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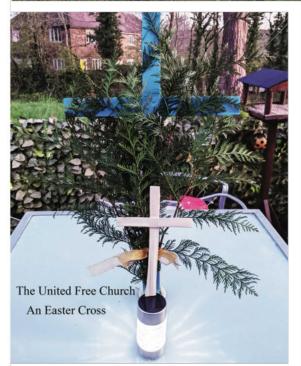


















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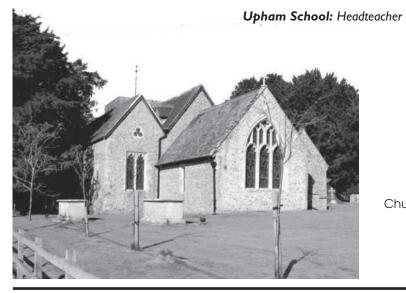
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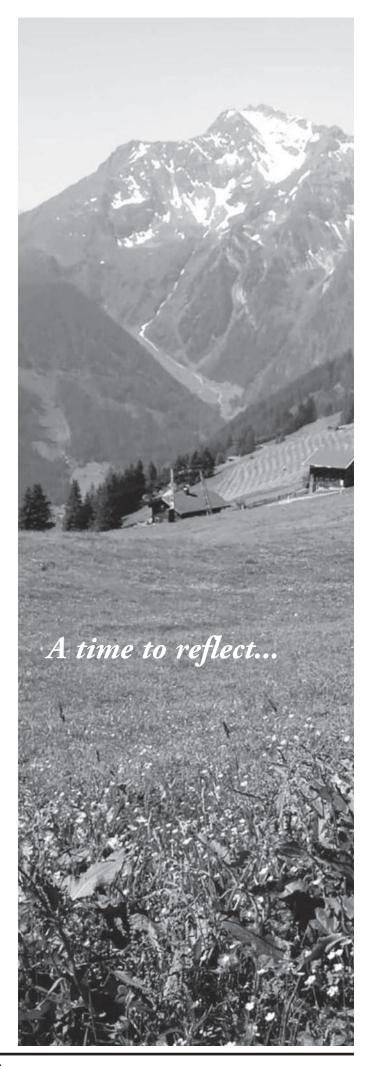
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A time to reflect...what would be good not to go back to normal?



ARE LIVING THROUGH VERY DIFFERENT AND DIFFICULT TIMES AREN'T WE? FIRST FOR OUR HEALTH WITH COVID-19, AND SECONDLY FOR our livelihoods with the huge economic effects of locking down a whole country. Our health system is under great pressure, but the NHS, with its wonderful doctors nurses and support staff, are doing an amazing job. Our economic system is under great stress where for most work has had to stop overnight, but many behind the scenes are also doing an amazing job to provide us with all we need at home, and to make sure the economy is ready to come back to life. I am praying, like I am sure many of you, that hopefully by the end of May there will at least be some positive signs of hope and steps back to a normal life. But what is normal life? Were we really leading normal lives before? What will be good to quickly go back as it was, or not to go back but change for the better?

We are still in the middle of what happening, so it is hard to say for sure what the big lessons from this time should be. I am sure there will be lots we will want do differently in the future with regard to our health (being better prepared for pandemics) and for our economy (being better prepared for 'out of the blue' shocks to the system). Health and Economic lessons will be very important, but perhaps what we need to reflect on most are the social aspects of life and what it means to be human and to lead a 'good and successful' life - individually, as families, as communities and as a society. When we have to slow down or stop it can quite be uncomfortable can't it if we are used to rushing around (I'm like that) but it can be a really good thing if we recognise, uncomfortable though it might be, that it gives us an opportunity to take stock, to decide to make some changes and then do things differently. For example, we do want and need the economy to get going so people can work to earn a living, but on the other hand, it is a good thing if we might somehow have fewer planes in the sky harming our atmosphere, less busy roads so we can hear the birds sing and overall less rushing around so we can appreciate life itself. So, what might be the kind of lessons to be reflecting on as we are going slow, have had to stop, or for that matter because we are more busy than normal? I would love to hear your ideas as we try to work it out together, but here are some of the key things that have come to me:

Community v Individualism – life is about playing our part with other people in the place that we live

Family v Fracture – life is about appreciating each other as husband, wife, mum, dad, sister and brother

Friendship v Forgetting – life is about valuing friendship rather than forgetting to make contact

Needs v Wants – life is about focusing more on what we need

than always want

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Time v Rushing} - \text{life is about taking time and not always} \\ \text{rushing to the next moment}$

Quality v Quantity – life is about the quality of what we have than always the quantity

Creativity v Consumerism – life is about being creative not just consuming

Contentment v Happiness – life is doing what is right and good than just our individual happiness

Love v Like – life is about the full breadth and depth of love not just love in terms of what we like

Communication v Silence - life is about taking the initiative to make contact not staying quiet

God v No God – life is about knowing God and trusting in him when life is uncertain

If these things are something of what would be good to be more central in our lives, how can we make such changes? May I suggest three words beginning with R: **Reflect Repent Return**

Reflect – in this time, take time to reflect of what it is you need to learn (as we all have something)

Repent – decide now, before we go back to normal, how you need to change direction (repent)

Return – ask God to help you be more of the kind of person he wants you to be and to it put into practice

A bible verse which might be helpful to use in your personal reflection is Galatians 5v22-23: "22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Do let me know your thoughts on what you think we should be generally learning in this time, as I would love to share something of your thoughts in my June Parish News Comment.

With my prayers for you, your families and your friends over May.



Revd James Hunt

Rector St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham and Blessed Mary, Upham

BISHOP'S WALTHAM BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

ONFIDENTIAL HELP IS PROVIDED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE a voluntary service, for those who are bereaved in the community. We have all done Bereavement Support Training but are not counsellors. We offer a confidential and friendly chat to talk through your feelings of grief and how they may be affecting you and your relationships. It may even be something you feel unable to talk to your family about.

We are available to help anyone who would like our support but it will mean that people will need to contact us, as due to Data Protection changes, the Undertakers cannot pass on your details. Please don't let this stop you getting help that may support you at this difficult time.

Please contact Helen Hills, tel: 01489 893498 or e-mail:helenhills.bw@btinternet.com

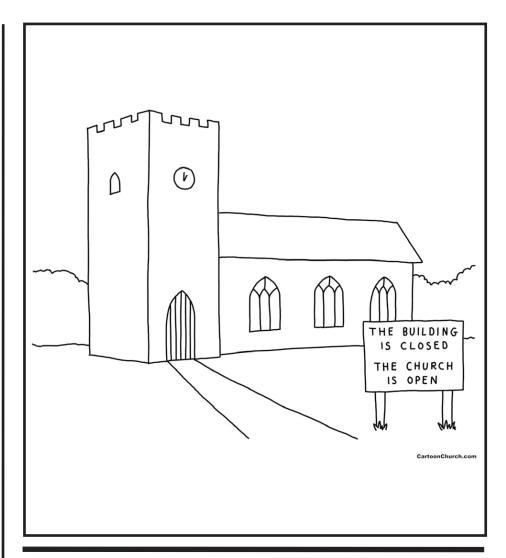
The Bishop's Waltham Bereavement Support Group

With regret, the *Time to* Remember Service planned for May will postponed until later in the year.

Visiting in Hospital

If you know of anyone who is ill, at home or in hospital (nursing home) who would like a visit, please telephone the Parish Office (892197) so that an arrangement can be made.

Suspended im accordance with government guidelines





St. Peter's Flower Arrangers Rota for MAY 2020 - If Services can resume

3rd May Jennie Edwards *10th May* Janet Chierchia

17th May Chris Breach Wedding Saturday 16th

at 1:00pm

24rd May Sandy Kellow

31st May PENTECOST [red] Edna Dear

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FLOWER ROTA FOR May 2020

Subject to lifting of restrictions

2nd May Alison Hulme 9th May Jilly Wise

16th May Lorraine Cheshire

23rd May Val Dalton 30th May Sarah Tice



Requests for Prayer

Philippians 4 v 6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

The Residents living in a group of two or three roads are prayed for at Morning Prayer (8:45am - 9:00am) in St. Peter's Church each weekday, so that during each month, all residents of Bishop's Waltham and Upham are prayed for in turn. At Morning Prayer people for whom prayer has been requested are prayed for by name (just first name and no details are given and this is confidential within the group).

If you would like a person or yourself prayed for at Morning Prayer please do contact Wendy Cooper 896186 wendy@barafundle.plus.net or the Rector 892618

jameshunt 1966@gmail.com.

and you are welcome to come along.

In addition there is a (locked) box for your Prayer request in the far corner of the north aisle of St. Peter's Church and two different colour forms for you to fill in.

If you would like to make a **completely confidential prayer request** please complete a green slip and put it in the box – one person will add the name to the 'Book of Requests for Prayer' which is placed on the altar during services

If you wish to be **publicly prayed** for, please complete a Yellow slip and the name of the person will appear on the weekly church notice sheet. If you are requesting public prayer for somebody else, that person must have given permission.

The church is closed during the current Coronavirus emergency until further notice.

From the UFC

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE,



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

> BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY-WE PRAY-THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPITE

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS: ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY















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MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

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TEXT: JAYNE MANFRED

Baptisms at St. Peter's Church and The Blessed Mary, Upham

If you are interested in Baptism for your child (or having a Thanksgiving Service), please contact Liz Webb on 01489 891760 or e-mail ejw1557@gmail.com

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Our church family continues to pray that everyone in our Bishop's Waltham community will be safe and remain healthy throughout the course of the current COVID-19 epidemic.

We also pray for those who may be adversely affected either through illness or as a result of the measures taken to restrict the spread of the virus. We totally endorse the mantra which the Government has adopted:

STAY AT HOME; PROTECT THE NHS; SAVE LIVES

Even though all our church meetings and services have been cancelled, we will do the best we can to help and support anyone in need.

Please telephone 01329 833518 or 07973529415.

FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER OF THE MEON VALLEY CIRCUIT

Dear fellow readers,

ET ME FIRST OF ALL THANK THE NHS, CARE, POLICE, EMERGENCY, THE MILITARY, COMMUNITY and Social Services workers, our Political leaders, all local volunteers, neighbours and praying believers; all doing everything to keep us safe, sane and healthy; often at the expense of their own comforts and family life enjoyment as we fight COVID-19.

Clearly, Lent and Easter 2020 is different from previous years. This is mainly because of the effects of COVID-19, which has caused the sufferings, losses of life, the negative impact to various economic players in our country and globally. Then there are regulations on movements, social

distancing, and gatherings of all kinds, not least, Church meetings.

Different as this year's observance and celebration is, Lent and Easter climaxes in hope, life and joy. In fact, because of what Lent stands for, namely the offering and sacrifice of Jesus our Lord that resulted in our being set free from bondage to sin, this season is a season of great joy from start to finish.

Who would not be happy for being set free? Think about people who have been taken hostage. Have you noticed how happy they, their families and friends are upon being given back their freedom by their rescuers? They rejoice because God made human beings to be free.

The Lent and Easter season reminds us about the mission of Jesus on earth. During his ministry on earth, he stated

Important dates for

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Saturday 26 SeptemberCountry Fayre if restrictions allow

For the latest information on Services and Community Events in Bishop's Waltham, please check the website:

www.stpetersbishops
waltham.org.uk
Pew Notes and Calendars



Messy Church

Parents will be notified of the next date for Messy Church

St Peter's Church Hall at 3:30pm, followed by meal

that he came to seek and to save the lost by giving his life over in death as a ransom which he gave to the Father. He did this when he was put on the cross. In finding us sinners, Jesus brings us life and freedom. He said in the gospel of John chapter 8 verse 36: 'So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'

I want to remind you that there is no healing where there is no illness, no forgiveness where there hasn't been wrong doing, no comfort where there is no suffering, and no resurrection where there is no death. The current global situation bears witness to this fact.

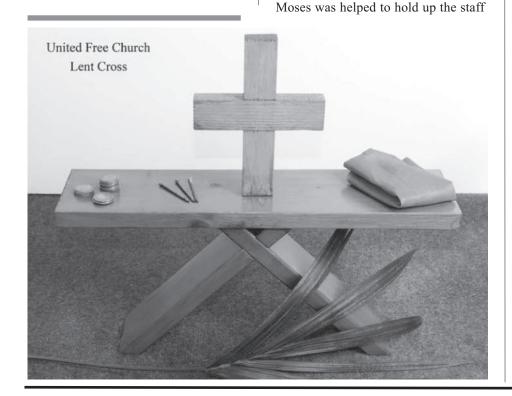
Thus, Easter resurrection was only possible because Jesus died, which is what Lent is about and leads to.

As we live through this dreadful global pandemic that has invaded our human family, we are without any doubt facing a "death" situation in our lives, churches, families and businesses. Nevertheless, God be praised, we can look forward to a resurrection experience. The Lent and Easter season calls us to have hope and joy. It is a time not to be afraid, but to be bold and courageous. It is a season to expect God to bring to life in and through us the hopes that have probably died. It is a time for hope and for joy!

Finally, be responsible, stay safe, keep others safe, keep praying, look to the one who rose again from the dead, Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

Easter blessings!

Revd. Joseph Tembo





Continuing to support each other – a message from the United Reformed Church.

The United Free Church in Bishop's Waltham is a joint Methodist and United Reformed Church.

HE RESPONSE REQUIRED OF EVERYONE TO THE CONTINUING SPREAD OF COVID-19 AROUND THE globe is to isolate ourselves physically from friends and family, groups and clubs, churches and communities, to stand alone in the face of unprecedented government control in every aspect of our day to day lives. It is no wonder that many are filled with fear, sadness and uncertainty.

The Bible is full of people who not only experienced negative feelings, but made them known to God. In Psalm 13:1-2 we read of David's despair at God's apparent absence in a time of great sorrow and suffering. In Exodus 17:11-12, we read of Moses feeling tired with the somewhat bizarre order to hold up a staff for a long time in order to secure victory in battle. In Luke 22:41- 44 we read of Jesus asking fervently to be spared from the torture and death that awaits him. Indeed, in Jeremiah 6:11, we read of God's own anger building up within the prophet! We know, on further reading, that God was able to achieve extraordinary things through these people, despite it

being far from obvious to them at the

time. David became a great leader

known for his faith and trust in God.

when he was tired, helping to secure a victory through teamwork, Jesus rose from death as Messiah and God led His people on from the uncertainty and frustration of Jeremiah's time.

This does not, by any means, take away from the struggle and suffering that led to these achievements, but it does offer hope that, even in the darkest of places, God is present, whether we feel God beside us or not. Once we have come to terms with our negative responses to the situation, it's time to seek out the presence of God.

Name one good thing around you at this time. Where might God be in that? What might God be trying to say or reveal through this?

We can see the benefit of being a disciple who is surrounded by vulnerable neighbours, able to provide a safe, listening ear to hear concerns, do shopping or collect medication. In these cases, we can clearly live the life of Jesus today in everything we do, big and small, in supporting people through this crisis.

- What happens, though, when we ourselves are vulnerable as disciples?
- What happens when our jobs are on the line, or income in jeopardy?
- What happens when we need to balance isolation with looking after an older relative who doesn't live with us?
- What happens when the care we need as a disabled person is in danger of being postponed or lost?

In these cases we need our fellow disciples to give us their support.

Could you commit to phoning and writing to older relatives to make sure they feel connected in this time of separation? Could you ask a disabled neighbour if there's any support you can provide over the coming weeks?



Lord, we praise you for every single act of good that is done, for every ounce of love that is shown, for every kind deed, act of grace and act of mercy.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

"Eyes on, hands on"

HERE ARE EIGHT CWGC GRAVES IN ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD. THREE FROM WORLD WAR 1 AND five from World War 2, of which six are marked by the traditional white Portland headstones and two are classified as private, so these have conventional headstones and kerbs. Of these eight, the PCC receives £2 per grave per annum towards maintenance of seven of the graves. In addition, there is a military pattern headstone commemorating a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps but this is maintained by Ministry of Defence as the death occurred outside the timescales set down by the CWGC.

In the wake of the widespread public interest for commemorating the dead of both wars, the CWGC have launched a project known as "Eyes On, Hands On" whereby, as of April this year, appropriately trained volunteers will visit the graves and provide information about headstone condition and legibility as well as taking photos for CWGC records. Depending upon the condition of the headstones, the volunteers may carry out light touching cleaning and tidying, and report headstones that might require further intervention such as straightening, re-engraving etc..

As such, you may see the volunteers in the Churchyard over the coming months, they will visit during the day, in the early evening in the summer and at weekends but will be sensitive to events which may be happening in the Church.

Paul Emmerson

On behalf of St Peter's Church

THE KING'S CHURCH

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Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. ⁷ And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your heartsand minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6**

N THESE WORDS OF REASSURANCE WE SEE THAT GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO US IS THAT WE NEEDN'T WORRY IF WE COME TO HIM IN PRAYER. WHEN WE COME TO HIM IN PRAYER HE GIVES US HIS PEACE, AND GOD'S PEACE IS SO AMAZING THAT IT actually guards our hearts and minds. That's right, God's peace is so powerful and fulfilling that it actually staves off worry and fear and other things that would seek to cause us anxiety. So relevant for all of us these days.

I have personally found these words hugely encouraging during the current times, and I hope that they do the same for you!

If you are in need of peace at this time, not just in your mind but in your heart as well; or maybe prayer about the particular situation that you are facing: or indeed any help, comfort, or just a listening ear, then please do not hesitate to contact us at kingshelpbw@gmail.com or visit our website www.kingschurch.org

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UR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH STANDS ON MARTIN STREET AT THE TOP OF VICTORIA ROAD, LOOKING OUT OVER FIELDS AND TREES. THIS BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE OLD PRIORY, WHICH

was for many years occupied by the White Fathers, a Catholic missionary society. Our priest is Father Alan Griffiths and he and our friendly congregation welcome everyone to come and join us in our services and social events, on which we will try to keep you updated.

All celebrations of Mass and other public Services in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (which includes Bishop's Waltham) are suspended ay present.

We are currently intending to set up the live streaming of Holy Mass in one of the bigger churches of this Parish of St. Swithun Wells, and the online site known as **Universalis** has all the liturgical prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours for everyday access: www.universalis.com

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Class Four's Radiant Rainbows

OR THE LAST WEEK, LIFE HAS BEEN A BIT DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE. STAYING AT HOME FEELS A BIT strange, but the children of Class 4 (from Upham C of E Primary School) have been doing fun activities to pass the time. Some of these tasks included baking a cake (if they had the ingredients – if not, cooking whatever they could), drawing and writing. For their writing tasks, the children were asked to write in a genre of their choice. They got their inspiration from an interesting picture of a musical world coming out of a guitar.

Another activity was drawing a rainbow (which was some of the children's favourite activity). They decided to make rainbows and put in their windows to light up people's faces when they walk past at this difficult time.

Some children might find this time difficult and the teacher understood that. So she gave the children a diary to write in about how they are feeling about staying at home and what they are doing for their home learning.

Here are some quotes which show how some of the children are feeling.

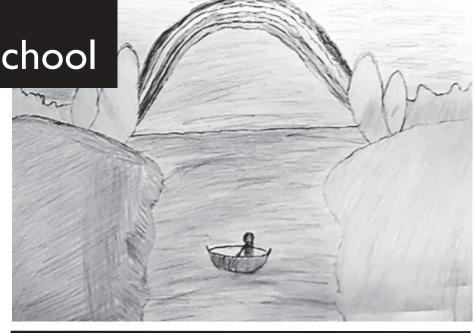
Here is a quote from a Year Five pupil, "I am finding life a bit boring because I can't do all of the fun things that I am normally able to do."

This is a quote from a Year Six pupil "I love doing the home learning but sometimes I want to see my friends and do something with them."

The children are now excited for their next art lesson for which they will be drawing their own imaginative music world.

Written at home by **Tamara T** (a Year Six pupil).





World War II Celebrations in Upham A commemorative weekend in Upham

Postponed from May to August (VJ Day) - restrictions permitting

Provisional programme

"Toast to the Heroes" will take place at *The Brushmakers' Arms*, Upham. Hopefully this will involve the whole village.

Supper/Dance with a band in Upham Village hall Contact Janet Dunford 01489860579

An exhibition in the Village Hall.

Please will anyone who lived in Upham in 1940 onwards or with any connections, any stories, any relatives or any memories contact Janet Dunford.

Our Heroes who died:

Norman Frank Fairhurst, Royal Navy
Frederick George Hounsham, Royal Artillery
Charles Herbert Mannings, Hampshires
Herbert William George Pike, Royal Marines
Douglas Grant Redman, Royal Air Force
If anyone has any artefacts or memories to share, please get in touch.

A Service will take place at The Blessed Mary Church Upham



UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Upham Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council meeting on Monday 23rd March, 2020, via a **Conference Call due to coronavirus** which meant that a Public Meeting had to be cancelled and it was agreed that it was in the best interests of residents to continue to hold a meeting. Cllr Halsall (Chair), Cllr Ashe, Cllr Snowdon, Cllr LeMay, Cllr Dalley, Cllr Croucher and Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) were involved in the **Conference Call.**

No County or District Councillors were involved in the Meeting, but a Report was sent by the District Councillors to update Councillors on District matters.

MEETINGS CANCELLATIONS

Cllr Snowdon said that the Highways Meeting had to be cancelled and will be re-arranged, but it is hoped that discussions can take place with SDNP via a Conference Call if possible. There is also no meeting planned with HCC for the foreseeable due to the current crisis.

BROADBAND

Cllr Ashe said that having a decent broadband service is even more important in times like this and he is going to get in touch with BT Openreach to see if this current emergency will impact on Upham achieving the faster broadband by the end of June.

TORBAY FARM PLAY AREA

The Clerk has written to WCC and informed them that Upham Parish Council will take over responsibility for the play area at Torbay Farm. This is now with the WCC Legal Department to complete formalities. A Working Group will be set up to carry out play area checks etc.

TREES REMOVAL

Permission has been approved for the removal of some trees around the Pond. The Clerk will obtain some quotes for this work. It is hoped that the Pond Working Group will still be able to carry

carry out some of the maintenance work in preparation during this time so long as the volunteers adhere to strict government guidelines e.g. social distancing.

VE-DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Cllr LeMay reported that the VE commemorations will be postponed until later in the year. The Clerk said that a grant has been successful to help with some of the cost involved.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The updating of the village website is progressing, and it is hoped that this will go live shortly.

BEWARE VIRAL SCAMS

Cllr Croucher said that crime in homes is down, but car number plate thefts is up. The Clerk said that scams relating to the coronavirus are circulating - especially offers of help with shopping for the elderly - the person then keeps the money without getting the shopping!

LITTER PICK POSTPONED

Cllr Halsall said that the Village Litter Pick has been postponed until September (hopefully). Volunteers have been informed and will be kept updated.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Upham Emergency Plan was discussed and activated by Upham Parish Council due to the coronavirus emergency. A statement was agreed to go onto the website and commshub. As information is changing almost on a daily basis the information will be updated as and when we receive it. Vulnerable residents have been contacted and volunteers who have offered help within the Emergency Plan will be contacted as and when required. Councillors agreed that £1,000 - £2,000 will be put aside in the Parish funds for this emergency if needed.

FURTHER CANCELLATIONS

As Parish Councils are not able to hold Public Meetings for the foreseeable future the Annual Parish Assembly which was due to be held on 27th April will be postponed until a time when Public Meetings can be held again.

PAVILION MEETING CANCELLED

The planned Pavilion Meeting was cancelled. The play areas at the Recreation Ground and Torbay Farm also have to be closed due to the current emergency. The Recreation Ground and footpaths are still open (at the time of writing), but visitors should comply with government guidelines and keep two metres apart from other visitors.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Cllr Dalley reported that the Village Hall is closed apart from the Pre-School who are still open to facilitate children of key workers and vulnerable children. Upham Primary School are also offering the same facilities whilst they are closed to the majority of pupils.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A Financial Report was given by the Clerk for March.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Parish Council Meetings will be on Monday 27th April, 2020 and Monday 18th May, 2020. These Meetings will need to be held via Conference Call rather than a Public Meeting.

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BISHOP'S WALTHAM & UPHAM PARISH **NEWS**

HE EDITORS AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION AND PRODUCTION OF the Parish News would like to say a 'big thank-you' to Bishop's Waltham Post Office and the town's Postmen for their great help in delivering the April issue of The Parish News last month. Our usual arrangements for deliveries of the magazine were totally disrupted by the sudden introduction of the government's social isolation and lockdown, and our gallant postmen, as essential workers, were able to save the day and deliver throughout our communities.

Social-Distance Walking

OW DO YOU GO FOR A LONG WALK AND MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MEET ANYONE ON THE WAY? It's easy if you all follow a fixed route and go around it in the same direction! The Parish Council has published three leaflets which contain seven walks varying in length from 3 miles to 6 miles.

They are all circular walks that start from the town centre. If everyone follows the routes shown, you are unlikely to meet anyone.

The leaflets are regularly replenished in the holders on the map notice board in the Basingwell Street car park, by the central ticket machines. Alternatively, copies can be downloaded from the Town Team website at:

www.lovebishopswaltham.com/walking and cycling

Enjoy our lovely countryside, but act responsibly and do not walk in groups. One day we can progress from social-distance walking to social distance-walking!









Bishop's Waltham Festival 2020

HE FESTIVAL ORGANISERS
HAD PLANNED TO HAVE
THE FESTIVAL CONCERT
AS OUR FIRST EVENT OF
this summer's activities on Saturday
9th May.

However, we are having to cancel this and all our plans for the summer since daily life in the UK has changed so dramatically due to the coronavirus epidemic. Our two theatre companies booked for June 19th and 20th have cancelled their early summer tours and the Mad Hatter's will have to wait a while for their Tea Party in aid of the

St George Foundation charity.

However, we are hoping to start producing events for you again in the autumn and winter of this year and will get to work on this as soon as the situation improves.

I write this on 24th March at the end of the first day of 'lockdown' when we have all had to do our civic and social duty and stay home to reduce the spread of the virus. I earnestly hope that by the time you read it there will be a much rosier outlook and the end of the crisis will be in sight.

Bishop's Waltham Festival

A note of thanks to our sponsors whose support makes all we do possible:



A Grand Day Out by Godfrey Hebdon

ECENTLY MY WIFE AND I HAD AN EXCELLENT DAY OUT WITH SOME FRIENDS TO THE WATTS Gallery near Guildford. Despite being a keen amateur artist, to my shame, I had not heard of the artist George Frederick Watts, despite being familiar with other Victorian painters, such as Constable, Landseer and Turner etc. So who was this man and why does he have a gallery of his own work buried in the Surrey countryside?

G F Watts, as he was more usually known, was born in London in 1817, the eldest son of an impoverished piano maker and tuner. This background and his exposure to the awful living conditions of the urban poor in the 1840s led him to take a view, as we shall see, that his art could be used for a moral purpose.

His talent as an artist was recognised early and he entered a sculptor's studio in Soho at the age of 10 before transferring to the Royal Academy at just 18. By his early twenties he was becoming established as a free-lance artist and was living as a lodger with an Elizabeth Murton, a Tobacconist, in Marylebone. However he was soon to spread his wings and in the early 1840s he travelled to Italy where he took up residence.

Whilst there he became great friends with Lord and Lady Holland and this was to have a significant impact on George's life. Sometime after they all returned to England George took up residence as a permanent house guest in a property in the grounds of Lord Holland's Kensington home, leased by the Prinsep family. As George's reputation grew in intellectual and aristocratic circles, this property, Little Holland House, became a centre for the most famous politicians, writers and artists of the day to meet and discuss current matters of interest.

With Lord Holland as a friend and patron it is from this upper-class circle that George began his lucrative work as a portraitist to the great and the good of Victorian society.

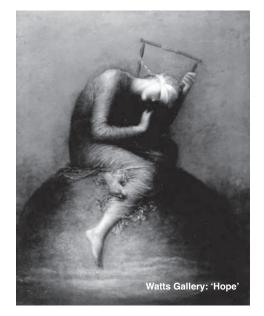
Among the house guests at Little Holland House were two sisters Kate and Ellen Terry from a well-known theatrical family. (As an aside, my grandmother had a significant connection with this family, but that is another story!). In 1864 at the age of 47 George married the (not quite) 17 year old Ellen, but the marriage was turbulent and lasted less than a year although their divorce was not registered until 1878.

By the early 1870s and with the lease to the Prinsep family of Little Holland House coming to an end, George briefly bought and lived in a property on the Isle of Wight. Shortly thereafter he had a property built near the site of the demolished Little Holland House, calling it rather unimaginatively New Little Holland House!

Whilst living there he met and married Mary Tytler, he was 69 and Mary 36. She was a designer and potter and their joint skills and interests in using art for the common good were to prove a very successful combination. In 1891 George bought land near Compton, south of Guildford. The couple built a house 'Limnerslease' (combining the words 'limner' or artist with 'leasen' or glean) and also the Watts Gallery nearby. Mary also set up a pottery there, staffed largely by locals, and she designed the nearby mortuary chapel situated in the newly opened Local Council cemetery. Both the Gallery and the Chapel were opened in 1904, just before the death of George. This Gallery was open to the public and part of George's approach to 'art for all' to improve the lot of the industrial poor. Mary did not die until 1938.

It is 'Limnerslease', the Gallery (the only purpose-built gallery in Britain devoted to a single artist) and Chapel that can be visited today - although closed at present due to the coronavirus epidemic.





The main Gallery complex includes the usual (and all important!) coffee shop and gift shop. In addition there are a number of studios occupied by current artists. The Gallery itself is a magnificent building which was reopened after extensive renovation in 2011. This includes the 'Sculpture Gallery' where two enormous, larger than life size original plaster statues are housed. One of a horse and rider 'Physical Energy' and the other of the poet Alfred Tennyson. The Gallery itself contains hundreds of paintings and drawings by George as well as a smaller number of exhibits from visiting exhibitions, all beautifully displayed. Amongst George's paintings on show is his most famous work 'Hope' (see photo - copyright Watts Gallery).

This work of symbolism is an example

of the style of painting much admired by

the Victorians, but despite its brilliant

execution, has a more limited appeal

today.

The Chapel is an extraordinary building on the plan of a circle intersected by a cross and decorated externally with hundreds of terra cotta tiles produced in the local pottery by local residents with the help of Mary. Part of the Wattses commitment to what we would now call 'art in the community'. The internal decoration is even more extraordinary with much symbolism included, but producing a very unique ambience.

Finally the house 'Limnerslease' (which is only open on certain days) shows how the couple lived and is again decorated with unique detailing, particularly plaster ceilings created by Mary.

Altogether a really excellent place to visit and more details can be found on the website: www.wattsgallery.org.uk.



Sunday 5th July 2020 12.00 – 16.30 Bishop's Waltham High Street

LANS ARE SHAPING UP WELL FOR THE RETURN OF KIDSTREAT, THE VERY POPULAR EVENT, WHICH first took place in Bishop's Waltham in June 2018. On that day the sounds of delighted children rang out in the High Street as they sampled a variety of activities that were on offer to them at an event organized by the Bishop's Waltham Town Team and supported by 30 plus local community organisations; each of whom put on amazing activities for the young people who participated. Here is a sample of the feedback received from people who attended in 2018: -



"There was a real feel of "community" about the day, the kids loved all the activities and so did we ... it was a lovely village day out!"

There was something for all ages, even the grownups. And it brings the people together"

This July the High Street will again be closed to traffic for the day and stalls will be erected down the centre of the street all offering a wide range of activities for children. While the event is primarily aimed at children between the ages of 3

and 13, it is a great day out for all the family. In 2018 kids were able to try their hand at a wide range of crafts, games, sports and, skills. From building bird boxes, nature challenges, playing tennis, football and cricket, learning circus and magic tricks, learning about the history of the High Street through quizzes, decorating food, music, dance, street art and all sorts of crafts and games, there was something for everyone.

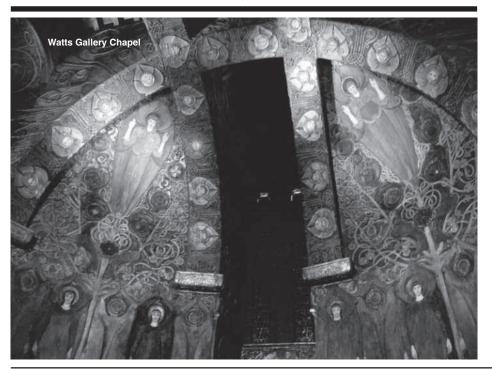
Like 2018, this will be a free event made possible by the hard work and enthusiasm of the volunteers who are involved in the town's community organisations and the team of people, who help to set up, dismantle and steward activities during the day. If you are a member of an organisation that would like to participate – or if you would like to help volunteer on the day please let us know by emailing:-

bishopswalthamtownteam2@gmail.com



CANCELLATION

Bishop's Waltham Garden Fair scheduled for May 3rd has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak



A young bride stays at the Palace to await her marriage to the King in 1445

575 years ago a young Princess, brought up in Provence and Italy, came to Bishop's Waltham to await her wedding. She would become Queen of England and play a big role in the turmoil that was the Wars of the Roses.

A two-part history by

Tony Kippenberger,

Chairman, Bishop's Waltham Society





Bishop's Waltham Palace was one of the grandest of the series of great houses built by the Bishops of Winchester: a stately home able to cater both for the bishop and his household, and for powerful guests and their entourages. Of the 21 Kings and Queens who ruled England between 1100 and 1600, no less than 16 stayed at the Palace, often on more than one occasion.

THE BACKGROUND

N 1415 HENRY V WON AN EXTRAORDINARY VICTORY AGAINST THE FRENCH AT THE BATTLE OF AGINCOURT. THE object of his campaign was to renew the claim initiated by his grandfather, Edward III, that the Kings of England had a legitimate right to the Crown of France. This was the claim that had started the Hundred Years War in 1337. In 1417 Henry returned to France to launch a further campaign and by 1420 the English army had reached the walls of Paris. The French were forced to the negotiating table and after six months, the Treaty of Troyes was signed between Charles VI of France and Henry V of England. This recognised Henry as the heir to the French throne and as Regent of France. On 2 June 1420, at Troyes Cathedral, Henry married Catherine of Valois, the French king's daughter. The claim had become reality, the French king had disinherited his own son, the Dauphin, and named Henry V as 'Heir to France'.

Henry and Catherine had a son, another Henry, in December 1421. The young prince was the first who could legitimately (in treaty law) claim the throne of both England and France. But before he was a year old his father, Henry V, died – probably of heatstroke – at Château de Vincennes outside Paris in August 1422.

His 11 month old son was crowned King Henry VI of England on 6th November 1422. Two months later he succeeded to the French throne on the death of his maternal grandfather Charles VI though he wasn't crowned King of France until 1431. For the next 15 years, until Henry reached maturity, England was ruled by a Regency Council led by his uncle the Duke of Bedford. But with the Bedford's frequent absences managing affairs as Henry VI's Regent in France, the Council was dominated by another uncle, Humphrey Duke of Gloucester, and Henry's great uncle Cardinal Henry Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester. It is relevant to mention here that Henry V was a grandson of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. The Beauforts were also grandchildren of John of Gaunt, born to his mistress Katherine Sywnford who later became his third wife. The Beauforts

were subsequently legitimised by both royal and papal decrees, but Henry IV had barred them from taking a place in the line of succession.

This close Lancastrian bloodline did not,

however, mean that uncle and nephew

would see eye to eye. Shakespeare would later write about the fierce rivalry that existed between them. Fundamental to their antagonism was disagreement on whether to seek peace with France (Cardinal Beaufort) or to prosecute the 100 Year's War with more vigour and resources (Duke of Gloucester). Initially this Regency period saw the highpoint of English power in France but gradually the cost of the war caused economic problems at home and a resurgent French army, led by Joan d' Arc, began to gain the upper hand and retake land lost to the English. So successful were they that the disinherited Dauphin was crowned Charles VII of

So by the time power was passed to Henry VI in 1437, when he was just 16 years old, the outlook was bleak. He was described as pious, shy, and passive though well-intentioned. Unlike his father he was timid and averse to warfare and violence, and clearly had mental health issues that made him unstable from time to time.

France in Reims in 1429. Worse was to

follow in 1435 when the crucial English

alliance with the Burgundians was

ended.

Confronted by powerful factions still vying for control and mounting economic difficulties, brought on by repeated crop failures and disease amongst livestock, Henry proved ineffectual. This inevitably led to increasing civil disorder fuelled by powerful magnates who built private armies from the unpaid soldiers returning from France. The country was heading into what has become known as the 40-year long "Great Slump in England".







THE NEED FOR A WIFE

In 1434 the Regency Council had suggested that Henry marry one of the King of Scotland's daughters to secure peace on England's northern border, but nothing came of it. Next, in the hope of securing peace with France, it was suggested that that he might marry a cousin – one of Charles VII's daughters - but the powerful Armagnac faction in France would have none of it unless Henry relinquished his claim to the French throne. In 1441, it was suggested by the Duke of Orleans that Henry marry a daughter of the Count of Armagnac, thus bringing a new ally in the war with France. Negotiations ploughed on for two years but were ended by Charles VII's invasion of south-west France in 1443 that threatened both Armagnac and English-held Gascony.

Finally, in 1443, Cardinal Beaufort and the Duke of Suffolk persuaded Henry to marry Charles VII's niece, the 13-year old Margaret of Anjou. This was agreed under the 1444 Treaty of Tours negotiated by Henry's current favourite Royal Councillor, William de la Pole, the Duke of Suffolk.



There was much to disappoint about this Treaty. Neither France nor England conceded anything to each other – apart from a nominal 21-month truce. Margaret's father René, Duke of Anjou, had no money to pay the usual 20,000 livres dowry because he'd only just paid a huge ransom to obtain his own release from imprisonment by the Duke of Burgundy. He also demanded that England should surrender the provinces of Anjou and Maine to France. This latter point was kept secret by Suffolk because he knew how unpopular it would be back in England. Henry VI had been persuaded that this alliance to the King of France's niece would give him some leverage and turn René of Anjou into an advocate for peace with England at the French court. In reality, Charles was relieved that Henry wasn't marrying into the mutinous Armagnac faction and used the short-lived truce to his own military advantage.







A NEW QUEEN

But, as always with history, wisdom comes with hindsight! At the time Suffolk sailed proudly back to Britain with the King's bride-to-be in late 1444. Henry VI, who was much taken by Margaret's reported beauty dressed himself up as a squire and took a letter from the King to her in his disguise. This ambitious and strong-willed young women later said she regretted the fact that she kept the unrecognised King on his knees in front of her while she read the letter. He had then been summarily dismissed.

In mid-April 1445 Margaret, just a couple of weeks after her 15th birthday, travelled from London to Winchester to stay with Cardinal Beaufort and then, with her large entourage, she was escorted to his Palace in Bishop's Waltham, prior to her wedding at Titchfield Abbey. The large, slow moving cavalcade would have taken most of a day to travel the distance before cresting Beeches Hill and descending down Pondside Lane before skirting south of the Bishop's Great Pond and arriving at the Palace's entrance at its northwest corner. Waltham would have been abuzz as both the Princess' and Cardinal's households would have needed to be housed and fed whilst they were here.

Before her wedding on 24th April, she and her companions would have set off from the Palace, accompanied by the Cardinal, heading out past Chase Mill (then known as East Mill) and taken the road toward Portchester before turning off toward the thriving port of Titchfield. Just over a month later she was crowned Queen of England at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury. In his will, when he died in 1447, Cardinal Beaufort left Margaret the Arras tapestries that had hung in her rooms at the Palace.

Margaret was described as beautiful, "already a woman: passionate and proud". However, her husband's mental condition was already unstable by the time they married. Moreover, his interests lay in religious matters, in learning and education, indeed part of his legacy is that he founded Eton College and King's College Cambridge. This other-worldliness left room for powerful magnates to exercise power and sway his opinions this way and that. Although his own inclination was toward a peaceful settlement and an end to war, as befitted his natural instincts. It would be eight years before Margaret became pregnant but in October 1453 she gave birth to a son, Edward, at Westminster. By then the King's ineffectual rule had not only lost almost all England's French possessions, it had also allowed deep divisions between powerful factions to develop. The tinder that would light the Wars of the Roses would soon burst into flames with huge consequences for the King, for Margaret and for their son Edward. Margaret herself would play a big role in this bloody civil war.

But more of that in the next instalment...



Wedding of Henry Vi and Margaret of Anjou

The Elrington "Mysteries"

HIS IS THE SECOND ARTICLE CONCERNED WITH THE ELRINGTON FAMILY, AND SETS OUT TO examine the questions raised by the missing records for two of the children of Frederick Robert and Emilie Elrington, and to add some additional information about 96 Southmoor Road, Oxford.

SARAH ELRINGTON was elusive. and at first there seemed to be no more information available. Searching on the internet does involve a great deal of trolling through seemingly endless lists of names, looking for similarities or points of contact, and during this process I eventually found a Margaret Sarah Elrington who had died at sea on 18 October 1911. This lady had been unfortunate enough to have expired on a journey either to or from an address at Fort Mombasa, British East Africa (now in Kenya). Because Elrington is a fairly unusual surname, and despite the additional Christian name, I thought it worthwhile following up this possibility, and struck lucky when I found Margaret Sarah Elrington's entry in the National Probate Registry, which showed that probate had been granted to Lettice Chodzko, the married name of Sarah Elrington's younger sister Lettice. Although I cannot give any certain explanation of either the extra forename, or the address at Fort Mombasa, I have little doubt but that Sarah Elrington and Margaret Sarah Elrington were one and the same person.

GEORGE HENRY ELRINGTON was more difficult – as another Elrington family researcher 'understated':

"George Henry is hard to trace after 1891", and indeed I was unable to find any record of his existence for the following 29 years (which, of course, included the years of The Great War, when the great majority of British males appeared somewhere in the military paperwork).

However, in the records for 1920, I found an Outward Passenger List for the SS *Fort Victoria* (a comparatively small, 7784 ton, Furness-Warren Line cruise ship) sailing from Liverpool to Boston, USA, on 21 September 1920, which included a priest, named George H. A. Elrington, aged 50, whose country of last



permanent residence was shown as "foreign" (out of a choice of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, British Possession and foreign), and whose country of intended permanent residence was shown as "U.S". A note at the foot of the list defined Permanent Residence as being "residency for a year or more". On 29 September 1920 the Fort Victoria docked at Boston, where the United States Immigration Officer required all alien passengers to provide him with the information necessary to complete a comprehensive declaration – a two page form having a line for each alien and 33 vertical question columns. It is not easy to read, and so I have distilled the most relevant answers into a more easily comprehensible form:

QUESTION

(1). Name

ANSWER

George Hy. ELRINGTON

Q. (2). Age (years and months)

A. 50 years 0 months

Q. (3). Nationality

A. British

Q. (4). Place of last permanent residence

A. Italy, Rome

Q. (5). Name and address of relative/friend in Italy

A. Rev. G. Horn, College Angelico, Rome

Q. (6). US destination (State/Town)

A. R.I. (Rhode Island)/Providence

Q. (7). Name and address of relative/friend in USA

A. Father Casey/Dominican College/Providence

Q. (8). Do you intended to return to Italy?

A. Yes

Q. (9). How long is visit to US intended to last?

A. 2/5 years

Q. (10). Do you intend to become a US citizen?

A. No

Q. (11). Height: Feet/inches

A. 5 feet/7 inches

Q. (12). Colour of: complexion / hair / eyes

A. Fair / grey / grey

Q. (13). Place of birth: Country/town

A. England/ Surrey

Some of the other questions posed by the US Immigration Officer are interesting and symptomatic of the thinking of the day: e.g. Are you a revolutionary, or a polygamist, or an anarchist? Were you ever in prison, an almshouse, or an institution for the insane? Are you deformed or crippled by Nature? Of course, George Hy. Elrington gave the "right" answers, but one wonders what happened to aliens who admitted to a hankering for polygamy or revolution! By the way, "Hy." Is an abbreviation for Henry, quite commonly used in documents of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

I did find some interesting support for the answer given to question (5), in the shape of an obituary for The Very Rev. Francis Gabriel Horn, an American born in 1873, who was ordained in Rome in 1898, and after a brilliant career in the Church became the first Rector of the International Pontifical College Angelico, when that organisation was founded in 1910, a position which he continued to occupy until 1926. He returned to the USA in 1929.

Subsequently I found references to a number of religious books having been translated or written by George Henry Aiden Elrington (including one volume entitled "The Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinus" and a second devoted to "Johann Gregor Mendel"), also to several articles in "New Blackfriars", a magazine founded in the mid-war years for "Catholic Christian reflection on

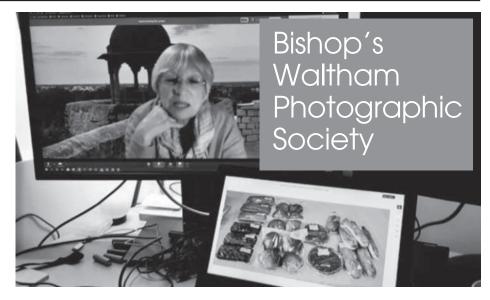
current events". There is also brief mention in *The Biography and Genealogy* Master Index (published in New York in 1958) of George Aiden Elrington, who was born in 1870 and died in 1942, while the England & Wales Civil Death Index for Cambridge in 1942 shows George A. Elrington's death was registered in the first Quarter of 1942. The UK & Ireland Find-a-Grave Index has a burial record for the Rev. George Aiden Elrington who died on 14 Mar 1942, and includes a picture of a grave stone in the Cambridge City Cemetery, inscribed "RR PP FF, Aidanus Elrington OP, Obit 14 Mar 1941, AET 71"

On the basis of these discoveries, it seems reasonable to infer that George Henry Elrington converted to the Catholic faith, left England for Italy, became a priest, adopted an additional name (that of an British Saint - Aiden of Lindisfarne), lived for many years at the College Angelico in Rome, visited Catholic establishments in the USA, and possibly returned to England, later in life, to be buried in Cambridge. He may have been an academic priest rather than a "general practitioner", as he seems to have a number of religious writings to his name. In the less ecumenical days of the 19th century, conversion to Catholicism probably precipitated a fracture in the family, and may, in part, account for the 29 year gap in the records.

If the suppositions as to George Henry's life are correct, then it is perhaps within the realms of possibility that his sister Sarah (who was next to him in age) also became a Catholic, and adopted an additional forename (Margaret – that of a Catholic Anglo-Saxon Saint), but this entirely without substantiation.

96 SOUTHMOOR ROAD, OXFORD was the address of various of the Elrington sisters during the 1920s and 30s. It seems possible that the "girls" bought the property together, after the death of their mother and the sale of Vernon Hill House in 1919. Number 96 itself is a large, four bedroom, redbrick terraced property, and still exists, indeed it was last sold in 2013 for £1,147,000, a sum that I suspect would have astounded its former owners. The photograph is from the Zoopla web site.

Peter Ridley



VER THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN ABLE TO INTRODUCE positive ways to carry on the monthly programme and continue our shared passion for photography. Regular emails to members have included suggestions for photography at home such as macro and still life/table-top photography. The introduction of a closed Facebook discussion group has enabled daily contact for some by posting images they have taken whilst on their walk or from their gardens - receiving comments and encouragement from their fellow members. There was also strong support to continue our meetings on-line. The Committee chose to use a software package called Zoom. Although not realising it, all of us had already seen it in operation during the government daily briefings to allow the press to ask their questions.

The Committee began by using the Zoom platform for our monthly committee meetings and, after a couple of practice runs inviting members to familiarize themselves with the technology, our first 'official' online meeting was held on 2nd April. The original plan for the Church Hall meeting was a review of our 'winter photographs' – however the weather over the past few months could not have been described as 'wintery' in the traditional sense. So members were asked to upload any photograph taken recently - there were some 'snowy' images of lone trees taken by Kevin Melsome from a trip to Scotland and Gabor Kovacs delved into his archive, submitting some local images from Waltham Chase. Anita Taylor took the opportunity to explain how she and others from the Society had

been contributing to the Bishop's Waltham 2020 Vision initiative by showing images from the Country Fayre market – see accompanying images showing the Zoom set up.

Over 30 people joined this first online club meeting. There was lots of positive feedback and thanks from members for bringing everyone together. As Chairman John Coote said "the idea is to maintain the Society, our friendships and make our enforced isolation more pleasurable". Thank you to everyone for participating and making this possible.

Going forward: the online meetings will continue with local documentary photographer Janey Divine talking to us about her current series of images in this genre on 9th April via the Zoom platform. Janey is making a welcome return visit to the Society and presenting a talk entitled "Celebrating British Life Today".

Following on from this the Society's 2nd competition round will take place in May in projected image form and utilising software written especially for this purpose for camera clubs.

For local youngsters – the Society's Junior section is also continuing at this time with online meetings and set topics – please contact Peter Mason junior@bishopswalthamphotosociety.co. uk for more information. Look out over the coming months for the launch of the annual Junior Photo Competition!

For anyone interested in taking pictures, wanting to improve their skills and meet like-minded people, more information about the Society can be found on our website: www.bishopswalthamphotosociety.co. uk

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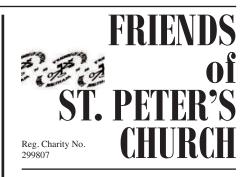
As a direct result of the current pandemic crisis, AG Axton & Sons are offering a FREE* home delivery service to any resident living in the Hampshire area. The service has been designed specifically to service the needs of those who are self-isolating or anyone who simply wishes to reduce the number of times they need to leave the home to do their shopping.

Members of the public are able to order most items of fresh fruit and vegetables that they would normally purchase from **the supermarket / greengrocers plus a growing number of other essentials such as bread, milk, eggs etc.** This list of "other essentials" is growing all the time and the customer can enquire and check availability at the point of ordering. There is a minimum order quantity of £25.

At this moment in time, the way this works is for the customer to ring us and speak to a colleague who will take all essential details over the phone, i.e the customer's order, name, address and telephone number. Payment is made at the point of ordering by card over the telephone and a receipt for the payment can be sent by text message or email straight away. An itemised invoice is received along with the goods.

We are currently developing an online ordering system which we hope will be up and running shortly, although everything will be able to be done by phone for those who prefer to speak directly to someone.

Please contact: 01489 878000



The Friends of St. Peter's (FOSP) is a registered charity (No 299807). whose role is to raise funds for the maintenance and enhancement of this historic building at the heart of our community. Membership is open to all irrespective of religious affiliation or none.

Membership application forms available in the Church or from ian.leesmith@btinternet.com

Next Event – Race Night. Saturday 25th April – TO BE RE-ARRANGED

Citizens Advice Winchester District still here for you during this time of crisis



HE IMPACT OF COVID-19
ON EVERYONE'S LIVES
MEANS CITIZENS ADVICE
IS EXPERIENCING AN
even greater number of advice queries
than usual but we're still here to support
the community through this challenging
time

We can provide expert advice on issues such as accessing the latest Government support packages for Covid-19, benefits, employment advice, housing, debt and much more.

Whilst we've had to temporarily suspend all face-to-face advice in the community, we've been working really hard to set up our advisers to continue to deliver a full advice service from their homes.

Given the challenging circumstances and the fact that many of our advisers are



deemed within the vulnerable group themselves, please do bear with us as we continue to adapt to this unprecedented situation.

How to get help from Citizens Advice during lockdown:-

- Local Call Back Service: **01489 890940** or **01962 848003**. Leave a message and an adviser will call you back (Monday -Friday)
- Email: advice@winchesterdistrictcab.org.uk
- Visit <u>www.citizensadvice.org.uk</u>
- Call the regional Adviceline: **03444 111306** (Monday Friday 9.30am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-12pm)

Meon Valley Food Bank

N THESE EXCEPTIONAL TIMES THE NEED FOR OUR SERVICE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT. IN ORDER to protect the health of our dedicated team of Volunteers we have changed our method of operation.

Our greatest need remains food donations. Under normal circumstances we have welcomed people into the Food Bank whilst they have unloaded their donations. We are now asking that all donations are left in the donation trolley at Budgens. We will be clearing this trolley on a regular basis.

Up till now we have operated a "hard copy" voucher system where one of our Referral Agencies has given a voucher directly to one of their clients. From time to time we have also taken telephone requests from these known and approved agencies. With effect from last Tuesday March 31st we have asked that all voucher requests are emailed to us. We will then select the appropriate food items and carry out a home delivery. Again, this will help to reduce our Volunteers risk of exposure and stop clients having to make unnecessary journeys.

If you try to visit the Food Bank on a Tuesday, you will find the doors closed but a great deal of work will be going on behind the scenes.





HILE THE COVID-19
SITUATION HAS
CAUSED US TO
PAUSE ALL OF OUR
face-to-face emergency life saving
training; including sadly, our large-scale
Keeping the Beat event scheduled for
May, it doesn't mean people can't still
keep up to date with what to do in a
medical emergency ... and right now it
is as important as ever that people know
what to do in such a situation.

So for those of you who are self-isolating, why not use your time at home to do some on-line training? Go to our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/meonvalleyheartstart for links to two training resources:-

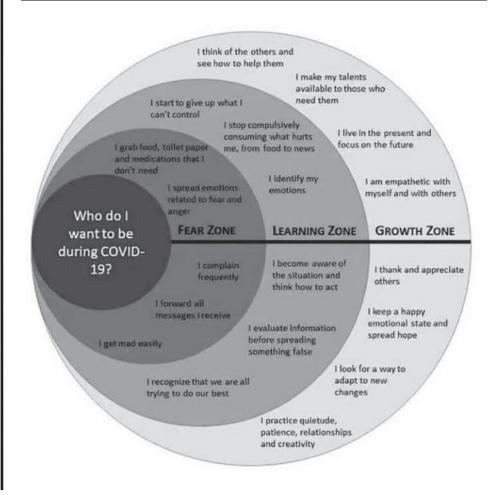
1. Virtual training using the Call, Push Rescue videos

 The Resuscitation Council's immersive live-action virtual reality Lifesaver Game.

And for those readers with heart or circulatory disease who are concerned about what the corona virus means for them, the British Heart Foundation website has a regularly updated page of questions and answers provided by their experts about what is known so far about the Covid-19 corona virus and how it can affect people with heart disease. Check it out at https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/heart-matters-magazine/news/coronavirus-and-your-health

We hope to be back offering face-to-face training just as soon as we can and we are tentatively planning to reschedule **Keeping the Beat** for September.

In the meantime, stay safe and stay well.



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Reflections

AM WRITING THIS ARTICLE AT THE END OF MARCH HAVING BEEN FOR A WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE. Life has changed rapidly in the last couple of weeks and, by the time you read this, it may well have changed many more times. Daily government directives are making it difficult to plan ahead.

The brightness of the daffodils in the flower beds and borders, their many shades of yellow, white and orange, made me appreciate how much we need beautiful things to look at.

Many large events need to be cancelled this summer, but Bishop's Waltham in Bloom are hoping that we will be able to continue with some of our activities. Here are the details, though we may need to update them nearer the time.

Planting out the Flower Beds

All flower beds are at least 2 metres apart so it seems feasible that we can still do this. We may need to organise it differently. Perhaps with people working individually at beds in different locations: near the South Pond, opposite the Crown, along the Palace Walls, on the quarter bed. Perhaps we may need to have a morning session and an afternoon session. We will adhere with all government guidelines and seek guidance from the necessary authorities when we make the final arrangements.

This is all speculative at the moment, but we have asked the nursery to carry on growing the plants we have ordered. Though we suspect we will have to have alternatives as there are supply problems

Annual Floral Competition

We will all be spending more time in our gardens over the coming months, so we would like to continue with the competition though we will judge it in a different way if necessary. Judging day will remain as planned: **Wednesday**

15th July and we will be asking you to submit photographs of your garden either digitally or printed.

We are aware that this may well be open to abuse, so we will be acknowledging winners of each category differently too. We do not think we will be presenting shields this year, certificates and window stickers seem more appropriate. These details, however, will be finalised in June

Closing date for the competition is 30th June and we would ask you to let us know by that date if you wish to enter. You can do this either by emailing us on info@bishopswalthaminbloom.org.uk or hazelroddis@icloud.com or telephoning Hazel on 07947 404403 We will not be using a form this year as we will not be visiting your garden.

To help you prepare for the competition the categories remain the same with the addition of our new bee and butterfly friendly one:

NEIGHBOURHOODS

- A* MOST FLORALLY ATTRACTIVE STREET
- B* MOST FLORALLY ATTRACTIVE PART STREET (MIN. 3 PROPERTIES)

*If there are insufficient entries for classes "A" & "B" they will be combined.

PRIVATE PREMISES

- C BEST FLORAL DISPLAY AT PRIVATE PREMISES
- D BEST HANGING BASKET OR CONTAINER AT PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- E DISPLAY OF WILD FLOWERS TO ENCOURAGE BEES AND BUTTERFIES (new)

COMMERCIAL PREMISES

- F BEST FLORAL DISPLAY AT COMMERCIAL PREMISES
- G BEST HANGING BASKET OR CONTAINER AT COMMERCIAL PREMISES

All this information can be found on our website.

Will we be holding our **Prize Giving Barbecue** in August? We have no idea, but we do have a date for this, Sunday 16th August. Hopefully this will happen.

WILDFLOWERS

Last year we made the decision not to continue with our experimental wild flower beds on Old Station Roundabout. We also decided, that we really want a brilliant show of wildflowers in our two original locations and so we will be sowing annual seed in both of those locations this year. The areas were

weedkilled in the middle of March and we will be preparing them for sowing at the end of April providing we are not prevented from leaving our homes.

What have we lost this year?

The baskets, planted up by youth groups and displayed at the end of May in Red Lion Street, were never distributed as the schools closed their door in the middle of March.

Despite lots of people knitting and crocheting for us for yarn bombing the event has had to be postponed, maybe for a year. But that is fine – it gives us more time to produce our knitted sculptures. You may like to look at photos of 2019 yarn bombing on our website.

Horticultural happenings

March has finally brought some drier and even sunny weather at last, meaning the Daffodils have been a cheerful sight along the main roads and in the beds. The Hyacinths in the planter by Costa in Red Lion Street have been a glorious splash of blue and pink amongst the tulips – and a nice waft of scent as you go past along the High Street, too. The tulips in the Clock bed are also in flower. The Polyanthus in the tower planters have been in full flower all month and really brighten up the alleyway to the car park.

The winter pruning is now finished on Old Station Roundabout ready for spring and the Alliums are growing fast. Some cuttings were taken last year from the Siberian Wallflowers (Erysimium) in the big planter by Banks and have grown on well over the winter, so a group of three has been planted in each of the biggest beds on the roundabout to add to the colour there as they flower for such a long period.



Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies (HFHS)



Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club



Let's mention the "V" word! it's not all bad.

ES, THE WORD IS VEGETABLES AND WITH RECENT SHORT-AGES AND HEALTH worries, you can grow tasty veg in a small garden, one that just has a patio or even just a window box.

Sadly, our April meeting had to be cancelled for obvious reasons. Geoff Hawkins was going to speak on the subject of "Growing Veg in a small Garden". It was perfect timing but, alas, the other "V" word overtook us!

There are many websites to help, and much of this article is thanks to WWW.GROWVEG.CO.UK and the RHS website is always worth a visit. It is remarkable how many delicious vegetables you can fit into a small growing area or raised bed. Tomatoes, courgettes and potatoes can all be squeezed into tight spaces. The key to success is ensuring you make the best use of the space you have with clever planting techniques and the right crops. Seed companies are frequently producing new varieties of vegetables that can

be grown as dwarf plants, in small areas and even in pots. I grow trailing tomatoes in hanging baskets and get an early and prolific crop. They just love a sunny spot with watering morning and evening (and lunchtime, too if you can) and feed when the tiny fruit first appears.

Choosing which vegetables to grow. Before planting, think carefully about what you want to grow. Nearly all vegetables can be cultivated in smaller areas, but there is no point dedicating space to a crop you are not keen on eating. It is also worth avoiding vegetables that take up a large amount of space. These include: Asparagus, Brussels Sprouts, Celery, Squashes (unless climbing) and Maincrop Potatoes. It is a good idea to choose vegetables that are expensive to buy in the shops, taste better when fresh and are quick togrow. Many legumes (peas and beans) fall under all of these categories. Because they have a high sugar content, legumes taste best when eaten within an hour of being picked. After this, the sugar turns to starch, leaving them tasteless and bland. Dwarf varieties grow well in containers whereas climbing ones make excellent use of vertical space (such as walls and fences) whilst also looking attractive. Many salad leaves, such as rocket can even be grown amongst other plants, to maximise soil space.

Using your space. If you only have a small space in which to grow vegetables, you should grow crops that will be out of the ground within a few weeks rather than months. If you are growing potatoes, grow new potato varieties that will be ready to eat in July rather than maincrop varieties which may not

be ready until September. There is also a move to 'potato bags' and these can be placed on a patio (but not too hot), or even in the flower beds! Have seedlings of other vegetables on standby, ready to go straight into the soil as soon as your first crop has come out – brassicas such as winter cabbage or broccoli seedlings can be planted after you have harvested all your peas or beans. Further, if you leave the stumps of the peas and beans in the ground after you have removed the rest of the plant, their roots will continue to provide nitrogen to feed your hungry cabbages.

Intercropping. Plant a few fast-growing radishes, salad leaves or beetroot in the soil in between larger plants. By the time the space is needed by the larger plants your fast-growing crops will be long gone. It is also worth training late climbing

bean plants up sweetcorn, sowing lettuce seeds among your tomato plants, and spinach in between broad beans.

Square Foot Gardening. If you are looking for a step-by-step guide to getting the maximum harvest of vegetables from raised beds then take a look at GROWVEG's article on the Square Foot Gardening method.

There are so many 'variations on a theme' so let us know your success stories (or otherwise, after all, we are always learning) at www.bwgc.org.uk where you can also keep up-to-date with events and the latest news from your Trustees.

NEWS OF OUR "RED LION STREET PLANTS SALE" and "OPEN ANNUAL SHOW"

This most popular annual sale provides our customers with great plants at generous prices— it also

involves a lot of work by your Gardening Club, too! However, that work is gladly done and is always enjoyable when we see valuable funds which subsidise our Annual Open Show in July. That's why our Show is so popular and one of the best in

Hampshire. Sadly, even though it is an outdoor event, the Trustees feel that the concentration of people - whether customers or servers - is not conducive

to the instructions received from HM

Government and NHS.

We look forward to other fund-raising events once the threat of illness is past. Our OPEN ANNUAL SHOW is held in July and is our 'Crowning Glory' and one of the best in Hampshire. Always competitive, great fun, interesting and eye-opening remember those sugar craft, floral arrangements as well! Once again, 'the Virus' has forced the Trustees and Show Committee to make the decision to cancel this year's Show. Without a crystal ball, they have had to assume that the present state of affairs will continue for some time.

River Hamble: In search of sea trout

Matthew Davison BSc Principal Aquatic Ecologist Anableps Ecology

ISING NEAR BISHOP'S WALTHAM, THE RIVER HAMBLE FLOWS IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION for approximately 7.5 miles (12 km) through Botley, Bursledon and Swanwick before entering Southampton Water between Hamble-le-Rice and Warsash. The historic Botley Mills represents the boundary of the tidal influence on the Hamble, where for centuries, migratory fish such as sea trout Salmo trutta were prohibited from navigating any further upstream. This represented a problem because in order to spawn, sea trout must reach suitable upstream habitats.

To alleviate the problem, in 2009 the Environment Agency (EA) constructed a 'bypass channel' around Botley Mill allowing fish to circumnavigate the structure for the first time in over a century. The effect was to open approximately 15 km of upstream habitat to sea trout to explore good quality spawning habitat. Since that time sea trout have been regularly seen above the mill by anglers from the Portsmouth and District Angling Society (P&DAS). Evidence of spawning activity has also been observed in the form of copulating pairs and nests known as redds made within the substrata. Overall, the bypass channel has been deemed a conservation success.

Following a presentation given on behalf of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in February 2019, Matthew Davison, an aquatic ecologist, was invited back to provide a guided river walk along the upper reaches of the Hamble. The walk took place in January 2020 with permission from the P&DAS. The group assembled to brave the cold,



muddy conditions to take in the beauty of the Hamble in the hope of seeing a wild sea trout. After walking for a couple of hours it became apparent the sea trout were not going to make in an appearance on that day. However, reassurance was given by the P&DAS River Keeper (Andrew Murphy) who told the group that he had observed redds just a few days before. Unfortunately, due to heavy rain leading up to the day these were no longer visible.

During the walk the group was fortunate enough to observe a common king fisher Alcedo atthis and signs of woodpecker as well as deer and badger prints along the bank; all excellent signs of the ecological health of the environment. Active monitoring for the non-native American mink Neovison vison was also seen to be taking place in the form of a 'mink raft'. Encouragingly, evidence of the native European otter Lutra lutra has been recorded suggesting that there is at least one otter present on the Hamble. The group also observed the ongoing efforts made by the P&DAS to manage and improve the health of the river and its fish population. Most noticeable was the fish refuge created in a joint effort between the P&DAS and the EA in early 2016. The refuge provides essential offchannel habitat for a range of fish and helps maintain the population during periods of increased flow.

Conservation efforts to date have seen sea trout return to the upper Hamble in order to spawn. However, there remains much to be done. This includes further easement of upstream barriers to migration to ensure that the whole catchment is available to sea trout and other migratory fish.







Photographs

1. Matthew Davison starting the group off along the River Hamble. 2. Botley Mill fish by-pass channel showing 'diamond tombstone' arrangement created by the Environment Agency. 3. Bridge over River Hamble. 4. Typical Sea Trout spawning habitat, Upper River Hamble.

Garden Wildlife Notes from Rareridge Lane

Nuthatches in the woodpecker nestbox, a mystery mould, Slow Worms awake from hibernation and tadpoles growing rapidly - spring is here

Nuthatches have adopted the woodpecker nestbox

TITHIN A DAY AND A

HALF OF THE WOOD-

PECKER NESTBOX BEING PUT UP IT HAD been adopted by a pair of Nuthatches. The first signs of their use was wood shavings everywhere on the ground under the nestbox. The woodpecker box had been filled with wood chippings and shavings as woodpeckers like to excavate their own nest site. Filling a box with shavings makes the box more likely to be used. The Nuthatches threw out some of the shavings and were also tapping inside to test that it was robust. Normally a Nuthatch nestbox has a 32 -35mm hole, but this one designed for a woodpecker has a 45mm hole. The Nuthatches have been working on this

They seem very pleased with their new 'Des Res' and have been singing loudly

and have reduced the size of the hole

with mud.

both from the nestbox entrance and a nearby tree. They seem to have three calls. One sounds similar to whistling for a dog, another is similar to the Song Thrush 'be quick' but more frantic and the third is also like the Song Thrush call but just a frantic 'quick'. It is good to see them so active in the garden, both preparing the nestbox and also regularly visiting the sunflower hearts feeder. Hopefully there will be some fledgling Nuthatches later in the spring

A Mystery mould

A bright chrome yellow mess appeared overnight on the side of the shreddings bin in the garden. It was running and dripping down the side, looking as if something had been sick on the bin. The following day it was still there but had turned a rusty brown colour. Researching what it might be turned up some quite intriguing information. At first we thought it was a fungus feeding on the shredded wood but it is a slime mould. The mould (fuligo septica) has two common names. One is a good description of its bright yellow appearance -'scrambled egg slime', the other is still descriptive, but much less pleasant -'Dog vomit slime mould'.

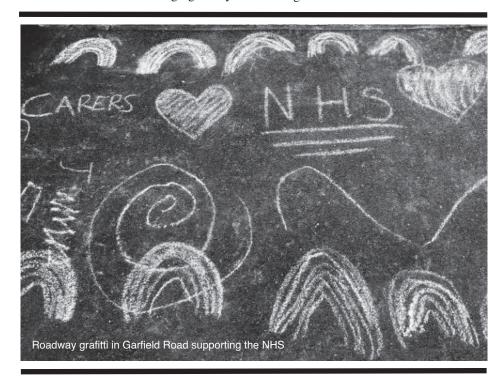
moulds elsewhere.

Slow Worms in the compost bin

The Slow Worms emerged from hibernation in mid-March and could be seen warming up in the 'Dalek' compost bin (nicknamed after the Dr. Who monster of similar shape). The bin is kept exclusively for the Slow Worms and is kept topped up with wood chippings. Slow Worms, unlike their name, are legless lizards and as they are cold blooded need to warm up in the sun. They like the compost bin as it catches the morning sun and warms up quickly inside and they are protected inside from predators. There are male and female Slow Worms in the compost bin and there should be some next generation young in late summer. Slow Worms give birth to up to eight live young in August and September.

Tadpoles growing rapidly in the trugs The frogspawn which was transferred into trugs last month, to protect the emerging tadpoles from being eaten by newts, hatched into a mass of small tadpoles. These tadpoles have been growing rapidly, and are about three times the size of the tadpoles in the pond

(Continued overleaf)



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Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Please look at the website:
www.hiwwt.org.uk
for all news and events
organised by the Trust



Rareridge Lane

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in the pond and in the aquarium from the same frogspawn. The trugs are in a sunny corner of the garden and the water has turned green in the sun, providing lots of green algae in the water for the tadpoles to eat.

Bee Fly in the meadow

The spring meadow is continuing to look very colourful. The latest flowers to emerge are the chequer board patterned Fritillaries. Insects are enjoying the nectar provided by the various wild flowers and a Bee Fly was seen using its long proboscis to extract nectar from a Cowslip flower. Bee flies, also known as a Humbleflies, are flies that look just like bees, with a furry body and rapidly beating wings.

Blackbird feeding young?

We now have a very friendly Blackbird. It comes regularly to eat the dried mealworms we put out. It seems as if it probably has a family of nestlings which it is feeding. It picks up a lot of dried mealworms and flies off in the same direction, making a brief visit to the pond en-route to take a beakful of water. It has also trained us. If there are no dried mealworms out it will land on a nearby compost bin and make complaining noises until we put some out. If we are standing too close to the feeding station it will also complain until we move a short distance away.

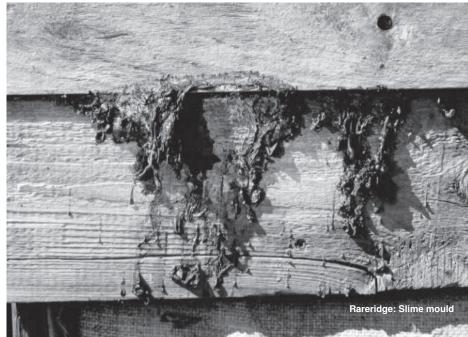
First butterflies seen

The first butterflies of spring appeared on a sunny day in March. Brimstone and Peacock butterflies were flying around and warming themselves in the sun. The Peacock probably overwintered as a butterfly in a shed or outbuilding somewhere. The Brimstone will have hatched from a chrysalis. Brimstones are now seen regularly in the garden, both male (bright yellow) and female (white). These may be butterflies which have hatched from the Buckthorn hedge we planted a couple of years ago. There were caterpillars on the hedge last year.

Lots of life in the pond

As the sun has warmed the pond water a lot of life has emerged. As well as the tadpoles which hatched from the frogspawn, there are newts, but also snails and other pondlife in profusion. The Ramshorn snails have multiplied rapidly, there are also tiny 'water fleas', Daphnia and Cyclops, in the water and







the predatory Backswimmer. The Backswimmer, so called because it swims upside down, will predate many other insects in or on the pond. In the photograph it had caught and eaten the nearby beetle, within seconds of taking the photo.

Barry Jerome





With more than 150
Beavers, Cubs and
Scouts, led by an
enthusiastic and
committed team of 30
adult volunteers, your
local Scout group is an
important part of the
Bishop's Waltham
community.

Scouts are do-ers...
...and give-it-a-go-ers

We see the big picture, think about what's next, and plan for it. We jump in, give back and get set.

1st Bishop's Waltham (St Peter's) Scout Group



You don't need to be Bear Grylls to join us. You don't need to have been a Scout when you were younger or have any connection with Scouts now. You just need an interest in helping young people fulfil their potential and become the do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers of the future.

Our Executive Committee (Board of Trustees) is currently looking to fill the following vacancies:

- **Treasurer** if you have accounting and budgeting experience, we need your help. The Treasurer is responsible for the Group's finances preparing the Group's annual accounts and budget, and managing our bank accounts.
- Parent representatives if you are a parent of a Beaver, Cub or Scout and would like more involvement in how the Group is run, we would love to hear from you.
- **Members** do you have skills that would be helpful to running a successful Scout group? We are particularly looking for people with experience in fundraising, health & safety, child protection and education.

We also need help with some important projects:

- Scout Hut heating the heating in the Scout Hut is 30 years old and needs to be replaced. Could you help us rsearch and cost new heating solutions?
- Scout Group website we need a budding (or experienced) web designer to help us refresh and relaunch our local
 website.

We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and help shape your community's future.

We are continuing to provide Scouting activities with on-line meetings.

For an informal chat, please contact Adrian Pashley (Group Chair) on 07977 552 768 or email pashley_adrian@yahoo.co.uk

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Currently our meetings and groups are suspended until further notice. Our new season is due to start in September.

Meon Valley U3A began its life in a front room over 20 years ago and though one of the smallest U3As it has maintained a membership of over 100 people and has ten interest groups. If you are interested in joining us in the future please use one of the contact details below.

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Random Historical Jottings

AVE YOU WONDERED HOW THIS PANDEMIC COMPARES WITH FAMOUS PLAGUES FROM THE

The Black Death killed at least 75 million people in the world, probably as much as anything because the poor were pretty malnourished in those days. Knowledge of the human body was primitive, let alone understanding how disease spread, so the only defence was "a pocketful of posies".

John Merriman, studying the Black Death in Hampshire at the University of Winchester writes:

"The Black Death's first and worst outbreak in England was during 1348 -50. The Winchester Diocese, including Bishop's Waltham, suffered badly. There were regular outbreaks of the plague until the last outbreak in 1665-66 which was ended by the Great Fire of London. The horror of the Black Death was more prevalent in the summer months and its effect lessened in the winter, probably because there were fewer rats and fleas". Jan Titow, a 1970's historian, put the deaths in Bishop's Waltham at 65%, due to its proximity to Titchfield, which was then a European trading port on the river Hamble. He based his figure on 264 deaths in an estimated population of 404 in the Manor (which would have included Curdridge, Durley, Upham and Swanmore, but not Droxford). Portsmouth and Gosport had an 100% death rate. An interesting pointer to the benefits of social distancing is that none of the Bishops of Winchester died prematurely of the Black Death.

By 1918, knowledge of basic hygiene had improved, but when the Spanish flu (H1N1 virus) struck, European populations were already weakened by four years of war. Governments tried to hide the facts from the public, so that returning soldiers brought it home with them. In Britain, the death rate was a quarter of a million, about 10% of the population. 50 million people died worldwide. More younger people died of Spanish flu than were killed in the First World War, due to bacteriological

infection ... it was to be years later that antibiotics were discovered and flu vaccines developed.

Today we have a good understanding of disease, with a medical service free to everyone and the ability to support life if necessary. We are horrified that the death toll might be as high as 4% of today's flu victims. Our ancestors wouldn't even have been able to imagine such an impossible dream of survival. Covid-19 isn't the worst that Bishop's Waltham has seen ...

Privations of a local war

Was life in wartime Bishop's Waltham worse than today? Judge for yourself.

"Petrol was rationed, so we rode our bikes everywhere ..."

"Food was rationed from the beginning of the War and Droxford Rural District Council Food Control Office was in the Institute at Bishop's Waltham. With hundreds of other people, we had to queue to get our ration books and every year to get the new ones. Farmers were given some extra rations in Swanmore, and I used to go to the Parish Rooms in Swanmore once a week, for half a pound of cheese and some corned beef.

About 1942 there was a meat pie allowance for everyone. On Friday mornings I used to cycle to Swanmore to get one pie per person living in the house for 4d each. Eggs were rationed to one egg per person a week, but we sold packets of dried eggs to customers who had bought eggs before."

(Joan Gamblin)

"There may have been tins of corned beef, because that was a basic thing then, although now it's just like everything else. Spam, yes Spam was another thing - Spam fritters, I can still smell the fat they cooked it in, 'cos I didn't like it very much. If they had a bit of dried egg left, they mixed it with flour and water and coated it in and fried it, but I can't remember it being very nice at all!" (Jean Marriner)

"You see, the Sunday afternoon touring they used to do had all gone. There was nothing like that: no pleasure trips, you couldn't get fuel for that sort of thing, fuel was rationed. Another thing, there was no cars on the road only people who had important duties like MoD work and government work, those sort of cars. Nothing like the cars you or I had."

(John Gent)

An unknown narrator talks about his first job – "At 14 years old we used to come into BW in the High Street, catch the bus, at fourteen years old. 6 o'clock in the morning we would catch the bus, at 6 o clock in the morning and we never had the clothes you have today. You'd have chilblains all up the back of your legs. The bus used to drop us in Botley and we used to have to stand there and wait for the bus to come from Fareham to take us down to Hamble and then get home at quarter past eight at night. 14 years old! I'd like some of the 14 year olds today to have a taste."

A sense of community in the 1940s

"People were so nice. You would be in the garden gardening and a woman quite unknown to me would say, "Things are off ration in the street."

There were sausages and you know, you would drop everything and run down and just get four sausages or something.

People were so friendly everywhere. It was a different world altogether, people helped each other."

Were they so friendly before the war or do you think the war made them pull together?

"I think it made them pull together." (Sybil Churcher)

"It seemed everyone was ready to take children, and other people as well that could come out, particularly with babies. They used to come out at night, after the bombing started, in a double-decker bus and up outside the Priory Inn [then called the Railway Inn]. They used to park there for the night and all the houses around, if they had room, took them in and let them have a night's sleep."

(Melva Avekuk)

"Yes, but it was surprising how many people got them in and give them drinks and things.

It just seemed the natural thing to do." *(unknown narrator)*

"I don't know, everyone was so neighbourly. No one that was ill was ever left to fend for themselves. We found it very neighbourly up where we lived."

(unknown narrator)

Val: "But it was a fantastic time to live because everybody else ... no matter what you needed, somebody else would have it, and give it to you willingly, wouldn't they?" (continued overleaf)

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JOTTINGS

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George: "Mmm. And people would help out as best they could, you know." (Val and George Perry)

Times past – the 1950s

John: "On Good Friday, Stainer's bakery would be selling their buns. They'd be open for a couple or three hours, just selling the buns. And I can remember seeing the queue of people all the way down the street for their buns."

June: "And the fishmonger's."

John: "Oh yes, and the fishmonger's opposite, Mr Backhouse, on the Friday. That was the only two places open on Good Friday."

(John and June Edwards)

The 1960s

Stuart: I think what happened was, the community were all united and it reflects now in that we're all over 60, (we) go back 50 years and anybody that you knew then from different pockets of Bishop's Waltham, all totally mates ... We're all sort of Bishop's Waltham boys together and I think we remain that way. ... We were a real close-knit community in my era of remembering the times that you've been talking about. That's my view."

...2020?

(Stuart Pink)



Bishop's Waltham 2020 Vision is still running

This is a historical time. It's even more important for us to record everyday life, outside and within our homes. Please upload your photos about our extraordinary life today to our website.



AST MONTH WAS, UNSURPRISINGLY, SPARSE IN UPLOADS AS PEOPLE FLOUNDERED for subjects in the new reality of everyday life.

We're now certain that we are looking to depict the sudden changes that the corona-virus epidemic has whipped through our daily lives. There are changes to daily patterns at home and even bigger changes in the great outside. There are sensory changes: the sound of a pub sign squeaking outside a deserted pub; huge great lungfuls of freshness and unpolluted air; the sound of birdsong not traffic; the empty country lanes and absence of noisy motorbikes barrelling down from Corhampton of a weekend. The challenge here is to transfer these senses for the camera.

John Bosworth's images in the Bishop's Waltham Museum include nearly a thousand local wildflowers. He was putting together a book about local flora when he died. We have a record of the commonest in 2020 for the beginning of April. In May and June there will be more, including wild orchids. It seems that everything around nature has frozen, yet springtime exuberance continues as before.

Other ironies have stopped me short with their humour this month: temporary signs that warn of impending road works on a totally car-less road, at such a perfect time for a road works! The familiar sign encourages good attendance at the locked school gate, building work left outside homes like the lighthouse on Flannan Isle ...

How are you occupying yourself at home, in ways that are maybe not your normal habits? Please use this wonderful opportunity to reflect and record your corner of Bishop's Waltham in this most eventful year, for local people in the future.

Trish Simpson-Davis



2020 VISION

SURPRISING TURN OF EVENTS SINCE last month! The coronavirus emergency has changed just about every aspect of our lives: not least of all, our 2020 Vision project here in Bishop's Waltham. In the grand scheme of things this may seem a fairly trivial pursuit, but, providing we are safe and well and adhering to the Government's rules on social isolation, there is every opportunity to contribute to this important - now even more important – project to record every day life in our communities during 2020. Considering the historical global impact of the epidemic, how we responded on a day-to-day basis will be of great interest and importance to future historians. We may be confined to our own homes and gardens, or to its immediate locale, but we can think creatively about how we tell future generations about our present predicament: we have the ideal technology with our smart phones and their internal cameras to give insights into the experiences of lockdown.

Tony Hunt 2020 Curator







"David Spackman all dressed up and ready to go!"

ISHOP'S WALTHAM COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE exceptional support for local residents requiring emergency medical attention during the coronavirus lock-down. Two members had to stand down because they were considered by the Ambulance Service to be too old (much to their

DUTY -**COMMUNITY** FIRST RESPONDERS

frustration!). The remaining few have achieved a near 100% duty cover, both day and night and they still arrive before the ambulance 95% of the time. This amazing performance has seen one or two responders on stand-by for an extraordinary 90 hours in a week. The responders have kept themselves separate from each other, each with their own equipment, so that if one gets infected, the others can continue to operate. They have all been issued with Personal Protective Equipment which they wear as a precautionary measure before entering a property. Their own safety is paramount.

When you next stand outside and clap for the NHS and other key workers, please have a special clap for our own local volunteer responders. They are unpaid, they are taking risks on our behalf and they are totally committed. They are our local heroes.





BW Community Responders

National Award Winners!

Volunteers needed!! Please can you help? Full training given.

For information please contact Andrew Brown

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MEON VOICES CHOIR

T MEON VOICES WE ALL SING BECAUSE WE LOVE IT! SO HERE IS A SHORT PIECE FOR YOU on the benefits of singing for life, not just for the Stay at Home period.

Meon Voices offers you a morale boost with singing tips

Why is singing so good?

- It strengthens your immune system especially important right now to fight off illness
- It gives you a physical workout in its own right, and exercise indoors is what we all need as we are isolated
- It helps improve your posture we might all be sitting down more than usual, so this could be really helpful to you
- It helps with sleep, and many of us are finding sleep harder than usual due to worrying thoughts
- It helps guard against depression, which is a widespread problem at any time, but particularly prevalent now
- It lowers stress levels, which many of us are feeling in different ways
- It improves mental awareness we all need this, whatever our ageIt can help widen your social circle - and right now online friendships are precious

What type of voice do you have?

Do you want to sing? You can do it by yourself, with family members or by joining an online choir. There are lots of them springing up, the best known is The Great British Home Chorus led by Gareth Malone, just enter those words on your search engine online, and you'll find it, and be asked to register.

Before you join an online group, you might want to find out what type of voice you have, known as 'voice classification'. Again, online there are lots of tutorials, some more thorough than others. It's worth spending some of your time at home finding out, and it's great fun!

At Meon voices, we are a four--part choir, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. We are not practising online at the moment for various reasons, but we dearly hope to be practising in person from September this year at our 'home' at the United Free Church in Bishop's Waltham. If you are interested in joining us then, or finding out about our popular free concerts, please find us on Facebook, or email alan@agbuckland.plus.com

Stay well, and stay happy, with our love Meon Voices Choir

Introducing the Litter Partnership in Winchester – good clean fun!

INCE LAST AUTUMN A SMALL AND DETERMINED GROUP OF RESIDENTS IN UPHAM AND OWSLEBURY have been developing a new initiative to keep their local roads free of litter. It has been such a success that they have now launched the Litter Partnership in Winchester. The Bishop's Waltham & Upham Parish Magazine has promised to help spread the word.

The Litter Partnership brings together local people, councils, schools, businesses and military personnel to tackle the scourge of litter. The brainchild of

Tom Bristowe, a Litter Hero Ambassador of Keep Britain Tidy, it is supported by Winchester City Council and Walking With The Wounded, the veterans' charity. It is led by Staff Sergeant Peter Dyde, a member of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), and works closely with *idverde*, Winchester's street scene contractor.

It's simple – a local person identifies a road or public space that he or she would like to keep clean – perhaps near their home, school or work – and gathers a small group of friends and neighbours willing to help. A Litter Captain, often a

military figure, is assigned by the Litter Partnership to coordinate their plans with idverde to ensure their activities run smoothly and safely. *Idverde* then disposes of everything responsibly.

"It's the right idea at the right time," says Tom Bristowe. "Taking responsibility for our environment is a hot and important topic for us all. I particularly love that children want to contribute. The Pilgrims' School is keen to join the partnership and some of our younger volunteers are putting their litterpicking activities towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award."

Businesses are also joining the call to arms. Jon Athill, a local web designer, has donated his time to develop the Litter Partnership branding and website. Rude Health, the innovative food and drinks company, is donating products to volunteers; and the Brushmakers Arms in Upham is offering drinks "on the house" post village clean-ups! The group has also received free support from Fluid Design in Twyford and Copyman, the Winchester printing company.

So whether you are an individual, family, school, business or any other group, the Litter Partnership is urging you to get in touch. Perhaps you could join, start, sponsor or co-ordinate a clean-up? Perhaps your business could offer volunteers discounts on goods and services, or provide equipment or financial support? All ideas are welcome.

For more information or to get in contact please visit www.thelitterpartnership.org or email hello@thelitterpartnership.org

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Parents supporting parents

Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers helping families with children through their challenging times. Our approach is as individual as the family. Judgement, it is just compassionate, confidential help and expert support. This support is free of charge to the family and all of our volunteers have parenting experience.

Could you help us to help raise funds so we can continue to offer support to families in the local area?

We estimate it costs £1300 to support one family per year and additional funding allows us to reach more families.

What does our support mean for families:

- Improvements in their emotional health and wellbeing,
- Feeling less isolated,
- Improvements in their children's behaviour and development, and
- Feel more able to manage the household budget.

How Can you help?

- Join the Local Action Team and help out at events to raise funds and awareness.
- Organise your own fund-raising activity
- Become a friend of Home-Start Meon Valley and make a regular monthly donation
- Sign up for our sponsored sky dive on Sunday 5th July. (Full details can be found on: https://home-starthampshire.org.uk/fundraising/)

All donations no matter how big or small are received with gratitude. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do contact us using the information at the top of the page.



To all readers of the Parish News

N.B.

Please bear in mind that regulations relating to coronavirus precautions are changing frequently and some statements in our copy may well be out of date as material will have been received before changes take place. Where activities are advertised, we advise you to check before proceeding. Editor



Dawn Woodsford (07746 810969)





T THIS TIME OF YEAR (LATE FEBRUARY EARLY MARCH), IT'S CARNIVAL TIME! THIS MEANS 100s of samba drumming bands all over Brazil and beyond partake in processions through the streets of towns and cities, full of energy, light and life. Due to its infectious beats and growing popularity, live samba drumming can be found all over the world, meaning you don't have to go far to feel a bit of the carnival spirit...

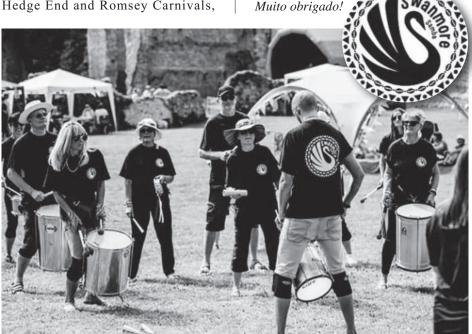
In fact, the chances are if you go to a local event in the Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge and Botley areas, you'll very probably bump into some locally crafted samba played by new fusion drum band, Swanmore Samba Band. The newly formed group was created in early 2019, helping members of the community get together and learn new motor/memory skills and make noise. This year, they have a busy calendar full of gigs and events such as Hedge End and Romsey Carnivals,

Swanmore Fete, Hatfair, numerous charity events and much more.

And now... the band is on the lookout for new members! So if you fancy joining, workshops are run every Tuesday term time 6-7pm, as part of the Roynon Performing Arts music faculty. Skills are practised both on and off the drums and lots of resources have been specifically made for the band, meaning that there is plenty to get stuck into outside of rehearsal time.

The band comprise of absolute beginners so no experience is necessary. As well as having the amazing opportunity to perform at various notable, local events, samba drumming is a great way to look after physical and mental wellbeing whilst making new friends.

Contact Gary Munday on info@roynon-performingarts.co.uk or find 'Swanmore Samba Band' on social media and arrange to pop along for a free trial.





BISHOP'S WALTHAM ROTARY NEWS



T'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO ANTICIPATE WHERE WE WILL BE IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME WHEN THE PARISH magazine gets published. The input deadline for BW Parish Magazine is 4th April. So, I am not sure whether we will all be still isolating or partying or what. Everything social has been cancelled and many people are just existing on a diet of food, exercise and TV, which to start with is quite pleasant. But the news is depressing, and the longer it goes on the worse it is.

Naturally, the Rotary club is not meeting through this period. Some Rotary members have volunteered to support the Parish Council initiative of a register of helpers to support aged and vulnerable locals with prescription pickup and shopping. So, if you are needing help in this way, or just on your own needing to chat, please contact the help line number 01489 892323. Several members have made an extra effort to contact individual, vulnerable neighbours to run errands and collect prescription, and we continue to contribute to the local Foodbank.

But let's raise a cheer for the food shops in Bishop's Waltham: Budgens, Pete the Anyfish, Grovers Butchers, Hylands, the Coop and Stainers. They have done a sterling job in keeping us supplied with food during this trying time. Also, let's give thanks to the pharmacies who continue to provide a great service to the town. Sadly, most of the other local traders have been obliged to close and all we can do is hope they are able to work their way through the crisis.

A few bits of humour, which hopefully will make you laugh. The first one is actually a true story, which found its way in to *Private Eye*. I complained to a number of colleagues in the club that we couldn't find any toilet rolls on sale and the response from Paul was that there was no shortage in his household: they were using worthless share certificates. Recently, John Travolta was hospitalized with suspected Coronavirus. But doctors soon realised that it was only a **Saturday Night Fever** and he will be **Staving Alive**.

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A: A stick.

Ed: The same bike tries to run me down every day.

Fred: Sounds like a vicious cycle...

Q: Why should you never date tennis players?

A: Love means nothing to them.

Q: How do you weigh a millennial?

A: In Instagrams.

Q: What happened to the guy who sued over his missing luggage? A: He lost his case.

Mike: Someone stole the wheels off of all the police cars!

Spike: The cops are working on it—tirelessly.

Q: Hear about the two guys who stole a calendar?

A: They both got 6 months.

My husband cooks for me like I'm a god—by placing burnt offerings before me every night.

Q: How does the solar system organize a party?

A: They planet!

Q: What do you get when you combine an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic?

A: Someone who lays awake at night wondering the true meaning of Dog.



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

If you know of anyone in need, in these trying times, please contact us at: **bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk**

Who's hiding in the hedgerow?

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

UR HEDGEROWS SUPPORT AN AMAZING DIVERSITY OF PLANTS & ANIMALS, PROVIDING wildlife with a rich larder throughout the year. Pollinators buzz around hedgerow flowers in spring, small mammals scurry through their depths in summer and thrushes pluck berries from their branches in autumn and winter.

Hedgerows create vital links across the countryside that help wildlife to move about freely, and they benefit the wider environment too: they prevent soil erosion, capture pollutants such as fertilisers, assist with water regulation and combat climate change by capturing carbon.

As the days get longer and the breeding season gains momentum, our local hedgerows are alive with activity. Here



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are a few hedge-loving species that you might spot this spring...

Hedgehogs

As their name suggests, hedgehogs are often found near hedgerows. Hedges are ideal nest sites for them and offer a varied bounty of invertebrates, as well as protection from predators. Under the cover of thick hedgerows, hedgehogs can travel about undetected.

Bats

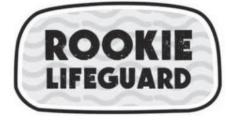
Hedges can slow windspeeds in exposed areas, allowing insects to fly in places where they wouldn't otherwise be able to. This in turn means that there is more prey available for bats on windy nights. Hedges are especially important for bats with limited echolocation ranges like Pipistrelles, serving as landmarks so they can navigate more easily. Hedgerow trees also provide valuable roosting sites

for bats: some species, like the noctule, willuse crevices in the bark to roost and breed.

Birds

During the spring and summer our hedgerows really come to life with the busy fluttering and chirping of birds. Hedgerows are hugely important for them, providing vital food and shelter that can be hard to find in agricultural and urban landscapes. Bullfinches, yellowhammers and linnets all make their nests in hedgerows, usually near arable fields, and in more built-up areas house sparrows and blackbirds are common hedgerow inhabitants.

If you would like to grow a hedge in place of a fence or a wall to help wildlife where you live, you can find lots of handy hints and tips on our website: hiwwt.org.uk/actions

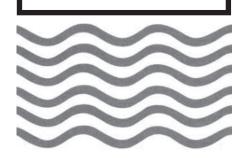


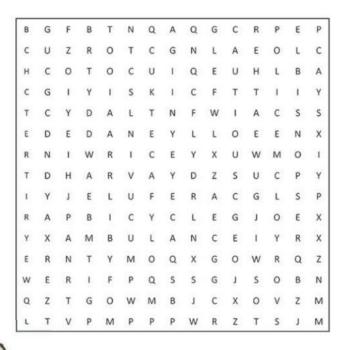
Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming Lifesaving

We have Rookie lifeguards for ages 8-12 on a Friday evening, 7-8pm

spaces

And Senior Lifesaving for ages 12 and up on Wednesday and Friday evenings





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Bishop's Waltham Parish Fishing Club



Points Only and Pairs Match fitted in just before lock-down, AGM postponed, membership renewals on hold

Points Only and Pairs Match Finalised the 2019-20 Competition Season

HE FINAL MATCH OF THE 2019-20 SEASON WAS FISHED JUST BEFORE THE REGULATIONS CAME IN about staying at home.

Despite the weather preventing matches being fished and the looming menace of Corona virus, four guys drew swims and then partners to fish the final match of the season. Sadly, this match could be the last for a long while as movement and meeting restrictions were imposed soon after. Police advised no further fishing at the South Pond for the foreseeable future.

Station road swims were selected as they were the most fishable. All selected to fish using the whip method to catch silver fish close in and at speed. Basically a whip is a 'stick', albeit telescopic, with a length of line attached a little shorter than the whip's extended length. The line has a light float attached in line and a hook at its free end and small weights placed on the line below the float, either strung out shirt button style or bulk bunched or a combination thereof. Whips range from 1.5m up to 8m. Most used either 3 or 4m whips. A caught fish is simply played and lifted to hand or into a landing net before being placed into the keep-net to be counted at the end of the match.

A regular flick out of a pinch of maggots or pinkies with maybe small, very occasional ground bait offerings to the same spot close in, encourages the fish to take a maggot or pinky hookbait dropping through the water. Once a feeding, casting, catching, unhooking rhythm is established, then high numbers of silvers can be caught. As each fish of any species is one point, even if you land a feisty 4 lbs carp, the highest points total secures the trophy after 3 hours.

Rain came in early (despite Andy Weavil stating 1 pm was its ETA!). It was light rain, almost misty drizzle, and not enough to warrant an umbrella. Gentle

but gusting winds too, quite mild overall. Some caught fish immediately, some needed to build their swim but all caught fish eventually. Perversely, very few perch were caught considering the amount of maggots being used and the small fish attracted to them.

Steve Edge secured first spot with 112 points and didn't see a perch. Chris Shepherd came second with 87 fish and the odd perch. Third was Rod Langthorne with 55 points that included a perch and fourth was Andy Weavil with 32 points. He had 2 perch included in his total. All the perch were tiny. No more than 2 ounces each.

In the Pairs Match, Steve was paired with Rod and they jointly amassed 167 points to win. Andy was paired with Chris and they totalled 119 points between them.

So that concludes the 2019-20 season.

No fishing allowed under current lockdown rules

Police advice is not to go fishing as it is an unnecessary journey driving there, despite being isolated when fishing. It is not strictly exercise either. Walking there may be classed as exercise but then remaining sat for several hours is not. Anyway, with the current high water level in the pond, most swims are wet or unusable or inaccessible. It is effectively like having the closed season back again.

AGM cancelled

The AGM and trophy presentation planned for Friday April 24th was cancelled. This is a social occasion to complete the Club's 2019-20 business and catch up on the latest about the fishing on the South Pond. This and the renewals evening will be rescheduled once current lockdown regulations are removed.

May and June activities

May and June activities have been put on hold under the current crisis. Once rules are relaxed we will need to reschedule the work parties, AGM, renewals evening and potentially the early season matches as well.

Joining the Club

Membership is now closed for the 2019-20 season. Current membership continues until June 15th which will be reviewed nearer the time and possibly extended. Membership renewals and applications for the 2020-21 season will be opened once lockdown rules are relaxed. No membership requests are being processed at the moment as this would involve handling cash or cheques and visits to the bank.

Membership is open to anyone who lives in Bishop's Waltham, plus a number of Associate membership places (for those living outside the Parish). Priority is given to Parish membership (especially juniors), but anyone living outside of the Parish wishing to join should contact Cathy for an Associate Membership place.

Club web site

For more information about the club and its activities, the club's web site can be found at: www.bwpfc.org.uk

Steve Edge and Barry Jerome





Bridge Club

Bishop's Waltham Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7.00pm to 10.00pm in the Priory Court.

New members are always welcome.

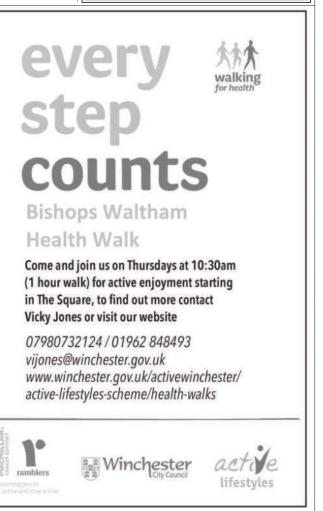
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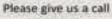
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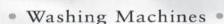
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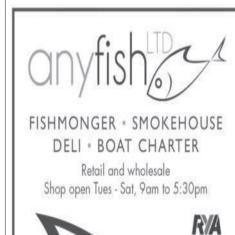
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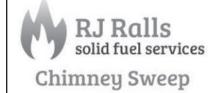
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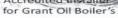
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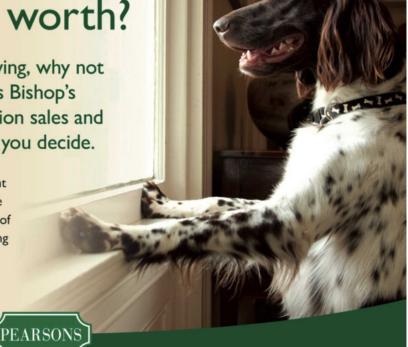
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