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The Platinum Jubilee

Over the extended weekend of 2-5 June we shall be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. It's an extraordinary thing for one individual to celebrate 70 years of doing anything, let alone being a monarch. To put it into perspective, the longest recorded reign of a monarch is that of Louis XIV, the 'Sun King' of France (1643-1715). He completed 72 years, but was only 4 years old when he became King. King Bhumibol of Thailand reigned for just over 70 years (1946-2016), starting when he was 19, but the Queen will shortly overtake him. She long ago outstripped her great-great-grandmother Victoria's 63 years on the throne.

But I doubt that Her Majesty is counting the years and days with an eye to her own place in the record books. Despite some recent mobility problems, and the death of Prince Philip last year, the latest pictures of her show someone still dedicated without question to the role which she took on as a very young woman in 1952. She has always taken her duty to the country seriously, and one of the things that shines through her life most clearly is how she sees herself as a servant of her people, and how the needs of the country come first. It's a very distinctive vision of what it means to rule, and reflects directly the words of the Coronation service, which underlined the importance of upholding justice and mercy, of protecting the weak and caring for those who have no-one to care for them. It is a Christian vision of leadership that does not take what it can get from being in power, but uses power responsibly for the good of all, accountable to God.

Just before the Queen was enthroned, there was a pause in the Coronation service and the Archbishop of Canterbury prayed a prayer of blessing upon her:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*The Lord protect you in all your ways
and prosper all your handywork...*

*May Wisdom and Knowledge be the Stability of your Times,
and the fear of the Lord your Treasure. Amen.*

It is a prayer that has been more than answered these 70 years past.

Whitchurch Millennium Plus Celebrations 11am, 12 June 2022

On 12 June we celebrate the Millennium of St Mary's, Whitchurch at 11am with a special communion service led by Bishop Christopher. This will be the only service across the churches on that day, and will be followed by a light lunch to which all are invited. I hope that we'll all be able to join together to celebrate Whitchurch's great anniversary! More details will be available in the churches on the Sunday before the event.

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](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 July issue is 18 June. Copy and advertising enquiries to Susan Brock s.brock9@btinternet.com; 01608 682409.

From the Registers

Banns of Marriage called at:

Ilmington (1, 8, 15 May) for:

Thomas James Bryan and Abby Ellen Barker (wedding at St George's Brailes, 28 May 2022)

Nicholas Ieuan Edwards and Antonia Margaret Johnson (wedding at Ilmington 3 June 2022)

Robert Thomas Wilkins and Robyn Olivia Caulfield (wedding at Ilmington on 18 June 2022)

Tredington (1, 15 May) and Darlingscott (8 May) for:

Paul Stephen Waugh and Amanda Louise Walker (wedding at Darlingscott, date tbc)

Whitchurch (1, 15 May), Preston-on-Stour (8 May) for:

Sam Bagshaw and Annabel James (wedding at Whitchurch 25 June 2022)

John William Cowper and Lucy Ross (wedding at St Mary's Whitchurch 8 July 2022)

Weddings at Tredington on:

23 April: Trevor John Taylor and Alison Jane Summerton

14 May: Henry Cozon and Joanna Davis

Funeral at Tredington on:

25 May: Philip Averis

Nature Notes June 2022

Last year I had the delight of seeing an amazing variety of butterflies on a Buddleia bush spending happy moments taking photos. What a wonderful sight to see!

Butterflies are some of the most beautiful insect visitors to our gardens. We have around 60 butterfly species, up to 22 of these can be recorded in gardens.

Butterflies have four different life stages undergoing a complete change, or metamorphosis beginning life as an egg, hatching into a caterpillar, pupating into a chrysalis, finally emerging as an adult. Butterflies need warmth to be active and fly, and nectar to drink for energy. Planting plenty of different nectar plants that flower throughout spring, summer and autumn, in a sheltered, sunny spot should bring the reward of seeing these beautiful butterflies in our gardens. I am reminded that just as butterflies change into something very beautiful so God can change us too to be more like Him, changing us from the inside out if we will let Him.

TREDINGTON

Tredington and Newbold C of E School

We had an early Platinum Jubilee celebration involving themed activities, a whole-school picnic lunch and a rendition of God Save the Queen. We welcomed our new intake children to the school and invited parents and carers of children in Emerald Class to watch their class assembly where the children shared their learning so far from their new topic 'Crochets and Quavers.' We were treated to ukulele performances, the children taught us how to read musical notes of different values and they shared some fantastic writing. We still have much to look forward to before the end of term including sporting events, our Year 5 and 6 Croft Farm week-long residential, the end of year performance from Emerald and Amber and celebrating our Year 6 children at their leavers' service and picnic on the field.

Tredington & District Garden Club

As usual our speaker programme is suspended until September but we will still have activities going on during the summer. On 16th June we will have our summer outing to Coton Manor near Daventry. Currently all places on the bus are

taken but any member wishing to go can contact Marian for a place on the 'reserve' list. On July 21st we will have our annual members' garden event - more details in the July issue.

Tredington and Blackwell WI

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 9th June 2022 in Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 7.00pm (Please note the earlier start time). Our speaker will be Nick Martin whose talk is entitled 'Britain's Best Wildlife'. 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.

ILMINGTON

Jubilee Jamboree – Friday 3rd June

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, please join us for a wonderful evening of village togetherness, music and laughter at **THE RED LION** on **FRIDAY 3RD JUNE at 7PM**. Entry is absolutely **FREE** and **EVERYONE** is extremely welcome. There will be Morris Dancing in front of the pub at 7pm. Then we all go round into the open, spacious pub gardens (with gazebos, marquees... even heaters, if required!) for lots of brilliant music, comedy, poetry, prizes, surprises and an amazing patriotic singalong! If you bring along your own poem (max 20 lines) about 'Jubilee' or 'Ilmington' you could win a prize! For those wishing to eat, a special Jubilee Menu will be available. IT WILL BE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER! SEE YOU THERE!

Classics/Vintage Car Show 4th June Howard Arms 12-3pm

With a Hog Roast and live music. Tickets: Adults £2; Kids £1. All entry fees and funds raised from this event will go towards charities supporting people in Ukraine.

Ilmington Village and Horticultural Show is back in 2022!

Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 1 – 5pm,

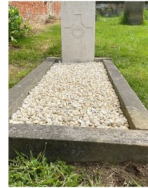
Ilmington Playing Fields, Mickleton Road

Help celebrate the show's 40th year by booking a trade or craft stand – great value at only £25 for a 3m pitch (£15 for local clubs/charities/organisations). The 2019 event attracted more than 3,500 people. We hope 2022 will be better than ever, potentially bringing lots of new visitors. You'll be able to set up on the day from

10am – just bring a table (plus gazebo and chairs and generator if you wish or we'll supply a table for £3) and off you go! Deadline for application and fee is 24th June 2022. Pitches are limited, its first come first served so for further information or to book your place contact me by emailing ilmingtonshow@gmail.com. Don't worry if you can't make it, you can promote your business and support the show by sponsoring us. Contact Susan Brock s.brock9@btinternet.com.

St Mary's Ilmington

War Grave - in walled churchyard, in memory of G H Hall 70168 - of the New Zealand regiment. With thanks to Shipston Building Supplies for donating the materials and Chris Patrick/Barry Sabin for the work in clearing/cleaning this memorial.



Screen on the Green. 24th June 'King Richard' (PG13)

Thanks to Will Smith's performance in the title role *King Richard* is an engaging and inspiring story of parental pride and perseverance. Come rain or shine their father is doggedly determined that Serena and Venus Williams are going to make sporting history on the tennis courts of the world. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm film start.. Licensed bar and raffle. All welcome.

Ilmington C of E Primary School

2022 is the sixtieth anniversary of the relocation of Ilmington School to its 'new' site. We thought that it would be fantastic to mark this and to celebrate the school, its children and staff over the years. To this end, we would like to invite anyone with connections to Ilmington School to join us on **Friday 24th June 2022 from 10.00am until 12.00pm** where we will be celebrating its history. The children will be taking part in various activities and sharing reflections on life at the school in 2022 and we will be visited by a very special guest, who will be helping us to bury our time capsule. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any photographs or memorabilia of your time at the school please bring them to share on the day and feel free to tell others who may be interested in joining us. Paul Crouch, Headteacher.

Ilmington Community Shop and Café: Jubilant June

Jubilee is upon us and we are delighted to invite you to a traditional street party on Upper Green on Sunday 5th June from 12 noon. There will be a hog roast, with drinks and cakes – no need to pre-order. Featuring The Flowers of Ilmington Morris dancers and Queen-themed art by River Swan of Avon. Next we have a pop-up wine bar on 10th June, (no tickets required), and a flower-arranging demo by Leanne King of Geum Florist on Friday 17th. Your £10 ticket includes your first drink and bouquets will be raffled off at the end. Call 682838 for more information. Finally, the café is now fully open on Saturdays for homemade cakes and hot drinks, 9.30am to 4pm. We are short of volunteers at weekends, so please let us know if you'd like to join the team, even on an occasional basis!

The Coven

Our May meeting went so well - we think we'll have rest, for a spell.

Wednesday Club 8th June trip to Black Country Museum Cancelled!

Meet at the village Hall on 8th June at 2pm for a social afternoon! Unfortunately, our Lottery money for the hire of the coach trip has been cancelled. We are trying hard to get this restored but until then the trip has to be postponed. Instead, we will have a normal social afternoon at the Village Hall with raffle, tea and cake. So sorry everyone for this to happen. It came as a big shock! Edith was given a wonderful birthday celebration last Wednesday; one of many to come I think!

We all enjoyed listening to her very interesting life. Edith was overwhelmed and became quiet! Congratulations Edith, you are an inspiration! There are two members who have birthdays in the month of June. Marilyn Patton has a birthday on 13th and Sheila Lowe on 14th. Happy birthday ladies!

WHITCHURCH

Notes from a Small Church in a Field

Bells in medieval English churches didn't just 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'. They organised parochial and domestic life around the canonical hours. At the Reformation, when the uses of the 'old faith' were suppressed (along with the monasteries), many of these bells were removed. (Some of them wound up in Venice, where you can still hear them today.) Originally, three bells hung in the little bell tower of St Mary's. Today, only one bell remains – one of the oldest bells in Warwickshire. It is similar to bells at Beaudesert that are dated circa 1350. Since both manors were owned by the de Montforts from the late 12th century, it is likely that the Whitchurch bell belongs to the same date. An inscription, only letters, reads *J. N. R. J. A. M. A. G. A.* for Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judaeorum Ave Maria Gratia. This bell is the only portion of the pre-Reformation furniture of the church that survives.

PRESTON ON STOUR

Would you Like to Try Bell Ringing ?

We're going to hold an open session at St. Mary's Church, Preston, for anyone who would like to try their hand at bellringing. Ringing is for men and women - all are welcome. Since the end of the Second World War (during which, of course, church bells were silent, only to be rung in the event of invasion), Preston's historic bells* have been kept swinging by generations of ringers, some ringing regularly and some only occasionally - it's up to individuals to choose. If you're interested in attending or would like to hear more, please contact James Stredder: james.stredder@btinternet.com or 01789 205925.

Preston's Bells: **The Treble** (C#) 4.25 cwt (216 kg) Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester, 1713. *Inscription:* 'Prosperity to this place'; **The Second** (B) 6 cwt (305 kg) Henry Bagley, Northamptonshire, 1635. *Inscription:* 'Cum voce incundissima prosequor - Henry Baglee made mee 1635' (*With most joyful voice I follow*); **The Tenor** (A) 7.5 cwt (368 kg) Henry Bagley, Northamptonshire, 1653. *Inscription:* 'Henry Baglee made mee 1653'. (From **St. Mary's Church, Preston-on-Stour**, Ian Green's revised version (2015) of Peter Foster's Guide (1995).

Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June 6pm to 9.30pm **'Prestfest'**

Our local bands and talents are hosting a free concert on the village green by the church. Bring along chairs, rugs, a picnic and drinks and enjoy! If it is wet we will be in the hall. Following the music, Preston is joining in with the countrywide beacon event and residents are invited to walk up Atherstone Hill to watch the lighting and to try and spot other beacons in the area

Sunday 5th June 1pm **The Village BBQ**

There will be a BBQ held at the Village Hall. Come and have a plate of food (various meats vegetable kebabs and salads) for only £6 and get a chance to celebrate and catch up with friends. No tickets needed - please bring your own glasses and drinks.

Film Night - Friday 24th June 7 for 7.30 start

This month's film will be 'Belfast'. The film, which Kenneth Branagh has described as his "most personal film", follows a young boy's childhood in [Belfast](#), [Northern Ireland](#), at the beginning of [The Troubles](#) in 1969. Please note that there will be no films for July and August.

Services for June 2022

	St George's Darlingscott	St Mary's Ilmington	St Mary's Preston-on-Stour	St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse	St Gregory's Tredington	St Mary's Whitchurch
5 June		Holy Communion 11.00am	Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service 10.30am	
12 June	<i>No services – all join Whitchurch's Celebrations</i>					
19 June		Family Service 11.00am		Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	
26 June	Evening Worship 6.00pm	Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	

Ministers:

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Ilmington Jane Downie 01608 682720 (landline) Helen Patrick

Preston-on-Stour Andrew Holman- West 07712 193773 (mobile)

Stretton-on-Fosse *Posts vacant – contact the Rector* 01789 450795 (landline) John Craner 01789 450200 (landline)

Whitchurch Carol Rutter

Enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms are very welcome! Please contact the Rector, Richard Cooke.

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour

We're so pleased that the Proms is back and have booked the hall for some great events during their festival fortnight. We're in the programme with one of our own bookings – "Baby Jools and the Jazzaholics" on Friday June 17th – fabulous musicians and so much fun. Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall> or from A. Clarke Electrical Services. Keeping the hall running for the community takes volunteer effort, so please give us a shout if you've got some spare time. We also currently have an opening for a volunteer treasurer. Keep up your support for the hall – lots going on, not just live music – plenty of other events, sports and clubs. Our 150 club is about to start a new financial year, and for just £15 a ticket you're in with a chance to win a monthly cash prize, with a big draw at Christmas. Visit us at www.townsendhall.co.uk to find out more.

Women at the White Hart: A Date for your Diary

The next breakfast will be at the White Hart Inn, Newbold, on Saturday 16th July. Please come along at 9.00 am for a 9.15 continental breakfast, with lots of coffee and pastries. Our speaker will be JO FRENCH, who lives in Shipston on Stour, with husband John, and youngest son Ryan, and who is a proud Granny to two beautiful granddaughters and will be sharing her personal message. If you would like to book a place for £8 please email Liz Harvey: ma_harvey@hotmail.com or contact: 07914026451. Do join us for a relaxed time together, and hear an inspiring and encouraging talk from Jo.

St Mary's Whitchurch

Millennial Celebrations! 11 and 12 June 2022



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Lift up your heels: Saturday 11 June

An evening of Song, Story and Dance with the Gospel Bell Collective
and The Silver Bough Ceilidh Band
Millennium Hall, Preston on Stour

7.00 - 10.00pm

(Bring your own drinks. Donations at the door.)

Lift up your hearts: Sunday 12 June

A service of Holy Communion led by Bishop Christopher Cocksworth
and Reverend Canon Richard Cooke.

St Mary's Whitchurch 11.00 am

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