. In the 1930s, 40s and 50s Far Forest Show attracted people in their thousands, even coach loads from Birmingham, and was famous for its poultry show: feathered contenders would arrive for the show in baskets at Bewdley Station and return to their owners (with or without their prizes) thanks to the luggage labels on the baskets and the efficiency of the railway system.

This is a time of growth, ripening and seed-setting. Michael's hives in our cherry orchard will be full of honey, the cherry trees will have given up their fruit to the birds (and a few mouthfuls to us) and the green apples will be swelling. There's food around still for the wildlife and though breeding will be over for many, some, like the blue tits, will be on to their second or even third broods. To rear 12 nestlings successfully to this stage shows that there were plenty of caterpillars in our orchard this year and that both parents survived to help feed them. This 'fast breeder' strategy works well for a bird that loses so many of its young to predators but must be costly to the parents, which look decidedly tatty by this stage of the year.

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In May members visited a National Garden Scheme garden, Rock Mill in the village of Abermule, a short distance from Montgomery a charming, Georgian town.

Rock Mill garden is in a valley surrounded by trees. We thought it was more like grounds than a garden. Rufus the owner assured us it was not too difficult to look after but we thought he was just being modest. There were hidden places you didn't expect to find, filled with beautiful flowers and shrubs together with areas to sit and admire them. The day was a little overcast but came good when we had tea before we departed for home.

Our next day out on July 1st saw us visiting Coughton Court near Alcester, a National Trust property with wonderful gardens. The walled garden was a riot of colour with a myriad of paths leading to sumptuous roses and vividly coloured clematis and other flowerbeds. We next looked at the orchard where we had no choice but to try the fruit. On to the vegetable

garden, produce which we all agreed was at least two weeks ahead of the produce in our own gardens.

If you are interested in joining the Horticultural Society we meet monthly at the Methodist Church Hall on Monday evenings at 8.00 where we have speakers followed by days out in the summer. Please contact me on 07870 930562.

Carol Franklin

CLEOBURY W.I.

The July talk on the history of afternoon tea was a fascinating insight into the development of tea as a beverage originally from China as well as the ritual of taking tea in the afternoon. Members and visitors enjoying the subject then the real tastes of tea, sandwiches, scones and cake.

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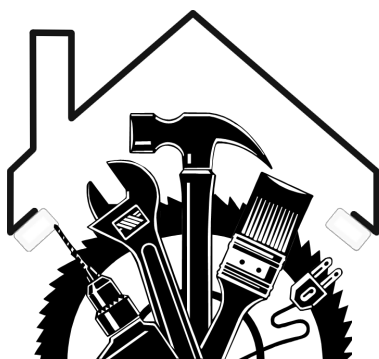
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CLEOBURY SWIFT WATCH

July was the final month of the three month breeding season of our visiting swifts. The under three year old juvenile birds and this year's fledglings went before the end of the month. The adults, exhausted by breeding, nesting and feeding their chicks will have stayed just long enough to feed up before they too fly the 5,000 miles to Africa

by the first week in August. After that we will not hear or see them until May 2018.

How will we remember the 2017 Swift season? We will have a pretty accurate estimate of total nests; 18 breeding adult pairs, immature juveniles 14, and this year's crop of fledglings, 20. Total Swifts leaving us for Africa approx. 70. We have recorded where they have nested. 8 in the Church, The Old Junior School 4, Lower Street 4 and Lacon House 2. We have installed 8 new Swift boxes under the eaves of the church Chancel. Awareness of Cleobury swifts has been raised with the TV screen. Three articles in the Clarion and with four Newsletters as well as a pre season lecture and an evening watching and counting Swifts. Worked with Saint Mary's Youth Project to make boxes and install cameras

Not a bad start and with plenty of potential for 2018 now that we have a good base of understanding of these remarkable birds. We await their return in May 2018.

Kit Smith

THE READING GROUP

'The Hundred Year Old Man (Who Climbed Out of the

Window and Disappeared)' written by Jonas Jonasson is an unusual title which the narrative lived up to. The story, set in Sweden is about the life and adventures of our hero Allan Karlsson. Not wishing to celebrate his hundredth birthday with the assembled guests, he climbs out the window of his old people's home. It was not to everyone's taste but the majority of our group found it entertaining. Definitely a tall story. Ridiculous but amusing, the author used his imagination to the full. Some felt that perhaps he indulged himself a little too much, with a plethora of world events worked into the tales of Allan's working life. We thought the translation was well done, with Swedish humour matching ours. A light-hearted book, easy to read and not to be taken too seriously. My thanks to our great group of readers who turn up so faithfully.

We have no meeting this month but will reconvene at 7.00pm on September 18th at Cleobury Library. This month we are reading 'The Improbability of Love' by Hannah Rothschild.

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My eye was caught recently by a headline which read "Canadian sniper sets world record with 2.2 mile shot in Iraq." I was not aware that such data was compiled, sorted and compared but it is and has been for many years. The earliest of these listings is probably one Hiram Berdan who commanded Sharpshooters during the American Civil War.

This set me thinking, because although technology has changed conflict since the Great War the area of marksmanship has not. Snipers still fulfil the same function as they always have, to surprise, to unnerve, to get under the skin of your opponent and to take absolute advantage of all situations.

The German Army from the outset appreciated the value of "sharpshooters" or "snipers". This may have been because of the wide spread issue of specialist sniper rifles and availability in Germany of scoped rifles which found their way to the front. There was a considerable number of game hunters serving in the German Army at all ranks so shooting with rifles and the use of scopes was common. This was not the case in Britain, where rifle shooting was restricted to the "upper classes" who could afford it.

From late 1914 to early 1915 the British underrated the effectiveness of German sniping and unaccountable deaths were often put down to "stray bullets" or "luck". Detection was made difficult because British forward trenches had no reinforced trench sections from which to observe. German forward positions had snipers' plates set at regular intervals. These were heavy duty steel plates with a shutter so the firing aperture could be closed. It was not until armour piercing shells arrived that the Allies were able to destroy these. There is no doubt that in 1915 German snipers reigned supreme in the trenches.

The first response was for the British to search all ranks for those with shooting skills, some of whom had hunting rifles with scopes and all officers had binoculars. In principle there was the possibility of a response to the German threat;

what they did not have was "fieldcraft," which was simply the ability to remain concealed, to blend in, use any possible cover to hide and use knowledge of German trenches.

An insight into the differences between the two sides is voiced by Robert Graves in *Goodbye to All That* written in 1929.

"Snipers were kept for months in the same sector until they knew all the loopholes and shallow places in our (British) trenches. British snipers changed their trenches every week or two, and never had time to study the German trench-geography."

However the British had ordered 10,000 low powered telescopic sights for the standard issue Lee Enfield rifle plus 10,000 Lee Enfield sniping rifles and in early 1916 sniper training units were formed. Training covered all the areas where the Germans excelled and the standard team was one sniper and one spotter, who would select targets, work out the range, distance and direction and strength of the wind. Each team would keep a log of every incident and confirmation was required before a "kill" was valid.

The two man team is still the standard today and that responsible for the record mentioned at the top of this piece.

By the last year of the war each British infantry platoon had its own two man team who gathered intelligence and sniped. Such was the British skill now that a sniper was able to disable German machine guns by shooting out the breech block with a single shot.

Irrespective of which side they were on, to be a sniper or spotter must have been very lonely and isolated, their task plain but without the banter and general comradeship of the trenches.

Despite the great strides made by the British during the war it is ironic that the last Allied infantryman to die on the Western Front was killed by a German sniper at 10.55am on the 11th November 1918.

Paul French

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HIGH STREET VETERANS MOVE ON

It's 31 years since Mark and Mifanwy Baldwin took their courage in both hands and quit his secure employment as a lecturer in London to start Baldwin's Bookshop on Cleobury's High Street. A brave move.

They moved in time for the children to join local schools and Mark commuted to London to end his contract and worked to convert the front of the house into a bookshop. That included making 700 feet of bookshelves. In November 1986 Baldwin's Book Shop opened its door to the world.

The business was more than second hand books, and was already established as a publisher of works on waterways, an area where Mark has a long interest. He had also developed a great interest in the intelligence work at Bletchley Park in the 1939-45 World War and began giving talks and publishing books on the subject. The logical next development was to buy a German Enigma machine to illustrate his talks and Mike Longmore found one for sale in Denmark after a long search online.

"I flew out there, but of course this chap wouldn't accept a cheque from an unknown buyer, so I took a banker's draft and cash. I actually came back with two machines, one under each arm."

"The machine I wanted didn't actually work, as there were parts missing. I had to have them made. But I sold the second machine to the Science Museum, which did help."



Mark and Mifanwy plus books. A good team.

His growing knowledge of the work at Bletchley Park has proved to be an astute move, with demand for his excellent talks still strong. His facility for research has added other aspects

of wartime security to his portfolio, such as the Special Operation Executive that worked behind enemy lines.

This has brought demand for books, particularly with the interest in Alan Turing after the film starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Republishing 'The Hut 6 Story' has been a great success, with sales reaching tens of thousands, a small publisher's dream come true.

Mark has given 700 lectures so far, worked on 11 cruises as a lecturer and is still in demand even if the used book trade has almost died. Their High Street bookshop will close at the end of September, the house will be sold and the Baldwins' busy life will be downsized. But they will still live in Cleobury Mortimer, the town where their children grew up and a brave decision to quit London and branch out in a rural business has clearly worked. Part of the downsizing has been selling off the collection of waterways history works, with 4,000 personal items going at auction last year.

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The World War One working group is preparing to mark 2018 with a number of initiatives and events. A full list will be available nearer the time.

The group felt it important to mark the 100th anniversary in lasting and visible ways to serve as a reminder of the sacrifice made by the residents of the Town and Parish.

The first of these was purchasing two commemorative seats and a litter bin for the High Street, funded by The Town Council, Cleobury Branch of the British Legion and a resident, providing extra seating and a permanent reminder of all those who served.

The second was to install a plaque on the wall of the Market Hall to match that which records those who lost their lives in the Boer War.

The estimated cost of this item is £3500. Grant funding is being sought and all businesses in the town will receive a letter asking if they would be able to contribute towards the cost. If any household would like to help by a donation that would be much appreciated. If we are not able to reach the amount required the project will not

proceed, so no monies are required at present but it would help if anyone who does wish to support this could indicate an approximate value of the donation to any to the contacts listed. Thank you for reading this.

Paul French 01299 270010 Matt Sheehan Town Clerk 01299 271154

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S

Another successful and friendly wine walk evening was held in June. The weather enabled over fifty people to enjoy the hospitality offered by four hosts. Our thanks to them and those who bought tickets enabling us to raise £462 for The Friends.

Our next major event will be on September 22nd in Saint Mary's Church, when we have a return visit of the popular Kidderminster Male Choir. Their programme theme will be Last Night of The Proms, together with Harp Soloist Hannah Coleman.

Tickets will be on sale at our usual outlets, Cleobury Pharmacy, Cleobury Library and Spire Hairdressing.

The Friends now have almost 100 members and we will offer a bottle of wine to our 100th member.

Alec Osbaldiston

SEVERN HOSPICE NEWS

Food Banks throughout the country are becoming essential in supporting people in crisis and Ludlow Food Bank support many people from Cleobury Mortimer and the surrounding area.

To help support the service The Severn Hospice Community Shop in Cleobury Mortimer is now a collection point. If you have a donation for the Food Bank or would like to find out more information please pop into the shop in the High Street or call 01299 272795.

Gayna Woodland

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It was installed by CMFA in 1995, when we were only two years old. It has been a popular place to admire the view, so we are looking to replace it, currently exploring the cost and how to fund it. If anyone would like to contribute, please get in touch.

In August the ground can become very dry making any construction work hard. We will deal with a branch over a path off the lane at Bransley. in the morning of August 9th. If you use that lane, you may find it blocked.



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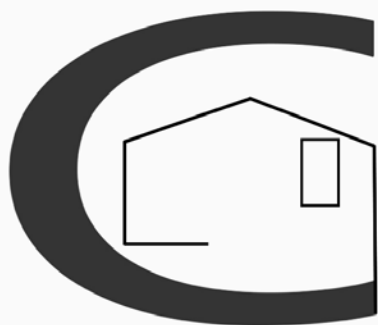
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Attamen, gratus sum
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Di te inculomem custodiant!

R. HODGE

p.s. Non habeo in animo ut hic
cursus electronicus rectus sit,
solum sat sufficiens.

And the translation:

Honourable editor, greetings!

I regret that your article about
the lectures in the July Clarion
was inaccurate. What Professor
Beard said in her talk was,
"Robert wrote to me in Latin –
and quite witty Latin too". In
her earlier reply to my email,
she wrote "... by the way, your
Latin is quite accurate – well
done!". I made a joke about her
use of the word 'quite' –
perhaps causing confusion.

All the same, I am very grateful
for your support!

May the gods keep you safe
and well!

p.s. I don't intend this email to
be accurate, only quite adequate.

CLEOBURY IN BLOOM

Each year the Horticultural
Society sets a challenge for
children in the pre-school and
primary schools. Seven primary
and six pre-school settings
entered, involving around 300
children. We provided each
entrant with three varieties of
potato tubers, pots and growing
bags, and a bag of compost
donated by Farlow Farm
Nursery. The children kept a log
of their plants' progress
throughout the growing season.

In July, Jane Barnes, our
external judge, joined three
members of the Society to judge
the crops and the logs. As
always, the judges were
particularly impressed by the
high quality of their work.

Abkats Day Nursery scooped
the winner's prize in the pre-
school category; Ever After was
runner-up and Kinlet Family
Playgroup highly commended.

Moffats School won the
primary school category, Farlow
School came second and Bayton
Primary School third.

This year Midcounties Co-
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the managers, Alex, attended to
present the prizes. The schools
will spend their prize money
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In Business



The Hopton Building Services crew.

Stefan left, Rebecca centre, Clare right. "Rebecca got the company tee-shirt because she helped me with a leaflet drop," explained Clare. The men, from left, are Josh Grubb, Luke Philips and Allan Shields.

Stefan and Clare Malysz started the business in 2012, but the man has been in the trade since he was a teenager in Smethwick. Learned his skills working with his brother, moved on to work as a joiner on building sites and developed other skills by using his hands and brain and getting things done.

Today a significant proportion of the company's work is for Herefordshire Council, converting bathrooms to wetroom specification for disabled tenants. That's a very tightly controlled job, with every workman having a Disclosure and Barring Service check (the current description for what used to be the CRB check) before they are allowed to work with vulnerable people.

They have a very positive view of the growing trend for professional qualifications, even

Hopton Building Services Limited

if it is expensive to have staff trained, examined and then checked to make sure they're up to date. There's no ducking the issues of quality with these people, every aspect of their work that requires proper qualification is covered. Last year they spent £10,000 on staff training and registration, but it means that they can take on almost any job with knowledge and proof of ability.

Working out of their Hopton Wafers base, they cover the West Midlands and into Wales, but have travelled further if work demanded it. Like a three weeks spell at Arras in France. "We won the contract for that because we were the only people willing to work on Sundays," explains Stefan.

Their range of special skills is confirmed by the official ratings they boast. What their own staff don't cover is contracted out to known and trusted specialists, where their standards are still applied. It may sound a little too cautious at times, but they have this simple down-to-earth approach: If you're properly qualified and we know your work is good, you're in. If not, you're out. As Stefan puts it: "You are going to have these people in your home, so you must be able to trust them." Good old-fashioned common sense there.

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Clare's part in the organisation is based on admin and finance and in the spirit of the company of proving ability, she's studied for and earned her diploma in accounting.

We thought a confirmation of what Hopton Building can do should come from someone with experience as a customer. David Webb was happy to talk about the demolition of an ageing conservatory block at his house and the building of a utility room in its place.

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"They had the same helpful attitude right up to the end, with no last minute rush to get it done and get away. I'd happily recommend them to anyone."

The demands of running such a busy company means Stefan working about 70 hours a week, while Clare estimates her input amounts to about 35 hours. That's on top of being a mum and looking after the house. Between them they do make the European Working Time Directive look rather short on reality, but that's why they've built a good business with a reputation to match.

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The Imperial War Museum at Duxford Airfield

The Royal British Legion took a coach journey to distant Duxford Airfield in July. Traffic delays meant a long journey, but this Cambridgeshire venue made the day a fascinating experience.

For this wartime child, meeting a German V1 flying bomb face-to-face was a reminder of nights in the air raid shelter as these devices droned overhead until the engine stopped and we waited to hear the inevitable explosion. It must have been a fearful time for my parents.



This is a Fairey Gannet anti-submarine aircraft, its folded construction telling you it was built to fly from an aircraft carrier. Hence the ability to fold it up and take less precious space. It boasted two propellers, spinning in opposite directions and on a long flight one engine could be shut down to

conserve fuel. The Gannet served the RAF from 1955 until the early 70s and was sold overseas to Australia, West Germany and Indonesia.

There are helpful details of every exhibit, which broaden the readers' knowledge. Did you know that the Spitfire entered RAF service in 1938, at this very airfield? Most Midlandsers are aware that many of them were built at Castle Bromwich in Birmingham, in what is now a Jaguar Land Rover Group factory.

The site is split into specific areas of interest, the American Section boasting a Mustang and much later craft like the U2 spy plane, the F111 swing-wing fighter and the mighty Lockheed SR-71. The SR-71 had a maximum speed more than three times the speed of sound and if an enemy missile was fired at it, the crew would simply accelerate and leave the missile behind. Amazing stuff.

The hangar devoted to restoration projects had people talking to those who work on the aircraft. The biggest attraction was the Airco/De Havilland DH9 bomber of 1916, the only First World War bomber still flying. Well, it will be later this year, when it is planned to wheel it out and take to the skies.



The 1916 DH9 bomber that is in restoration and due to fly later this year. The Siddley Puma engine is an original of the period, not a modern copy.

I knew Duxford Airfield in the 1960s, when it was available to rent for a variety of racing events. It was tired looking and the facilities were less than basic. Today it's a place proud to tell its history and show what must be one of the best collections of aircraft in the country.

If you get the chance to go, grab it with both hands. It's on my list of "Must Go There Again" places.

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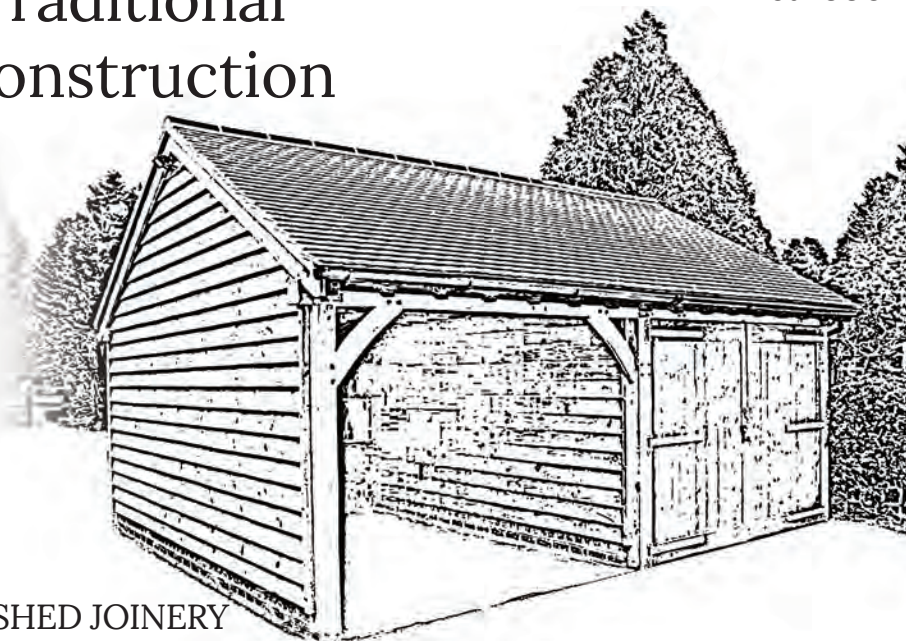
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