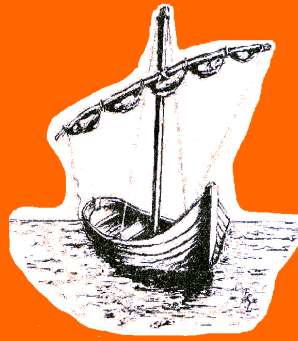


The Parish Magazine



Ashton-under-Hill
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See that dishevelled head,
Its bronze curls all undone?
I am that one,
The stubborn slatten of your garden bed;
No sweetness for you here, but bittersweet
Admission that my hour must needs be fleet;
A frosty twang of wit, an autumn face,
Perchance the memory of some sharper grace,
That shone beneath the imperial yellow tiles
Nor needed stoop for princely sulks or smiles;
Tatterdemalion courage here, a ghost
To captain some obscure, defeated host ...
Many the springtime maidens, crisp as snow ...
Yet hapless sir, we know
Your fate ... to lose me most.

Chrysanthemum
Robin Hyde



It's harvest time again and I get to have two rides on combine harvesters this year. One on a small combine with a 14-foot harvester and few of the mind-boggling mod cons of the newer models. The second ride was on a massive harvester, one with nearer a 35-foot crop cutter.

I was struck by what a solitary work farming is. Two tractors, one harvesting, one taking the grain to the barn every few passes when the tanks have filled. A wordless dance of understanding. The farmers have to be aware of each other, aware of the task, responding to one another in a simple choreography of service.

We saw a deer tentatively running out of the field. She knew that all the other fields had been harvested, where to hide in the mid-afternoon heat? I was delighted to hear the combine driver telling me that he had skirted around pheasants one time giving them time to escape. In my mind's eye I could see this bubble breaking out of the straight line of the harvest. All because of pheasants and a farmer who loves the land and the life it sustains.

Chatting with the farmer on my second ride, seeing the complex equipment for storing grain and keeping it dry and pest free, made me appreciate what a skilled and complex task all who farm have. As we stood in the stubble, I heard how hard it was going to be to judge planting this



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year. Hours could be spent drilling; a bit of rain would cause the seed to germinate and more heat and dry could kill it off. Pray for the tough decisions needing to be made this year.

Stood in the heat of the stubble fields, I thought of what the Bible says about sowing and reaping:

"... for whatever one sows, that will you also reap." Gal 6:7

"... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully..." 2 Cor 9:6f

Word which gives pause for thought.

Let us keep praying for our farms and farmers this harvest-tide.

Keep well,

Rev'd Katryn

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If anyone has anything they wish to share please contact Helen at helen.wilkes64@gmail.com

August Service Rota for the Beckford Group and Bredon Hill Group of Churches			
Date	Church	Time	Minister
04/09/2022	St Peter's, Besford	09:00 am	Reverend Allison
	St Nicholas, Teddington	09:00 am	Reverend Katryn
	St Giles, Bredon	10:45 am	Reverend Allison
	St Peter's, Little Comberton	10:45 am	Reverend Katryn
11/09/2022	Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton	09:00 am	Reverend Allison
	St Michael's, Bricklehampton	09:00 am	Reverend Katryn
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10:45 am	Reverend Allison
	St Faith's, Overbury	10:45am	Reverend Katryn
	Ashton Village Worship	10:30 am	Lay Led
	Messy Church, Elmley Castle	03:00 pm	Reverend Katryn
18/09/2022	Holy Trinity, Eckington	09:00 am	Reverend Allison
	St John the Baptist, Beckford	09:00 am	Reverend Katryn
	St Giles, Bredon	10:45 am	Reverend Allison
	St Michael's, Great Comberton	10:45 am	Reverend Katryn
25/09/2022	St Mary's, Elmley Castle	09:00 am	Reverend Katryn
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	09:00 am	Reverend Allison
	St James', Defford (Non Communion Harvest Service with Baptism)	10:45 am	Reverend Allison
	Village Worship Harvest Service— Bredon	10:45 am	Lay Led
	St Barbara's, Ashton-Under-Hill	10:45 am	Reverend Katryn
	Sung Evensong followed by a short concert by The Oakville Singers	04:00 pm	Reverend Allison
	St Peter's, Little Comberton Harvest Service	04:00 pm	Reverend Katryn
	Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton Harvest Service	06:00 pm	Archdeacon Robert Jones

Midweek Communion

13/07/2022	St James', Defford	10:00 am	Reverend Allison
20/07/2022	St Peter's, Little Comberton	10:00 am	Reverend Katryn

Welcome to the September Parish News.

I hope you've all had a lovely summer and haven't suffered too much from Britain's heat wave. Must say my lawn is a lovely straw colour. Don't forget to put a little water out for all our wildlife—I have many birds and a little hedgehog regularly visiting the garden.

I hope our young readers were not disappointed with the exam results and that you will be in a position to follow your dreams.

There's plenty going on in our villages in the coming months—please check out everything on offer, I'm sure that everyone will find something that captivates their imagination.

I will be taking part in The Muddy Dog Challenge, with AV, on Saturday 10 September 2022 in aid of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home at Sudley Castle. Many of you have sponsored me—thank you, if anyone else would like to support this terrific charity please visit my Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Helen-Wilkes10

I would like to end by saying a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine this month. I could not have produced this edition without your help

If you have an article / notice to publish, or just a diary date the deadline for contributions for October edition is 16th September.

Helen Wilkes (Editor)

News from the Chapelries

This month the Chapelries service will be one held at St. Nicholas' church on September 4 at 9am and will be a Holy Communion taken by Rev Katryn.

At Alstone we have at 1pm on September 16 the Marriage of Lucy and Philip of this parish for which we all wish them every happiness.

Also see below the details of the Harvest Festival service to be held at Teddington on 2 October at Teddington church at 4pm.

The Beckford Group's services for September are shown on page 3 of this magazine.

By the time you read this we will have had smart meters fitted in both the churches' electrical systems; this is to save us from having to take the meter readings every month and should be cheaper too than from our previous supplier.

We have had a small problem at Alstone in the hot weather with unlocking and locking the main church door. We hope not to have this problem again but should those of you on the locking rota have a similar problem do tell Nick Bentley, who thankfully solved it for us, or otherwise alert Anne Kyle.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Wine and Cheese party originally down for September but do watch his space as it is hoped to arrange for something even better!

Anne Kyle

September in Beckford

After a quiet summer period following the successful Open Village in June, September will see the return of some varied activity at St John the Baptist in Beckford. There are two weddings planned for the month – on 10th and 17th – and we look forward to these events which will be the first such occasions here since the pandemic.

Church Service

Our monthly service will be Holy Communion at **9am** on **Sunday 18th September** when Reverend Katryn will lead us in Beckford.

Recital

There will be a musical treat for anyone who cares to come along to Beckford church at **2.30pm** on **Thursday 29th September** when we shall be delighted to welcome back **The Marysingers** of Stroud, a group of ten (including Gill Humphrey of Ashton) who, many will recall, visited us a few years ago and gave a splendid recital of sacred music.

The Marysingers enjoy singing sacred music from around Europe and for this occasion have chosen a programme of music extending from the 16th century to the present day. The programme will last just some 45 minutes and attendance is **free of charge**, but the singers have kindly suggested we take a retiring collection in aid of church funds.

Those who attended the previous concert were struck by the hauntingly beautiful sound of these talented singers in the excellent acoustics and lovely setting of our ancient church and I do urge everyone to find the time to join us for what will be, I know, another memorable occasion.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Having had a month off due to the August Bank Holiday, our popular sequence of **Coffee Mornings** will resume on **Friday 30th September** from **10.30am to 12 noon** when we shall be devoting all proceeds to the **Macmillan Cancer Support** charity as a part of their Big Coffee Morning appeal.

This remarkable charity which aids so many families needs all the support it can muster, and we hope to raise a goodly sum as we have done in past years. Whilst the minimum charge for coffee/tea (free refills) and a choice of home-made cakes is still £2.50, on days like this I'm sure we can rely on the generosity of our many patrons to increase their donations! There is no upper limit.....

Please put the date in your diary and come along to support our efforts.

Remembering Joy Gamble

Sad news to report of the death of Joy Gamble, and it is only fitting that we in Beckford should record our gratitude to - and fondness for - Joy who was, for long, an important part of our village community in various roles.

A staunch member of the Church Committee, Joy often hosted our meetings at her home and her lovely singing voice was always part of our celebrations – in church and elsewhere. A particular memory is of Joy standing beneath the tower arch of Beckford church at our Carol Service, faithful guide dog alongside, as she sang solo the Calypso Carol – a favourite of hers.

David Carvill

NEWS FROM OVERBURY

As I write we have a cloudy sky for the first time in many days. The atmosphere is still very humid, and the village seems to be in some kind of limbo waiting for rain – although the sound of a combine indicates that another day or two of waiting would be welcomed by those farmers still harvesting.

We will be energetically celebrating the fact that Overbury Farms' crops are "safely gathered in" during the first weekend of October. Events will begin in style at 7.30pm on Saturday 1st when successful singer-songwriter, Mike Weaver, will be performing in the church. See page 10 and www.mikeweavermusic.com/live-dates for details about him and his music.

Tickets £10. Visit www.overbury.org.uk for Eventbrite details. On Sunday 2 October there will be a lay led family service to be held at 1045 in line with the new timetable of services around Bredon Hill. Children especially welcome – we will try to find opportunities for them to take part. We are very much hoping that Jake Freestone will be talking to us about the more sustainable methods of agriculture now required by the government, a number of which have been pioneered by Overbury. The church will be decorated from around 0930 on Saturday 1st and, as always, we will be delighted to see anybody who would like to help. Text or WhatsApp Steff Lemarechal (07947 629913) for more information. You will see elsewhere in the magazine that the Friends of St Faith's are holding their AGM immediately after the service. Everyone is very welcome to attend and learn what valuable work the Friends do in funding ongoing maintenance and repairs of our beautiful building, not to mention their support in major projects such as the refreshment area and lighting. Finally, we are also planning a very relaxed Bring and Share harvest lunch to be held in the Village Hall after the service and meeting, from 1200 – 1400 hrs. Please join us at any or all of these events!

However, almost more important news from St Faith's Church this month is that Mary Gopsill, resident of Overbury for almost eleven years, has had her arm twisted so often that she has finally and most generously agreed to become Church Warden with effect from 1 September. Mary works in business leading transformation and change, helping organisations, projects and programmes "sort themselves out". "It's very varied", she says. "Sometimes it Involves coaching a Board of Directors about strategic direction and cultural change but just as often it means sleeves rolled up, muck and bullets, setting up a new operation to deliver a government service". We could not be more delighted to welcome her leadership and know that she will bring lots of fresh ideas and skill to the role.

Faith Hallett



Flower arrangement by Wendy Lawrence during the Teddington Fiesta of Flowers Demonstration—see page 14



Preparations are in full swing for the village fête and dog show which will be held in the hall and fields on Sunday September 11th. There will be free entry and free parking, many activities and tea arranged by the WI in the hall. See the poster, (page 14), for more details. Come along, bring the family (including the dog) and enjoy!

The Croquet Club recently lost a sit on mower which was taken during the night by thieves who seemingly broke open the top field gate and then broke into the shed where the mower was kept. It seems that they must have used a trailer to carry the mower, and Gloucestershire Constabulary have warned trailer owners to be vigilant since at least seven thefts of trailers have recently occurred in the district. In further unwelcome news, two fence rails were broken on the post and rail fence which runs across the top of the village hall fields. This was upsetting and costly to our neighbours, whose horses need to be kept in safely. If anyone can shed any light on how this could have happened, please let us know.

And some good news: we have been granted £750 (more than we asked for!) by the Highfield Trust for kitchen improvements. So we shall be getting a new fridge and various pots, pans and other kitchen items.

Graham Galer
Secretary BCVH Ltd

Save The Date!

On Sat 12th November at Overbury Village Hall, the Alex Voysey Blues Band are delighted to be presenting their show 'Old Dogs' New Tricks' - a travelogue through the very best of blues history from the raw story-telling of founding fathers Robert Johnson and BB King through Stevie Ray Vaughan, onto to the more lyrical blues of Eric Clapton and John Mayer, right up to contemporary artists Joe Bonamassa, Joanne Shaw Taylor and many more, plus Alex's original blues material - all with high energy and an insanely virtuosic twist.

Expect a night packed with husky vocals, phenomenal musicianship and a finale to get everyone on their feet - this show will leave you feeling anything but blue!

Since adding acoustic baffling to the hall last autumn, the hall has become an excellent concert venue space, so much so that the band have recorded a music video and their new album in there!

And the days are not full enough
And the nights are not full enough
And life slips by like a field mouse
Not shaking the grass.

Ezra Pound

ST BARBARA'S CHURCH Ashton under Hill

What an amazing summer of extremes the weather has given us. Almost biblical one might say. Temperatures in the high 30s are unthinkable and not very enjoyable. Just as we were all quoting the drought of 1976, the thunderstorms appeared, reminding us that the June Jubilee was also an extreme - of cold and wet. The gardens and verges have been parched by heat and lack of rain, and hopefully the Ashton Fete and Produce show in September will get some entries now the rain has turned up.

The service on 14th August of Village Worship was followed by a picnic in Bruce and Philippa's Garden which was very kind of them and gave us a chance to socialise. It always feels very relaxed, and they have plenty of shade. Thank you! We will be joining in with other churches around the parish for the rest of the month.

A brief summary of events in St Barbara's. The funeral of Mollie Groom took place on August 11th. Mollie was ninety-two and had lived in Ashton for over fifty years in the bungalow at Gorse Hill. She was well known for her playing piano for the Chapel services and was a long-term member of the WI. She had stated her requests for the funeral, and we decided to sing the words to "Jerusalem" which we will always associate with Mollie. A tribute appears in the magazine from her WI friends as there was no immediate family.

The wedding of Verity Locke and Scott Bailey is on 19th August, (Rails End nursery), we wish them every happiness together.

It is sad to record the death of Jeremy King whose funeral took place at Kemerton on 4th August. Amongst many things, he was involved with the Parish Council and Open Gardens. He and Christine opened their lovely garden at Bredon's Holt every year. All best wishes and our condolences to Christine and the whole family.

The next service in St Barbara's will be on Sunday 25th September. Holy Communion with Rev'd Katryn. We are starting to look forward to the new season. Our Harvest celebration will be on Sunday 2nd October. This is a lay-led family service at 10.30am. We are planning to re-start the Open the Book stories to take into the First School in the Autumn term.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Judith Hunter

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, MANCHESTER?



A rare opportunity to visit this fascinating museum with coach travel already organised is on offer on Wednesday, 21 September. Organised by the Beckford & Ashton under Hill Branch of the Royal British Legion, this is open to anybody who would like to come. The more people we can get, the cheaper it will be! With the price of fuel still so high and fewer people signed up than anticipated, tickets will be £25 per head – though if we can fill a 52-seater bus this will drop right down! At present we need at least 12 people to make it viable.

Please contact Faith Hallett (01386 725206 or faith.hallett1@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you might be interested in joining the trip. Closing date 10 September 2022.

In August, we resumed meetings in the Hall, having held the garden party in July. Our talk was suitably light and entertaining, with the title “Between Stairs, the life of a lady’s maid”. Jo Goulding had developed an interest in the life of women in the Edwardian era when she worked as a guide at Warwick Castle and based her

‘Upstairs and Downstairs’ with the aristocratic ladies, and many servants to help run the grand houses. In the hierarchy of the household, the lady’s maid was privileged, although she worked very hard. She was at the beck and call of her mistress and had to have all her clothes ready and perfectly presented. She would have kept the hours of her lady, however late it might be, and have to get up early the next morning. She was often treated well and given presents.

Jo’s first interest was in Daisy, Countess of Warwick, who was notorious in her day, (a mistress of Edward VII). She then found out more about some of the other grand titled ladies. A surprising number of them were American heiresses; the deal seemed to be that they had the money, if not the class, and the gentlemen had the titles. She referenced the fictional Cora, Lady Grantham of ‘Downton Abbey’ as being a realistic character, though many marriages were not happy. Jo’s second chosen lady was Mary Curzon, and American who married Viscount Curzon, the future Vice-Roy of India. Her maid, Violet, was from the Black Country, and had worked as a skilled seamstress. When Mary Curzon died, Lord Curzon remarried and so Violet left her position. She herself later married and ran a small shop with her husband. Jo’s talk was full of anecdotes, and she had brought along a collection of items to illustrate her stories. She told us horrendous tales of corsets and the 18 inch waist and explained the ‘language of fans’. We all had a chance to try out the techniques of showing interest, flirting, and cutting someone dead! It was all good fun.

Dates coming up include Ashton Fete on 10th September. We will run the Tombola again, so filled jars for the children are required, as well as bottles etc. The Fete committee wants to make this a special occasion after a gap of a few years. Sue Cranham reported that Ashton has received funding for improvements to the old tennis courts with new provision for netball. Many of us attended Mollie Groom’s funeral on 11th August. See page 11 - Mollie was 92 and had been a great friend to all.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th September at 7.pm in the Village Hall.



Flower arrangement by Wendy Lawrence during the Teddington Fiesta of Flowers Demonstration— see page 14



Playing cricket in the heat has been challenging, but some of our very old cricketers remember the hot weather of 1976!

Our Senior players have now won five League matches and tied another. They are positioned third in their division, looking forward to the last two matches and are pushing for promotion...

Friendly matches are continuing on Sundays and midweek and everyone is still enjoying themselves.

Net practice for Senior players continues every Tuesday (6pm – 7.30pm). New players are always very welcome.

Our Under 15's have played eight matches and only lost one. They have one match left to play in September. The team has developed into a fine side under the enthusiastic coaching and management of Rob Hayden.

The Players' AGM will be held at 8.30pm on Saturday 3rd September and our end of season Awards Evening will be held in the pavilion on Saturday 24th September.

Whenever matches are being played, the pavilion bar is open from late afternoon. Villagers are most welcome to come along and enjoy the atmosphere! Social membership is available on payment of a donation.

Dave Devereux - OCC Chair (01684 850329 or 07949 648372)

<http://overbury.play-cricket.com>

Music at St Faith's

Following the great success of the two classical music events held in St Faith's Church earlier this year, we are now offering something a bit different. Singer-songwriter Mike Weaver will be performing a special concert in St Faith's, Overbury, on Saturday 1st October

Cheltenham-born Mike, who now lives on the lower slopes of Bredon Hill, will be playing songs from his back catalogue, as well as some new material, which will be featured on his forthcoming album 'The Greyest Bits.' The CD is scheduled for release in February next year, to mark Mike's 65th birthday.

St Faith's will be beautifully decorated with flowers ahead of the harvest festival, creating a relaxed atmosphere in which to hear original, heart-felt acoustic music and song.

Mike's style has been variously compared to James Taylor, Ralph McTell - melodic songs which draw upon both contemporary and traditional influences, and a great deal of personal experience.

The music starts at 7.30pm with tickets priced at £10. For more information and ticket links, visit www.overbury.org.

..... Remembering Mollie Groom

Mollie was a great stalwart of Ashton WI and had so many friends amongst different generations of us. I have been sent many good and fond memories of her, and no doubt there will be many more.

I think almost the last occasion we saw Mollie was at the summer "Covid" Garden Party in 2020; it was quite hot, but she sat in the high-backed chair indoors in my Conservatory, taking in the atmosphere from the garden, the chatter and the familiar faces, enjoying the cup of tea and cake a procession of people brought over to her. It was the company she loved of course and being part of the occasion.

To many members, Mollie will be for ever associated with her stirring playing of "Jerusalem" to open the WI meetings. She played on the (awful) Village Hall piano – she didn't like the new electronic one. Mollie was a fine musician who loved playing and made her own arrangements; she played by ear and when her sight was failing it gave her pleasure to continue to play. For many years she played at Chapel services and also spent an afternoon at Bricklehampton Hall playing for the residents. But of course, this is just one picture and there was a lot more to Mollie than the elderly lady in the hat and coat.

Mollie always had a good sense of fun and could be quite saucy. At Committee meetings way back, they recall her making them all laugh so much that one can't recall how any business ever got done. Mollie was a sociable person, always joining WI outings when she could; she played for a sing song of war time songs at our 75th birthday celebration when she made us all join in. "Come on ladies!"

There was a WI project in the 1990s to twin up with another WI. Mollie helped set up a partnership with the WI in Ashton Keynes near Cirencester, and the link is still going strong.

Another side of Mollie was that she could be very determined even into her latter years. She was tall and spare and took a healthy walk round the village every day and back up the steep slope to Gorse Hill. Unfortunately, this led one day to a bad fall and her losing the sight in one eye; her attitude was "well at least it was the bad eye – I've still got the good one, wasn't I lucky." A bad bout of pneumonia also affected Mollie's health –both Cindy and Judy were wonderful to her, and Mollie was very appreciative of their kindness.

Mollie stepped in once at a WI meeting when a speaker didn't turn up and gave a brilliant impromptu talk about her childhood in her beloved south Wales, Narberth in Pembrokeshire. Mollie was an only child, and the family sounded close and loving, and very supportive. When she was young her mother nursed her through a long period of sickness with lung problems. She mentioned the nurses lighting the fire in the hospital ward every morning. It may explain why Mollie was very careful to 'wrap up warm' throughout her life. The family business was in skilled cabinet making, with coffins the 'bread and butter side of it' as she once told me! After teacher training and three years in Germany, Mollie came to Evesham and married John. She taught in the area for many years. I'm sure she was a super teacher, ending her career at Sedgeberrow. She was once turned down for a Junior headship, being told "no, we feel the boys need a man". Well, Mollie would have accepted it, but it must have rankled.

In conclusion Mollie was warm and kind and generous-hearted. When asked about her teaching days and if she remembered any of her pupils Mollie said: "I loved them all" and she probably did. She loved people and they loved her.

..... Remembering David Morgan

David Lewis Morgan was born in Chepstow in 1936. His parents were schoolteachers, and he was the middle of three children. He described his upbringing as strict and within the Baptist Church, which made for a fairly austere childhood. Soon after the end of WW2 his father obtained a headship in the Welsh valleys and the family moved to Blaina Gwent. David attended Hafod-y-Ddol Grammar School and in 1954 he gained a place at Guy's Hospital to study medicine.

He loved living in Lambeth, enjoyed medical school to the full, playing in and supporting the Guy's Rugby Teams with his usual huge fervour and enthusiasm. In 1956 he met Julie and after a 4-year courtship, just 6 weeks after qualifying as a doctor, they were married in St Michael and All Angels Church, Bishops Cleeve, the village where Julie was born.

Moving to Portsmouth to do his Junior Hospital Posts, he seriously considered a career in "middy" (obstetrics) but was persuaded to join a busy GP practice in the city, primarily.... to manage the baby booming population of post-war Portsmouth. In these early years the hours were long and hard with many late-night calls often to home deliveries. Later under David's leadership the practice became a front-runner in the training of GPs.

David was an active member of the British Medical Association together with a variety of other roles including hospital dermatology, medical advisor to the Portsmouth Church of England's Adoption Society, factory doctor for the Gas Board and Smith's Crisp Factory. He also worked at HMP Portsmouth, which contained some very troubled inmates, mostly prisoners with a life sentence. He never judged them and always offered them the same respect and dignity which he gave to all his patients.

Retirement brought a move to Teddington, close to where Julie spent her childhood, and near to their younger son Tom and family, to be of support in a time of need. It was to be 15 years of great contentment, interspersed with tragedy on the deaths of a much-loved daughter-in-law, and son-in-law. His was the strength which helped the family through such difficult times, a rock and a guiding light.

Never happier than in his garden, playing the odd round of golf, entertaining family and friends, holidaying in Wales, his was a life positively lived to the very end. A unique man, a generous and charming friend, an inspirational doctor and a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.



Flower arrangement by Wendy Lawrence during the Teddington Fiesta of Flowers Demonstration—see page 14

Are you creative? Do you love flowers?

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 1st October for Harvest Festival and would like to invite anyone, young or old, to come along and see how it's done, maybe even have a go and perhaps discover a new passion or hobby.

No experience necessary.

So put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

Saturday 1st October 2022

2.00 – 4.00

If you can't make that date, but are interested in seeing what we do, then get in touch with Jan (jan.catbells@gmail.com) or Sue (sueipoole18@gmail.com).

Teddington Church Flower Ladies



CHAPELRIES HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH TEDDINGTON

Sunday 2nd October at 4:00 p.m.

Please come and help celebrate this year's Harvest at a joyful service of praise and thanksgiving. Everyone, especially children, will be very welcome and there will be tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits served afterwards.



We should be very grateful for donations of Harvest produce to be displayed in the church. The Teddington Church Flower Ladies will be decorating the church on Saturday (the day before) and if you would like to help out or become involved, please see the dedicated article above.

Produce can be left in the church porch (left hand side) or inside the church. After the service all the produce will be taken to St. Vincent's, a day centre for people with disabilities, in Cheltenham.

Beckford Nature Reserve

Charity Number 1119366

200 CLUB subscriptions

Hopefully by now you have received a leaflet with the information about renewing your 200 Club subscription or joining in the 200 Club for the first time.

This is just a reminder of the different ways you can join or renew your membership. The new session starts in October and tickets can be purchased through the online shop

<http://beckfordnature.org.uk/store>

Or by BACS to BECKFORD NATURE RESERVE, Sort code: 60-05-16, A/C no. 18736181

Or by cheque payable to BECKFORD NATURE RESERVE

Please send cheques either to Nick Price, Westville, Main Street, Beckford GL20 7AD or to Jonathan Grice, Willow Bungalow, Back Lane, Beckford GL20 7AF. In each case please include your name, address, telephone number, email address (if applicable) and the number of tickets required.

If you have paid by BACS you can send your details by email to nick@beckfordnature.org.uk



BECKFORD VILLAGE FETE & DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
DOG REGISTRATION FROM 12.00
JUDGING 12.30 BY AN M.R.C.V.S (VET)

Fun for all
the family!



CLASSES—£2 per dog.
1. Veteran Dog/Bitch. Special prize for child handler
2. Best Junior, 6—18 months
3. Best Adult, 18 months—8 years
4. Best Rescue. 5. Prettiest Bitch 6. Handsome Dog.
7. Dog/Bitch in Best Condition
8. Best Parish Dog/Bitch within 3 mile radius.
9. Championship— Open to 1st and 2nd placed in all classes.
ROSETTES to 6th Place.
Further info Call Anne on 07754 475712

Children's Garden -On-A-Plate Competition. Entries to Beckford Village Hall for 12.00. Judging at 3.30pm.
Two classes, Under 7 and 11 & under. Skittles on the field. Croquet Have-A-Go. Ice-Creams. Face-Painting
WI Teas and Home-made Cakes in the hall from 12 onwards. Dogs welcome.
Tombola and Raffle and much more!
FREE ENTRY FREE PARKING

Beckford Community
Village Hall
Charity No 112086

FIESTA OF FLOWERS DEMONSTRATION

Teddington Village Hall on Friday 8th July 2022

The Teddington Flower Club meets every month at the village hall and has done so for a number of years now. It is run by a Teddington resident, Wendy Lawrence, who has been an accomplished demonstrator of flower arranging at venues throughout Gloucestershire and beyond.

Wendy kindly offered to stage a demonstration at the Village Hall with the proceeds being donated to the Village Hall Committee's Maintenance Fund. Around 55 ladies attended the event and they thoroughly enjoyed watching Wendy produced 10 very creative and attractive arrangements which were then raffled in a prize draw. After the demonstration the ladies were treated to an afternoon tea of home-made sandwiches and cakes prepared by members of the Village Hall committee. The amount raised from event ticket sales and the raffle tickets was £640.00 and the committee has already earmarked this valuable contribution for its future expenditure plans.

The members of the committee are grateful to Wendy for generously giving her time and skills towards making the event such an enjoyable experience and financial success.

Dear Friends of Catch

The CATCH team wants you to know that we continue to serve the children and families in Mzamomhle. During this time many NGOs like ours have had to close their doors. The world is in turmoil and we hope that you and your family are well and safe. The purpose of this half year report/newsletter is to let you know what's being going on at CATCH since the new year dawned. First off, we have to thank God for keeping us going and for the support you have already given. CATCH has continued with its usual activities. However, our Food Gardens have progressed beyond our expectations and we have a new program called "Child at Heart". The CATCH primary aim of all our activities is to break the poverty trap in which the children live in Mzamomhle. Hunger is rising so we continue to feed the children. But we want to create a hunger in their minds for a better future. With the current chaos, high unemployment and all the social ills which surround the children, they need to be strong and resilient and hold on to a hope which will bring them security, health and peace. One out of every third child in our programs has been sexually abused. This past trauma can prevent their recovery into a successful future.

Our new program is a long-term intervention to break the poverty barrier. CATCH is reaching into 30 informal creches in Mzamomhle with an intervention aimed to bring an early learning experience to hundreds of children who attend these creches. The creches are often held in small shacks and have no equipment. The creches are owned and will remain with owners who are usually women seeking a way of earning income. CATCH will not own the creches but is working to train the owners to deliver a full and proper early learning curriculum. Statistics show that children are not ready to enter Grade R, the start of formal school. They are not up to the required standard by Grade 4 and start to drop out of school. Minister Blade Nzimande recently said that out of 100 children who enter primary school only 20 proceed to tertiary education. Then only 6 young people graduate successfully.

I hope you can watch our gardening video on You Tube <https://youtu.be/nOJzXuVfARc> CATCH now has 165 mothers each working an organic garden. The aim is to boost the nutrition of their children. Some mothers also sell their produce. CATCH provides the seedlings, compost and ongoing training. With the serious crisis of hunger in Africa and even in our area these vegetables help to provide the nutrition the children need. In order to sustain this Project, CATCH has a large greenhouse where we grow herbs. The greenhouse is worked by the CATCH staff. The herbs are sold to retailers. We make a small profit from these sales but hope to also grow vegetables for further sales.

CATCH has purchased an incubator for chickens. We will soon start incubating 2000 eggs at a time. When these produce little chickens we will sell them at the 2 day- old chicks to an already identified market. Sustainability for organisations like CATCH is of critical importance. Our team has further ideas for sustainability in which you may want to volunteer or partner with us. We would really like to hear from you if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions. Some of you are too far away to pop in to CATCH but for those who live in Gonubie, you are always welcome to visit. My email is catchsue@weblink.co.za and [whatsapp 073 021 4595](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/00291111111111111111)



Christmas Craft Fair

Teddington Village Hall Saturday 26th November, 2pm to 4pm.

Yes, you heard it here first! You can kick start your Christmas shopping. This is the place to find handcrafted, unique, local gifts, what could make a better present?

There's plenty on offer: Fran's hand-crafted products from her Christmas Cottage Lavender Company, Helen's Crafts, Caroline's Flamingo Paperie cards; Phil's Upcycled and Recycled Crafts, Ali's Crafts in Wool and Fabric, and Art as well as Thumbnail Children's Books, written and produced by local authors, Sarah and Roj. It's a varied, imaginative, and creative collection, not to be missed!

And then there's the free mince pies, tea and coffee... put the date in your diary! Come on, you know you want to. But that's not all...If there are any crafters out there who would like to join in, (and we'd love it if you did), it's £10 a table. Please contact Sarah if you are interested. (sarahatrefren@gmail.com)

Stop press! Special offer to our teenage crafters:

One table is available at half price, for you or a group of friends to show and sell your craftwork. Let Sarah know and give it a go!



Update

People may also like to know I sent off another 3kilos of stamps for Mercy Ships.

Nettie

This week one alumni and one new surgeon arrived to commence thyroid surgeries. The surgeries will continue for another three weeks. We have also continued with general surgery for children for the last week but we also had one very different surgery.

A young child had a particular type of growth that would normally be dealt with shortly after birth in the UK/USA etc. Following several investigations, it was determined that this child could receive the surgery from the paediatric and head and neck surgeon who were onboard. This child is now recovering successfully. In a department where we are not operating at full capacity as we only have two operating rooms running at any one time to be able to manage this unexpected case was truly awesome/ we are still an international volunteer crew, with Australians being a majority this last week.

For those of you who do please pray for:

The surgeons as they have decisions about patient selection

The continued protection for good health of the crew. Our covid numbers are down this week.

The international OR team as they work together

That Christ would be seen in all I do.

Thanks for journeying with me.

Ali





TEWKESBURY AND BREDON HILL PROBUS CLUB

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I would like to introduce myself as your new contributor to your Parish Magazine on behalf of Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club. My name is Chris Brown and your Editor Helen has asked me to produce an article each month reporting on some of the events that we have enjoyed over recent weeks.

I joined Probus in mid-2016 having then fully retired from a long career in business and industry. Retirement can be difficult to come to terms with when you lose contact with many former colleagues and the mental stimulation that a busy professional life brings. So when I saw a notice in the press describing Probus as a club which would stimulate my retirement I immediately contacted the Secretary and went along to one of the Tuesday morning meetings. I was made very welcome and immediately enjoyed the vibrant conversation and the company of like-minded individuals.

We meet every Tuesday morning at Bredon Village Hall, starting at 10.15 a.m. with our Chairman's opening remarks after which our speaker starts their presentation. We break for coffee (and conversation) at 11 a.m. after which the speaker continues their talk until just before 12 noon, concluding with a sometimes challenging question and answer session.

Occasionally we organise visits to places of interest – some of our most memorable include a visit to the BBC studios in Birmingham, the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff, the Royal Mint, Weston's Cider Mill and on one of the hottest days of 2018, a visit to the Severn Trent Sewage Treatment Plant!

Probus is 'men only' as a rule, but we actively and regularly welcome wives and partners to open events, outings and meals.

If you are a retired professional or businessman and you think you would enjoy the company of like-minded gentlemen and learning something new every week, I would be very happy to take you along as my guest and without obligation to one or more of our meetings. Please give me a call on 07710 773455 or visit our website at <https://probusclub.net/tewkesbredon/>

Forthcoming Events in September:

- 6 Sept – The Gentleman Highwayman (with Marguerite Collins)
- 13 Sept – Evolution or Creation? (with Antony Hartley)
- 20 Sept – The Ashchurch to Tewkesbury Railway (with Ian Boskett)
- 27 Sept – All political careers end in failure (with Philip Bowen)



Ashton Open Gardens 2022 – A Record Breaker!!

This year's June Open Gardens Weekend was a resounding success, and just short of 1000 visitors agree with me.

With the last event being held in 2019, we were pretty convinced the village and our visitors would be ready for June 2022, and we weren't wrong. We had 25 gardens open, each one looking fabulous. Although the season was a little late for some plants, others were loving the cooler build up to the summer and together they did not disappoint. We had some gardens open for the first time and others returning which always creates interest for our regular visitors.

As ever volunteers were out in force, meeting, greeting, directing and helping, and doing it all with a huge smile for our visitors. Without our band of volunteers, the weekend simply could not go ahead. Wherever, and however, you were involved, once again, a massive thank you to you all.

As usual we dished out the questionnaires and gathered up the responses, having read every one of them I can tell you that they were all incredibly positive and complimentary about every aspect of the weekend, from the superb catering to the stalls, the carparking, the shuttle bus, and so much more.

Over the weekend the weather couldn't have been better and although the number of visitors wasn't a record this year, the funds raised over the two afternoons was, and after the last plants have been sold and the monies have now been collected and counted, I can tell you we will be in a position to donate well in excess of £10,000 to the village groups and organisations. These include both schools, The Guides, The WI, The Footpath Team, St Barbara's, The Chapel and The Village Social Committee, all of whom will be putting the funds to good use. Keep an eye on the Open Gardens Website for updates and photos on how the proceeds are used.

Looking ahead to 2023, now is the time to make a note of the Open Gardens weekend – next year it will be the usual 2nd weekend in June, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, we have already started making a few plans and on the back of this year have 2 or 3 new gardens keen to join in the fun.

If you would like to be involved in any aspect of the weekend next year, either with your garden open or as one of our volunteers, please let me know.

Lastly a big thank you to the Committee, a huge effort from everyone in getting everything in place for a cracking weekend!

Jim Teague

Ashton Open Gardens Committee Chair.

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SAVE the dates!



Friday 21st October, A Beckford village hall supper with light-hearted entertainment. This is called "Confessions" It is has comic sketches and reminiscences of past hilarious mishaps of an AmDram group.



Saturday 29th October from 10 o'clock. Lots of Local Crafts, WI cakes and book sale in Beckford village hall.

Overbury Community Playground Fundraising Project

Overbury has two swings located at the back corner of the land used by Overbury Cricket Club. The local community feel the time has come to try and invest in some new play equipment. We hope that the new playground will cater for a wide range of ages, children with sensory needs and differently abled children. A group of local Mums have teamed up to commence fundraising efforts and would now like to take the opportunity to share activities planned for the coming months.

Dates for your diary include:

Saturday 24th September 2022: Sherry and Jamon tasting evening in Overbury village hall.

Time: 8-10.30pm. Cost: £25 per ticket.

Tickets available at: <https://www.fundraising-events.co.uk/overbury>

Sherry, Sherish, Jerez - Forget about the old bottle of 'Croft' in your grandmother's cupboard and come and explore the rich history of the finest wines from the south of Spain; 'Hispania' jewel of the Roman Empire or 'Al-andalus' to the Umayyad Caliphate that distilled what we know as brandy. Sherry's rich history spans millennia and brings to the palate the salty sea breezes and the rich vinicultural traditions of a fascinating area of Europe.

Limited tickets available due to event logistics so be sure to buy your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 8th October 2022: Scottish Ceilidh and Auction Night

Time :7.30pm -11pm Cost: £30 per ticket

Tickets available at: <https://www.fundraising-events.co.uk/overbury>

A high energy and fun filled evening for everyone. Please note the suggested dress code is **black tie** with prize for the person with the best item of tartan worn, so be sure you dress to impress.

Sunday 4th December 2022: Artisan Christmas Market

We wish to celebrate the amazing craftsmanship of the grade II, Richard Norman Shaw, Overbury Village Hall and invite everyone to join us for a high-quality Artisan Fair this December. It's going to be the perfect event to secure unique high-quality hand-crafted goodies for your loved ones this Christmas. Look out for more details on this event in the coming months.

Competition Time

We are launching a Bredon Hill Photograph competition to create a Bredon Hill scenes calendar for 2023.

Entries should be submitted to overburyplayground@gmail.com by **Monday 3rd October**.

Please include Bredon Hill Photograph Comp as the email title when submitting it. Please also give the location and the Photographers name. By entering a photograph, you are giving the fundraising committee permission to use the image on fundraising materials. Competition winners will receive a copy of the completed calendar and a credit as thanks for taking part.

To keep up to date on our fundraising efforts and new events please follow us on social media.

Instagram @overburyplayground **Facebook** @Overbury Playground

Email us on: overburyplayground@gmail.com if you wish to pledge a raffle or auction prize or want to support our fundraising efforts in any other way, or simply for more information on any of our events.

www.overbury.org will also be detailing information on upcoming events and ways to support the fundraising efforts, so please keep a look out in coming months for further updates.

Laura Aggett on Behalf of the Overbury Playground Fundraising committee



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DATE	TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
2nd Sep	12:30 pm	Chapel Hall, Ashton	Lunch Club
6th Sep	7:00 pm	Ashton	Ashton WI
6th Sep	10:15 am	Bredon village Hall	Probus— <i>The Gentleman Highwayman</i>
11th Sep	12:00—5:00 pm	Beckford Village Hall	Fete and Dog Show
12th Sep	7:30 pm	Beckford Village Hall	Beckford WI— <i>The Bra Myth</i>
13th Sep	10:15 am	Bredon village Hall	Probus— <i>Evolution or Creation</i>
13th Sep	12:30 pm	Beckford Village Hall	Simply Soup
16th Sep			Cut-Off for October Parish News
20th Sep	10:15 am	Bredon village Hall	Probus— <i>The Ashchurch to Tewkesbury Railway</i>
21st Sep	All Day	Imperial War Museum	Royal British Legion trip
24th Sep	8:00-10:30 pm	Overbury Village Hall	Sherry & Jamon Tasting
27th Sep	10:15 am	Bredon village Hall	Probus— <i>All political careers end in failure</i>
29th Aug	2:30 pm	Beckford Church	Music Recital—The Marysingers
30th Aug	10:30—12:00	Beckford Church	Macmillan Coffee Morning

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