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### **Nature Notes September 2021**

Our harvest mouse is tiny weighing less than a two pence piece. So called because it was only commonly seen when crops were harvested. Nowadays arable crops are much less suitable than they once were. Our intensive farming techniques mean that crops grow more quickly and have less insect life amongst them. The harvest mouse can now be found in a variety of habitats. The harvest mouse is a beautiful golden colour with a pale underside. This species also boasts a unique skill that no other mammal in Britain possesses – a semi-prehensile (grasping) tail. This means it can curl the top third of its tail, and use it almost like an extra hand, perfect for climbing tall stems! Their hearing is amazing, hearing sounds up to 7 metres away and scurrying away to hide. God promises us that while the Earth remains there will always be a time to plant seed and a time to harvest. Now that I find comforting. Gill

### **Update from Shipston Medical Centre**

Our August newsletter is now available on our website - <https://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/downloads/shipstone/Newsletter+August+2021.docx>. There is also information in here about Sue Pritchard's memorial service .

## **WHITCHURCH**

### **Poppies**

We are looking for people to help sell poppies for the British Legion in Whitchurch. If you can help please ring Joan James on 01789 450275 or contact Camilla West.

## **TREDINGTON**

### **Craft and Chatter**

Please join us to do a little crafting (please bring your own project) and a little chatting! We have tea and a cake ready to welcome you! The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd September at 2.00pm in the WI Hall in Trediington. We look forward to seeing then,

### **Tredington and Blackwell WI**

We have a special guest for our September meeting, Di Vernon is a lady blacksmith and will entertain us with her experiences with hammer and anvil. She will bring some of her work to show us but regret the anvil is too heavy to put in the back of the car. We would be delighted for anyone to attend especially if you have just moved to the village. A fun evening guaranteed! Put the date in your diary for Thursday 9th September at 7.30 pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

### **Tredington & District Garden Club**

We are pleased to have a complete programme for the coming year, starting with our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Hall. In addition to our great speaker, Val Bourne, on the topic of Dahlias, we will be opening the bar from 6.45 - 7.30pm, holding our customary raffle and closing with a brief AGM and refreshments. All are welcome. Remember to sign up for our Christmas outing by 16<sup>th</sup> September. For more information see the website [www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com](http://www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com) *COVID-19 risk assessment & measures in place*

### Tredington Activities Cafe

Thanks to Lottery funding, a new venture will begin on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Hall. This is a post-lockdown opportunity to meet with others over a cuppa and a slice of cake and to join in with various board and card games, a shared jigsaw or just a chat. Internet help is available and there will be a jigsaw lending library. This first meeting will be completely free, so do come along for a sociable afternoon. *COVID-19 risk assessment & measures in place.*

### A Date for Your Diary: Tredington's First Film Night

This will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October in the Hall. Entry is by free ticket – to get yours either email [treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk) or text Gill on 07789810877. The film, *Red Joan* (cert 15), starring Judi Dench, will begin at 7.30pm. The Hall opens at 7.00pm when the bar will be open and refreshments available to buy. *COVID-19 risk assessment & measures in place.*

### Tredington Art Group

The Art Group will restart on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 10 - 12 a.m. in the Village Hall next to the Lion Pub. It is very informal, just people who like to paint. Email [barbara.monnington@outlook.com](mailto:barbara.monnington@outlook.com) if you are interested.

### Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School

This year has certainly been another eventful one and, as ever, we are grateful to our Newbold and Tredington families for their vigilance and support in keeping everyone safe. We look forward to seeing familiar faces, and welcoming new children, this academic year. We will still be expected to ensure there is good hygiene and ventilation in all spaces. Hopefully, in the new term, the rest of school life will return to 'normal.' We intend to regain the activities that we have lost including Shining Star Celebration Assembly and Collective Worship in the hall as well as welcoming volunteers in and inviting parents/carers to watch performances. Whilst we said goodbye our Year 6 children with an outdoor ceremony, we were unable to invite parents to watch or to hold our usual picnic on the field. We hope to run this event towards the start of the new year and invite previous Year 6 pupils back with their families.

## ILMINGTON

### The Great Big Green Week: The Challenge Starts Here. Saturday 18 September

Ilmington is joining the biggest ever national campaign to green up our communities. Your 20:20 Committee kicks off the challenge with a Big Green Open Day at Ilmington Village Hall.

**9.30-12 noon** Meet **Tom Brimble** with his green energy cars and find answers to all your queries about making the swop

**10am-4pm** Sign up to the **Big Green Nature Survey**- an exciting plan to plot the flora and fauna of our highways, byways, fields and gardens with **Sean and Tammy Clifford** -- See how the **Neighbourhood Plan** is protecting our village's open spaces and much more --- Find out about saving water with **Severn Trent** -- Discover what **Friends of the Earth and Stratford Climate Change Action** are up to with their Pledge for the Planet -- Visit the **Horticultural Society's Wildflower Photographic exhibition** -- Get up to date with the **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** that is the Cotswolds and plans to protect our environment at this time of climate insecurity.

**Morning Session** Especially for the children- help to create a special **Bug Hotel** that will go into St. Mary's Churchyard. Materials provided by Rob Hawkins and Jane Neate; expertise from **Ros Wakefield**.

**2pm** Hear from **Andy Fincham** about exciting plans to turn the **Old Tramway Route from Stratford to Shipston - via Ilmington-** into a Cycle and Walkway ... an illustrated talk.

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**Ilmington Community Shop and Café: We Knit, We Natter, We Play Games**

First, we'd like to welcome Laura Groves as the new Assistant Manager of both shop and café. Laura is joining us to support manager Michele Hall and provide consistency across the whole business. Secondly, we are excited to announce three new community groups in the Café. Join us for:

**Knit and Natter** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2-4pm. No need to knit: bring any handcrafts, or just natter! Next meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Parent and Baby Group** every Wednesday, 10am onwards. Whether you're expecting or have a baby or toddler in tow, come and meet other parents in a relaxed environment

**Games Club** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2-4pm. A chance to play board games, cards, dominoes or just spectate! Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Ilmington Show 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- All Hands on Deck**

2022 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Show and will be the first post-Covid show after a break of two years. This is a chance to help create a really memorable occasion for the Village on August Bank Holiday Monday 2022. We are looking for new Committee members to help with planning and volunteers to make it happen. The Committee meets once a month from October to August in the congenial atmosphere of the Howard Arms. It must be fun as the current Chair Alan Wright has been involved since 1985! Come and join us. It's a great way to meet people and make a contribution to this great annual event which draws crowds of over 3000. Contact Alan Wright 682660 or email [mail@wrightfireworks.co.uk](mailto:mail@wrightfireworks.co.uk).

**Ilmington Village Hall presents 'Old Herbaceous'**

Tickets are in demand for the ever popular and widely acclaimed play **Old Herbaceous**, starring Giles Shenton. Performed at the Edinburgh Festival and to sell out audiences across the country, it is the story of an Edwardian head gardener which will keep you engrossed, amused and emotionally engaged from start to finish and hopefully leave you with a feeling that all is right with the world. It will be performed for one night only on 11 September and tickets are available at £10 from Ilmington Community Shop or at [www.kickinthehead.eventbrite.co](http://www.kickinthehead.eventbrite.co). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**The Coven**

We had a most enjoyable get-together at the Red Lion last month and it was a real pleasure to see Margaret again. Happy birthday to Pat! We return to the Howard Arms on September 15th at 12.30 - looking forward to that.

**Wednesday Club meeting on 8th September is on!!**

Hurray! After 18 months, I can now finally say with full confidence, we will be there to greet you on Wednesday 8th September. The RVS have given us the go ahead and as long as we are sensible with a few safety measures, we can have a lovely reunion with lots to eat! **Important news: it starts at 2pm at the Village Hall.** Please bring **£2** for admittance( we have increased our afternoon fee) and in

addition, raffle money. Come hungry! Paul Bryan and friend will be playing/singing to put us in the party spirit. Do let us know if you cannot come especially if you are not feeling well. Sorry, no visitors allowed. Please be aware that the RVS want us to maintain a safe distance with others and wear a mask when arriving. Sanitiser will be provided.

September is a popular month for birthdays. Firstly we have Marilyn Figgitt on 24th, Ann Browning and Colin Waterman on 27th and finally Carol Hawkins on 29th. A very happy birthday to you all. Till September 8th then when normality will begin again....we hope!

**Ilmington Cinema Group Friday 24th September. 7.30pm**  
**"Dream Horse" at Ilmington Village Hall**

Welcome back! For our opening after a long absence Screen on the Green have chosen *Dream Horse*. This horse racing yarn is an outright winner! With strong performances throughout this delightful real life drama is the story of the early life of a chestnut horse raised on an allotment in South Wales. Toni Colette, with a strong supporting cast including Damian Lewis, plays Janet, a middle aged Welsh housewife, who has a dream come true....to own a racehorse. Doors open at 7pm at the Village Hall for 7.30pm start. A warm welcome awaits. Tickets on sale beforehand at Village Shop and on the door. Licensed bar and raffle.

**OUTSIDE THE PARISHES**

**Music for a Summer's Evening**

At the Church of St David Newbold on-Stour with Armscote on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm. Presented by Robyn Pullen and James Fellows. Tickets £ 12.50 to include programme, glass of wine and nibbles in the interval. Tickets obtainable from Dorothy Irons 01789 450850 or Karen Gaymond 01608 682152. *In aid of the toilet, servery and path project.*

**A Breakfast for Women at the White Hart Inn Newbold**

This is a time when women can meet up and hear a Christian speaker on a Saturday morning. It is a great joy to be able to book a 'live' breakfast again, and also with huge thanks for everyone who continued to zoom in over the past year. We have had friends joining from Chinnor, Norfolk, Wales, Stoke Poges and further afield - even France, so for a season there has been a 'plus' in IT and no early alarm clock or transport needed. It's time to 'go local' again, and there will be a very warm welcome for everyone if you would like to come for breakfast on SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER at The White Hart Inn, Newbold at 9.00 a for 9.15 am. A light continental style breakfast will be served for £8. Our Speaker will be JANICE CAIRNS, from Wellesbourne. RSVP to reserve a place: Liz Harvey: 07914026451 or e mail: [ma\\_harvey@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_harvey@hotmail.com).

**Services for Sep**

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12 <sup>th</sup> September	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9.30 am	Holy Communion 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> September		Family Service 11 am	
26 <sup>th</sup> September		Harvest Festival 11 am	Morning Prayer 11 am
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creation. There are lessons for us all in the shared task and the sense of achievement when the harvest has been gathered. As we look upon the world with all its suffering, whether in the turmoil of Afghanistan, the loss of life from the earthquake in Haiti, or the devastation of forest fires we can be reminded that it is through the response of a whole community that such problems can even begin to be addressed. It would be overwhelming to tackle these things on our own. And for us? We may look locally at how best our churches and communities can recover from the Covid pandemic, allowing us a

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