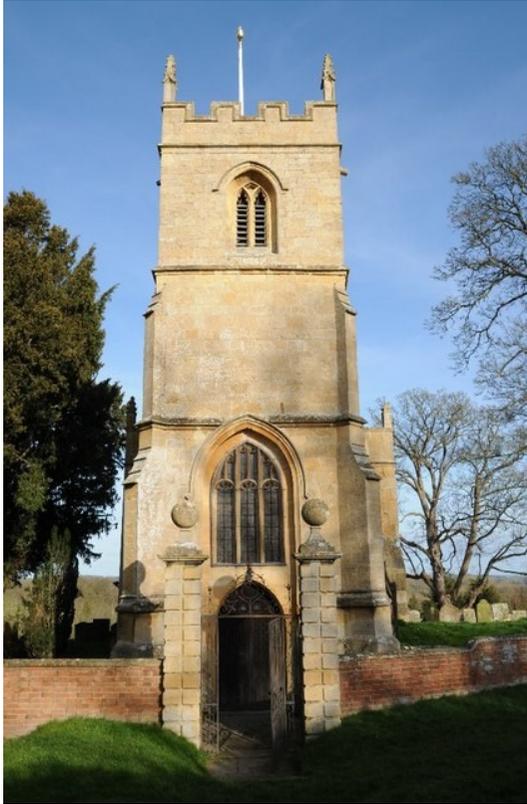


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## June 2021

As summer arrives so we are all trying to find the best way forward. Early hopes of pandemic restrictions being entirely lifted have given way to new anxieties about the Covid variants. It's very much a matter of one day at a time and planning for work arrangements, family visits, or holidays and other travel remains problematic. Churches too face similar questions of when to be open and how to be a dynamic presence in the community whilst keeping everyone safe. We continue to follow the Church of England guidelines. Our website has all the up to date information about services and all other church news – do look! We have now returned to the full pattern of services within Government restrictions.

News has come that bell ringing at Ilmington is to resume and practice will now take place on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. New ringers welcome. Tredington too will soon have its bell ringers back in action.

At present we are involved in a time of discernment towards appointing a new Rector for our six churches. The process is being led by Archdeacon Barry Dugmore and the churches each have representation in this important task. Please pray about this.

Discernment is at the heart of life – whether about Covid, Church, village , or personal matters too. We often have questions about the best course of action, what to take up and what to set aside, how to prioritise in giving our time and energies. Life is not easy! For many the prayer at the centre of daily life can bring comfort and also a sense of direction and purpose. In the Christian faith we look to Jesus Christ who by his own life and prayer gave us a wonderful example of living faithfully. 'Do not worry about tomorrow, each day has enough trouble of its own.' 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.' and 'Do not be afraid.' These words of wisdom can help us all in turbulent times as we look forward to summer days and the hope of new freedoms.

Stephen, Interim Assistant Curate

The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial **0800 804 8044**. **The website now has the current issue of this magazine available it is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site, each church has its own page.** If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to [revfletcher24@gmail.com](mailto:revfletcher24@gmail.com). Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

### From the Registers

#### Funerals:

Jennie Seller, St Mary's Ilmington, 7<sup>th</sup> May

### Nature Notes June 2021

When we had the roof replaced on our cottage the roofers discovered a small rose growing in the gutter which we decided to nurture and plant, wondering what type of rose it might be. It turned into a beautiful native pink wild dog rose (rosa canina), so called because of the hooked prickles on it that resemble

dog's teeth. The Roman naturalist Pliny attributed the name dog rose to a belief that the root could cure the bite of a mad dog! Dog rose flowers are an important nectar source for insects and the rose hips are a food source for blackbirds, redwings and waxwings. Rose hips high in vitamin C were used to boost vitamin levels both during and after the war, careful extraction is required as the hairs are an irritant! I am reminded, as we nurture our plants tending to them by feeding, watering and pruning, of the first gardener, Adam doing just the same thing. "Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." Genesis 2:15. Gill

### **Ladies Breakfast 12 June by Zoom**

Our 2021 LADIES BREAKFAST is planned for Saturday 12th June at 9.30 am - 10.30 am. Everyone is warmly invited to 'come along' and join the breakfast at home in a Zoom Meeting. Our speaker is ANNE LOWE who, with her husband, is a leader of a Stratford Church. The Zoom organiser for the morning will be Andy Poole, so before the event, the link and password will come from him. ([apoole1969@yahoo.com](mailto:apoole1969@yahoo.com)) To reserve a place please contact Liz Harvey at [ma\\_harvey@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_harvey@hotmail.com) and we'll look forward to meeting up and sharing a very special and blessed morning.

## **PRESTON-ON-STOUR**

We are going ahead with restricted opening of the hall from Monday 17th May and still hoping for a full return at the end of June so please enquire if you would like to make a booking. There are three hall events to look forward to in June and July.

### **Monday 21st June 4 pm 'Celebrating Preston'**

All residents of Preston should now have received a yellow postcard with details of this project and wild flower seed bombs. It will be great to have your memories and stories recorded and incorporated into the new map which will be unveiled and available in the hall from 4 until 6pm. Please remember to plant your bombs so that hopefully there will be a display of beautiful wild flowers for all to admire as we walk around the village on the longest day and into the summer.

### **Sunday 4th July 1pm - Village BBQ**

Fingers crossed for a fine day and our first Village Hall party time.

### **Tuesday 6th July 7.30 pm - Village Hall AGM**

The hall is run by a volunteer committee dedicated to making a community space work for local events. We are always open to ideas and suggestions for making improvements and the AGM is your opportunity to participate. There is still a vacancy for the position of treasurer. Please contact Mick Jennings on 450797 or Margaret Brocklehurst on 450710 or [prestonbrocks@gmail.com](mailto:prestonbrocks@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ILMINGTON**

### **The Ilmington Directory for 2021-22**

The new Directory is now on sale in the shop. Produced by Ilmington

2020, this handy little booklet is a brief compendium of the latest useful contact details for everything local, from art classes and florists to schools and sewage! Priced at just £2, all proceeds go to Warwickshire Air Ambulance and to support village activities.

### **The Coven**

Looking forward to our reunion on July 21st (Boris permitting)! The Howard Arms awaits us at 12 noon, but they would quite like to know how many of us. So if you could give me a call on 682 605 to let me know that you will be at the festive gathering, that would be a help. See you soon, sisters. Christine

### **Ilmington Village Hall - Reopening and Party**

We looking forward to reopening the village hall as the pandemic recedes. In accordance with Government guidelines, we expect to be able to offer a full service from 21st June. We have a spacious and well equipped facility and would like to see it buzzing with activities once more. The AGM was held in the Hall on 19 May and the Chair's report for the last 2 years can be found on the website [www.ilmington-villagehall.com](http://www.ilmington-villagehall.com). Bookings can be made by calling Nina Murchison on 01608682527. We would also like to hear from volunteers interested in helping with the organisation of a party to celebrate the ending of 'lockdown'. Subject to any restrictions there might be in respect of such an event, we are hopeful that this can take place during the summer and linked to the 'Thank You' events. Please call Bryan Clifford on 01608682996, if you would like to help.

### **Ways to Support Your Community Shop**

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In April this year, we saw sales rise compared with a very healthy March. We'd like to keep this momentum going. Although we don't expect to maintain the level of sales we saw during the height of the pandemic, we hope to encourage people to do their main shop with us; order meat, fruit and vegetables through us; place orders for unusual, organic, ethical and wholefood products with us on a regular basis. Call Michele Hall on 01608 682838 to find out more.

Finally, if you fancy joining our volunteer team, we could do with more willing hands. It's fun, it's sociable and you'll be part of a unique community endeavour. Call in, or email Susan Brock on [s.brock9@btinternet.com](mailto:s.brock9@btinternet.com)

### **Wednesday Club June Meeting Cancelled**

It is with a lot of sadness that we must tell you that Jennie Seller passed away on April 19th. Jennie had been moved to a Myton hospice shortly

before her death. On behalf of the Wednesday Club, we send our sincere condolences to her family. We have donated some money to the hospice but if you wish to donate yourself then please go to [rlockeandson.co.uk](http://rlockeandson.co.uk). Jennie was a much loved member of our Club, always offering her services, always kind and helpful. She will certainly never be forgotten. On a more cheerful note, we will be holding our first post-Covid Wednesday Club meeting on **14th July at 2pm** when we will be having a 'Thank You' party to recognise the wonderful help key workers have given us and for us meeting again after such a long time. The RVS are providing decorations and some treats to help us celebrate and we will be giving an afternoon tea so come hungry! Appropriate safety measures will be in place in the Village Hall but if you feel apprehensive about sitting with others, then let us know. Also let us know if you **do not wish** to attend. Only **£1 per person** (£2 for visitors) and lots of money for our special raffle where we have some nice prizes. If you have something to donate , then please bring it along.

Our apologies to Carmel for apparently claiming she is our oldest club member in the last edition of this magazine. If read correctly, we all know it had to be the one and only Edith Tuohy. Thankfully, Carmel has a good sense of humour! This month of June sees the birthdays of David Goldsmith on 12th, Marilyn Patton on 13th and Sheila Lowe on 14th. We hope you all have a lovely day.

Our last item is to report that on 4th July, people everywhere will be celebrating Thank you Day where we give thanks to all those who helped us throughout the Covid pandemic. There will be lots of events going on and the Wednesday Club will be hosting two tables with books and bric-a-brack at the village Hall. Do come and join in the celebration! At last the time has come to say....."hopefully we will see you soon!" Fingers crossed everyone.

### **Ilmington C of E Primary School**

Hello to all our neighbours and community! This is the first time I have written for The Six Parishes Magazine and it comes at a time of renewal and renewed hope in the future as we take some welcome steps back to normality. The children and staff at Ilmington have remained positive and upbeat throughout the pandemic and it is has been wonderful to re-open our doors to the children this term. Resilience shows itself in different ways and for our little school it can be seen in small acts of kindness, the giggles of friends who have been reunited, and the well wishes shared amongst our amazing staff team. In the coming months we are looking forward to welcoming back our village friends, neighbours and wider community to school events and celebrations. We have missed you! We will also be launching *The Ilmington Seedling Initiative* (T.I.S.I) our community fundraising platform. The school will be actively seeking collaborations with local businesses, entrepreneurs, and anyone who would like to support the school. If you would like to get involved with T.I.S.I please get in touch with us at [jbeard@ilmington.warwickshire.sch.uk](mailto:jbeard@ilmington.warwickshire.sch.uk) . Rebecca Noon, Head.

### **Ilmington Annual Show**

Due to the current uncertainty with the relaxing of the COVID restrictions, Ilmington Show Committee have, after much deliberation, decided not to hold this year's annual show on August bank holiday Monday. The Horticultural Show will take place but in a different format, details to follow. Fingers crossed we will be back in August 2022, to celebrate 40 years of Ilmington Show. Thank you for your ongoing support. In the meantime we are looking for willing volunteers to join our committee; please contact Alan Wright on 01608 682660, if you are interested.

### **Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan**

The current Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank all those who have worked on the plan, including previous steering group members, as well as everyone who has attended workshops and submitted comments over the last five years. All the feedback has been helpful in shaping the plan. The result of last week's referendum was 325 votes in favour with 33 against. This was an almost 90% majority on a high turnout of 60%. The plan will now be used by Stratford on Avon District Council to help decide planning applications. We also hope the community will take ownership of the plan and use it to guide the village in achieving a sustainable future while safeguarding its distinctive and valued character.

*The Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Jan Sherwood, Martin Seymour, Tim Allen, Joyce Bridges, Tammy Clifford, Ross Chambers,*

## **TREDINGTON**

### **Newbold and Tredington CofE School**

We entered a nationwide RE competition where children produced work to answer the question Why does RE matter? We are delighted to announce that, out of a huge number of entries, we have not one but two winners at Newbold and Tredington! Their work will be published and the school will receive money for valuable RE resources.

A message from our Governing Body:

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**Services for June 2021**

6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St George's, Darlingscott</b>	<b>St Mary's, Ilmington</b>	<b>St Mary's, Preston-on-Stour</b>	<b>St Peter's, Stretton-on-Fosse</b>	<b>St Gregory's, Tredington</b>	<b>St Mary's, Whitchurch</b>
	Evening Prayer 6 pm	Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9am	Family Service 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup> June		Holy Communion 9.30 am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Family service 11am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
20 <sup>th</sup> June		Family Service 11 am		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 10.30 am	Morning Prayer 9.30 am
27 <sup>th</sup> June		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
4 <sup>th</sup> July		Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9am	Family Service 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am

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## Craft and Chatter

This may be our last zoom craft and chatter on Thursday 3 June at 2.30pm. Please contact Pat if you would like to join the meeting and she will send you an invitation. Her phone no is 01608 682108.

## Tredington and Blackwell WI

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10 June at 7.30pm, our guest speaker on zoom will be Ciceley Scarborough who will be giving a zoom presentation on "Merchant Taylor's Livery Company: being a proud member - a woman's perspective". Merchant Taylor's is a flourishing livery company whose members are dedicated to education, fraternity, and philanthropy. The talk will offer a fascinating insight into its past and future in the City of London. We would be delighted for WI and non-WI members to join us. Please contact our secretary Pat 01608 682108 to give you the link to the meeting.

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