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Wedding Bells!

We have over 20 weddings booked across our six churches this year. This is partly because there's a bit of a backlog after the gap caused by the Pandemic over the last two years, but I think there's a bit more to it than that. In some cases those getting married have been together quite long time already, and say that they have just 'got round to' getting married. Others feel that making a public commitment has become important to them after the events of the recent past in a way that hadn't seemed to matter quite so much before. People tend to know each other much better now, and to get married later in the relationship than they used to, and this seems a good thing. One couple whose wedding I took recently gave me a great quotation from the psychotherapist Philippa Perry. She said that what makes somebody right for someone else is commitment, being together like 'two stones rubbing together until suddenly they fit', because 'You like or love someone when you like or love yourself when you're with them — and that takes a long time to know. You have to let them in.' Some people are a bit anxious about the 'God bit'. Though a marriage in Church has, for obvious and also legal reasons, to have a Christian frame of reference, it doesn't have to be heavily so. And I find Church weddings are becoming delightfully creative, with all sorts of music being used, for example. It's a real privilege to work with couples to craft the service which they want, which expresses their personalities, and involves others who are special to them.

A few years ago the Church of England brought in the idea of 'qualifying connection' – which means that you can get married in a variety of churches, not just the one nearest to where you live. The Church is also getting better at recognising that second marriages, too, may be an important opportunity to put the past behind us, and celebrate a new start after heartbreak and difficulty. So if you're thinking of getting married, or know someone who is, why not get in touch?

Whitchurch Millennium Plus Celebration – thanks!

A big thank you to those who made the celebrations of Whitchurch's Millennium (delayed since 2020) such an inspiring event on 11-12 June. There was music from Donald McCombie and Gospel Bell on Saturday, and Bishop Christopher led the service and there was a wonderful light lunch served in the churchyard afterwards on Sunday. Thanks in particular to John and Carol, the churchwardens, and to Biddy James and her helpers who provided lunch!
Richard Moore, Rector

Keep up to date with everything that is happening, including the current issue of the Six Parishes Magazine on the church website <https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com>. The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial 0800 804 8044. It is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>, where 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. Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

Deadline for the August issue is 16 JULY Copy and advertising enquiries to Susan Brock s.brock9@btinternet.com; 01608 682409.

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

Hugo Briggs at St Mary's Ilmington, 18 June 2022.

Banns of Marriage:

At Ilmington (5, 19, 26 June), Preston-on-Stour and Whitchurch (5, 12, 19 June):

Richard Gotch and Laura Bott, of the parish of St Mary's Whitchurch. (Wedding at St Mary's Ilmington on 16 July 2022.)

Richard Charles Luker and Patricia Ann Hopkins, of the parish of St Mary's Preston-on-Stour. (Wedding at St Mary's Ilmington on 26 July 2022.)

Weddings:

Antonia Johnson and Nick Edwards at St Mary's Ilmington on 3 June 2022.

Robyn Caufield and Robert Wilkins at St Mary's Ilmington on 18 June 2022.

Annabel James and Sam Bagshaw at St Mary's Whitchurch on 25 June 2022.

Nature Notes July 2022

I had the delight of seeing a field full of Sunflowers whilst on holiday one year. It was such a spectacular sight that people were stopping to take photos! Sunflowers originated in North and South America there are many different varieties. The Native Americans used them for oil, flour and their seeds. Sunflowers bring great benefits not only to wildlife but also to us as well. They are a valuable food source for birds, bees and insects and Sunflower seeds are a snack for us to enjoy. Sunflowers can help clean up the environment by absorbing radioactive materials and other pollutants from the soil without much harm to the plant. You might think each sunflower is just a single bloom, but each flowerhead is made up of up to two thousand florets! These amazing plants track the sun across the sky during the day and move back to their original position at night when they are young plants to help them grow to their amazing height. Nature is amazing because God made it!

PRESTON-ON-STOUR

Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

May Day: The village hall committee would like to say a big thank you to all of you who supported our May Day event this year. It was added to this year by the wonderfully traditional Adderbury Morris Men who paraded up the Village with our lovely May Queen, Ruby Beswick. The tea team did a great job, as did all the stall holders and we made a bit of money for the hall and a good chunk for the Red Cross appeal for Ukraine. Well done to all who gave of their time and effort.

Platinum Jubilee : PrestFest was a great success and we're hoping that it will be a regular annual event. Our local musical talent was much appreciated and thanks go to V Five, Donald McCombie and The Phat Unicorn Band who entertained us so well. The fantastic beacon created by Will Spencer and Jane's Jubilee flan just topped the evening off in style. Our village BBQ wasn't quite so blessed with the weather but nevertheless was well supported and was, as always, a lovely time to catch up with Prestonians old and new.

Film Night: Film Night will take a break for July and August so look out for news of September's film in the next magazine. We are planning to keep with the last Friday in the month.

ILMINGTON

Ilmington C of E Primary School

As I write this, we are preparing for the Class 4 residential trip to an outdoor pursuits centre. This is always a memorable event in school life, I still remember mine from many years ago, and we really trust it will be an amazing adventure for the oldest children in the school. Recently, we celebrated May Day and followed that the next day with our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, complete with street party and ice cream van. It was a long wait for the ice creams but it was worth it. This term is always a busy term with many things happening, leavers' service, class trips out, summer fete, sports days and the welcoming of our new Reception children into school for their taster sessions. It is so lovely to see the whole circle of primary school life displayed this term and we hope that many happy memories will be made.

Thank you for the Jubilee

To Rob Hawkins for the bonfire; David Raeburn, Mark Currey, Julian Harris, Richard Sharratt plus performers and Dee and Andy at the Red Lion for the Jubilee Jam; Pawel at the Howard Arms for the classic cars and pig roast; Sheila Lowe, Mary Brain and their team for the pudding party; Michele Hall, Laura Groves and the Shop Committee for the street party. What a time we had!

Jubilee Weekend Thankyou

I think it is safe to say that Ilmington Village celebrated in full, for the whole Jubilee Weekend. A big thank you to everyone who gave their time to arrange our entertainment, to feed us, and provide our chance to get together to celebrate this special occasion.

PUDDING PARTY

Mary and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone from the village who bought tickets to support our fundraising event. and to those of you who donated such wonderful puddings. We could not have done it without you. Thanks also to the army of helpers on the day who made it all happen. To Edith who had great difficulty in judging the Children's Fancy Dress Competition from the wonderful array of outfits and to Rob who so generously gave us his time for free. A personal thank you to Mary, who kept a level head throughout all the hours of planning and preparation when I was having panic attacks! Our thanks to The Red Lion, The Howard Arms, The Eight Bell - Chipping Campden, Beverley Webb, Shop Committee, Graham Peasant, Diana Snowden, Cinema Group, Rupert and Bill, who gave us such great raffle prizes. The raffle alone made £215.00. Thanks to our sponsors Ilmington Tennis Club and the Village Hall Committee, the "Pudding Party" made a grand profit of £887.00. We also had collection boxes at The Red Lion which raised £119.55. The Shop £125.00 and the Howard Arms £255.00. We have had a few other donations since then talking our final total fundraising to £1451.00 Mr. and Mrs. Knight are also planning to donate on behalf of the Howard Arms. So a very successful weekend of fundraising, so well done Ilmington!. It has been decided that we should donate the money we have raised to Ambulance Aid, a local charity that buys ex-NHS ambulances to take medical supplies urgently to Ukraine. If anyone would like to make a further donation to top up our funds to enable a further ambulance to make the trip soon, go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ambulance-aid-ukraine. Many thanks. Sheila Lowe.

The Coven

The Coven is on its summer break. (Don't wake us up, for heaven's sake!)

Marquee available Saturday 28 August

Want to hold a party or celebrate something special? The Show marquee on the Playing Fields is available for hire for a modest fee on Saturday night of Bank Holiday weekend. If you are interested contact Fiona Dakin 682286, Fiona.dakin@mail.com.

Ilmington Community Shop and Café

Our summer schedule is hot, hot, hot! Join us in the community café for...

Saturday 2nd and Wednesday 6th July, 10am to 12 noon: Volunteer Recruitment Open Mornings

We'd like to show you that volunteering is NOT scary and a great way to make friends!
Tuesday 5th July, 2pm: Book Club Firefly by Henry Porter – you are welcome even if you haven't read the book

Friday 8th July, 6 to 9pm: Pop Up Wine Bar with Art Fair. Featuring River Swan of Avon, Claire Sharratt Harris Tweed, Sarah Hobson and Mandy Wilkins. No tickets needed

Saturday 9th July, 10am to 2pm: Ilmington Show Taster Day. Learn about the highlight of the year, the fabulous Ilmington Show. Chat to the organisers and play games!

Friday 22nd July, 7pm: Retro Dinner Party. Blissful 1970s menu of Prawn Cocktail,

Chicken Kiev and Black Forest Gateau. £15 ticket includes first drink and tea or coffee .

Ilmington Show at the Community Café 9 July 10am-2pm

Have a game of skittles with your cake and coffee. It's a chance to find out about the history of the Show since its foundation on the Playing Fields in 1982. Without more volunteers there will be no 41st show in 2023. Meet the people who make it happen and lend a hand. Schedules for the Annual Flower Show will be available.

TREDINGTON

Neighbourhood Plan: The Story So Far June 2022

The Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at: <https://TredingtonNP.co.uk> . The Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation document are also viewable on the web site. These documents will form the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council who will then carry out their own consultation and submit it to a planning inspector for review. Once the stages are complete the Plan will be put to a referendum of all Parish residents who will vote for or against it. Whether the Plan is adopted will depend on the outcome of the referendum.

Ormond Lodge: The District Council has recently approved a planning application for a block of five small dwellings in the grounds of Ormond Lodge, which will contribute to the housing stock in Newbold. The decision will result in a slight change to Newbold's Built Up Area Boundary to accommodate these dwellings. Development of this area has been supported throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Stratford District Council's Revised Site Allocation Plan: The revision to the Site Allocations Plan has recently been approved by the District Council. The two Reserve Housing Sites in Newbold (Ormond Lodge and the field behind the village hall) have been removed. The District Council judged that Newbold had exceeded the allotted number of houses in the Core Strategy by a considerable margin and no further sites were required in the village. However, the Reserve Housing Site on the Blackwell Road in Tredington remains. Armscote, Blackwell, Darlingscott, Newbold on Stour, Tredington.

www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk; www.TredingtonNP.co.uk



Tredington and Blackwell WI

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 14th July 2022 in Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 7.00pm (Please note the earlier start time). We will be having an entertaining film night watching a romantic comedy. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk. Visitors are always welcome at this friendly WI. We are working to reduce isolation in the community. For further information, please see our website: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tredingtonandblackwellwi>

'Welcome to Tredington' Booklet

For many years, Tredington and Blackwell WI has produced and maintained a 'Welcome to Tredington' booklet, which provides details of the activities that take place in Tredington and the local area, with names of those to contact should you wish to know more or join in. It also provides some practical information in relation to other services and facilities in the area which you may need. As it is a 'live' document, it is regularly updated and is available for you to view, download and print from: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk/welcome-to-tredington/>.

We hope you find the booklet informative and that it will be useful to new and existing residents alike. If there are any groups or societies that would like to be considered for inclusion in this booklet, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk.

WI Community Film Club

Our next film viewing will be on Friday 5th August 2022. Bar opens at 7pm with the film beginning at 7.30pm. The film is a heart-warming British comedy-drama about second chances in later life. (Cert 12; 106 minutes, plus interval with bar and ice creams). Booking opens on 20th July 2022. For more details of the film, or to book places, either email treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk or text 07789810877.

Craft and Chatter

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th July 2022 in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 2.00pm. Flushed with the success of our yarn bombing in Tredington to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be planning our next project. Everyone is welcome – including non-crafters. There are opportunities to share tips and learn other crafts in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Bring your own knitting, sewing or craft to work on whilst having a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat. For further details, please ring Trish 01789 740185.

Newbold and Tredington Cof E School

We were immensely proud of our Year 3/4 football team who competed in the first official sporting event in two and a half years! Thank you to our enthusiastic parents/carers for watching and cheering them on. It was Ruby Class' turn to share their learning in their class assembly. We enjoyed a retelling of the Three Little Pigs, art work and a song about Jack and the Beanstalk. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils returned home from their residential to Croft Farm. During the trip, their behaviour was impeccable and the children took part in a whole range of water sports, team building activities and a disco. Out Year 6 children also took part in a retreat day at St Gregory's church, reflecting on their time at Newbold and Tredington and looking towards the future when they move up to their new schools.

Jubilee Lunch at St. Gregory's

Thank you to all the people who came to our Jubilee Lunch in church on the 5 June. Thank you especially to those who brought food, washed up, moved furniture, donated money and the kind gentleman who gave us some bottles of wine. After costs we raised £290 for the Shipston on Stour Food Ban^{nk}. Thank you everyone. Sarah Taylor, Jenny Plenderleith

	St George's Darlingscott	St Mary's Ilmington Holy Communion 11.00am	St Mary's Preston-on-Stour Evensong 6.00pm	St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse Holy Communion 9.00am	St Gregory's Tredington Family Service and Baptism 10.30am	St Mary's Whichurch Holy Communion 9.30am
10th	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Family Service 11.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
17th		Family Service and Baptism 11.00am		Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am
24th	Evening Prayer 6.00pm	Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Holy Communion 11.00am	

Ministers:

Rector: The Revd Canon Dr Richard Cooke 07952 544820 (mobile)
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