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From the Editor

Welcome to the May Parish Magazine and we hope that you find it an interesting read!

As I write this introduction, the sun is shining through the window and all seems right – in Wargrave at least. Beyond the confines of our lovely village though there is much to be concerned about, with the war in Ukraine showing no signs of ending, climate change, the dreadful state of the environment with pollution of all sorts blighting our landscape and seas, the cost of living crisis and record levels of homelessness. Sometimes we feel so helpless in the face of all these seemingly insurmountable problems and we ask ourselves – what practical things can I do?

I am reminded by my good friend Mike Buckland that every little act of improving the state of our own environment is a step in the right direction; don't buy single-use plastics, pick up litter as we go on our walks, encourage biodiversity by planting pollinating plants in our gardens, keep our gardens chemical-free, re-use and recycle at every turn...the list is endless.

Like many, I am deeply encouraged that our schools are teaching all these things to our children. This augers well for the future of our own environment and that of the planet. We are commanded in the scriptures to be stewards of the environment, and it is time that we all took this seriously.

Bob

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3rd March Paul Anthony Langford Davis, 76, Memorial Service

9th March Elizabeth Maureen Rothery, 91, Interment of Ashes, Churchyard

If you are interested in holding your wedding, baptising your child or getting baptised yourself, or need to discuss funeral arrangements, please contact Lucy in the Parish Office or alternatively contact our Vicar, John Cook (see page 2).



SUNDAY SERVICES

May

St Mary's Church, Wargrave

8am Holy Communion: a said service in traditional language

9.45am Service reflective below

1st Sunday of the month: **7th May**

9.45am All Age Family Worship & Baptism

2nd Sunday of the month: **14th May**

9.45am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month: **21st May**

9.45am Morning Worship in modern language with music

4th Sunday of the month: **28th May - Pentecost**

9.45am Holy Communion

SPECIAL SERVICE

Thursday 18th May - 11am Ascension Day Holy Communion

St Peter's Church, Knowl Hill

1st Sunday of the month 10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Village Praise

St Paul's Church, Warren Row

2nd Sunday of the month 9.15am Holy Communion

Our Groups

WELCOME CAFÉ

The Café is open on Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 4pm in the Hannen Room

Next Sessions:
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May

BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies continues to meet on Wednesday mornings (1st and 3rd of the month in term times), enjoying a delicious breakfast, chat and parenting discussion time in the church centre.

If you are the parent of a baby or toddler, we'd love to meet you! Details can be found on our Facebook page @butterflieswargrave

Butterflies is held in the Church Centre, 9.30am - 11am.

Next Sessions: 3rd & 17th May

LADIES' BREAKFAST

A reminder that there will be no Ladies' Breakfast in May to allow you to enjoy the Coronation of King Charles III.

OUR HOME GROUPS

There are a number of groups that meet regularly throughout the year. Not all are every week, so please check with the group leader for more details.

More information found online at wargravechurch.org.uk/groups

Tuesdays	Ladies' Bible Study Ephesians 1:17	9.30am 7pm
Wednesdays	Monthly Prayer Pints of View	11.45am 7.30pm
Thursdays	Seeking Wisdom Braybrook Gardens	2.30pm 7.30pm
Saturdays	Ladies' Breakfast	9am

OPEN CHURCH

St Mary's Church is open Monday to Saturday 9am to the new later time of 5pm.



Memories of the Queen's Coronation in 1953

MEMORIES

I was engaged to Jimmy at the time but he was on duty as one of 500 Gold Staff Officers in the Abbey, so I went with Sue, my young sister-in-law to be, to sit in a stand in Parliament Square.

We had a wonderful view, just across from the entrance to the Abbey, of all the comings and goings, including Salote Queen of Tonga, who was a great favourite with the crowd. Less wonderful was the pouring rain, but fortunately we were under a canvas awning which kept most of the rain away from us and we didn't end up drenched!

Afterwards Jimmy had a couple of interesting memories I recall - one involved a drunken peeress who had to be dealt with by a police officer and the other splitting his trousers early on in the proceedings - he assured me that the two tales were unconnected. See the extract that follows from his memoir:

"The Gold Staff Officers were essentially just ushers within the abbey. There were practices beforehand and I was allocated a section high and to the left above the coronation throne. This was a marvellous location to see the core ceremony.

Dress code was ceremonial. In my case it was the court dress of my father from years before. It was not at all uncomfortable, but splitting from groin to knee on the day in a biting wind was far from ideal.

We had to be on duty at around 7am. Walking towards the Abbey through the tens of thousands of people already gathered was quite an experience. The historic news of Edmund Hillary's ascent of Everest was announced about then.

The Abbey filled up early but quietly. The only problem I had was an inebriated peeress who had to be removed - but how? In fact we summoned the police and an enormous traffic cop reported to us. He was fabulous, helmetless (of course), and gently persuaded Her Ladyship that she would be better elsewhere. So end of problem, solved by a gentle giant - the British policeman at his best"

Serena, Lady Remnant



The year Queen Elizabeth succeeded to the throne my family moved from Hastings to Leicester so that I could study at Leicester University College. Everyone was looking forward to the coronation which was to take place in June the following year.

It is hard to imagine how different life was then. During the years following the end of the second world war rationing of food, clothing and fuel continued and even though this was gradually relaxed there were often shortages. Of course, there were no mobile phones- most ordinary families did not even have a landline and had to rely on post or local telephone box to keep in touch. Few people had a black and white television, most relied on newspapers, the radio and newsreels at the cinema if they wanted to keep up with the news.

The Queen made certain that everyone could share in the day by insisting that the coronation should be filmed and could be shown on television. In our new home, we were lucky to find people were already planning to open their homes so that those without TV sets could watch the coronation instead of waiting for their next trip to the cinema.

Only two homes had televisions in our road but everyone was invited- the problem was finding enough seating. So, the boy next door and I had the job of collecting extra chairs and cushions and taking them to the hosts.

In Leicester a grand parade was held in the city centre and street parties were organised all over the city. Most people were used to planning these as they had had plenty of practice before for VE and VJ days, and of course for the Queen's wedding.

Although I do not remember any Coronation Chicken, the food was certainly more interesting than that served at the earlier street parties. I remember my mother made sausage rolls, that would be called quiches nowadays and chocolate fairy cakes decorated as crowns, and my contribution was biscuits called Melting Moments with 'E II' in icing on top.

Since the war ended the problems between the Soviet Union and their former allies resulted in the "Cold War" and many young people worried that they might be involved in war again. The coronation gave new hope - people came from all over the world to take part and it seemed that there was still the will for peace and co-operation.

Cynthia Pitteway



MEMORIES CONT'...

Audrey Hodgson of Knowl Hill Common, lived in Southsea with her husband during the Queen's coronation. Her recollections are rather vague now but she remembers that street parties were held in many different parts of the town with the ladies very busy making sandwiches and cakes in the run up to the big day.

Audrey, who was the same age as the Queen, and her husband were invited into a neighbour's house to watch the ceremony on their small black and white TV. Everyone had to crowd round to see the screen.

As part of the coronation celebrations, the Queen reviewed the fleet a couple of weeks later on 15th June 1953, off Spithead in the Solent. There were about 170 British naval ships in two seven-mile long lines between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. The beach at Southsea was crammed with thousands of people watching the spectacle. At the end of the event there was a wonderful firework display.

Lesley Bell

It was raining
Prince Charles (who is the same age as me) was standing watching between the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

Queen Salote of Tonga laughing and waving to the crowd from an open carriage despite the rain. The Gold State Carriage being pulled by 8 grey horses.

Receiving a die cast model of the state carriage and horses as a present (possibly made by Lesney?) The announcement that Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing had successfully climbed Mount Everest.

Watching it all on a 12 inch black and white television at my grandparents.

David Bell

The day dawned grey and damp. The BBC breakfast time news told us that Mount Everest had been climbed by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing in an expedition lead by Colonel John Hunt. An exciting start to the day.

We had made paper flags and hung them out but the weather made short work of them. In this part of the Knowl Hill we had only had electricity for 3 years so there were only two television sets and these were owned by Shaws and the Matthews. Both had full houses. We went next door with the Shaws, their relations and two evacuees who had remained after the war. Chairs were brought in from kitchens and bedrooms so that we could all see the 12 inch black and white TV.

The parade with soldiers and carriages was wonderful, plus the gold coach, with the beautiful young queen, shone in the rain.

Queen Salote of Tonga at 6'3 attracted everyone's admiration as she stood in her carriage with no protection from the rain.

She refused to have the carriage roof put up as a sign of respect for the new Queen.

It stopped raining in the afternoon and we all went to the cricket pitch for a fancy dress parade, races and a picnic tea. Each child in the village was given a Holy Bible in a silver box with a picture of the young Queen on the front. Younger children were given a blue glass beaker with a crest on it.

The oak tree planted between the Clumps for George VI in 1937 never flourished, died and was cut down a couple of years ago.

The one planted for Elizabeth II is on the grass island opposite the Seven Stars and is flourishing.

A week after I visited the Rialto in Maidenhead and saw it all on the big screen in colour! Queen Salote was still the heroine of the day.

Valerie Charlton

I was at the Coronation in 1953, well, not exactly 'at' but I watched the Coronation parade live.

Mum, Dad, my brother and I travelled the 265 miles from Cornwall. The drive took over 12 hours, today it is less than 5 hours but occasionally it can still be over 12 hours.

We stood at Hyde Park Corner, which Dad had chosen so that we could see the military and the bands, who had camped in Hyde Park, march past on their way to Westminster Abbey. We later saw the whole parade come past with the glittering gold Coronation coach. I can still visualise the Queen of Tonga in an open coach, despite the rain, waving to everyone.

My abiding memory is the noise of the cheering crowds, the bands, the marching boots of the military, the sound of horses hooves, the metal wheels of the coaches and the gentle sound of the rain on the road when the parade had faded into the distance towards Marble Arch.

Bill Haines

In 1953 I was 6 years old and I retain clear memories of the Queen's Coronation. We were living in Bedford at that time as my father was stationed at nearby RAF Henlow and he motored to and from the base in the family car, a lovely pre-war Humber Pullman. My brothers Richard (7) and Stephen (1) and my sister Jill (3) completed our family at that time.

I recall us sitting round a newly-purchased KB television set watching the rainy procession. The screen was tiny by comparison with later televisions, probably 12", but big enough for us to enjoy the spectacle. They were valve televisions in those days and took some while to warm up; how different things are today! The programmes we watched around that time included Picture Book, Andy Pandy, Bill & Ben, Muffin the Mule and Rag Tag & Bobtail.

I can still remember all this as if it were yesterday, a sure sign of getting old!

Bob Austen

I was almost sixteen when the King (George VI) died. He had been a wonderful wartime leader and we all loved him. The new Queen was only a twenty-seven years-old girl and we wondered if she could do the job. However, as a country we were full of optimism that we were entering a new Elizabethan Age – even Noel Gay, writer of the wartime ballad "Run, Rabbit, Run", wrote a new song "Let's All Be Good Elizabethans". Seventy years on, how wrong we were to have had any doubts!

The Coronation itself was a very exciting spectacle after six years of the deprivations of war. My parents bought their first television set especially for the event – more a cabinet with a tiny screen than today's version of a huge screen without a cabinet; and the picture of course was only in black and white. It poured with rain on the day making the processions damp affairs – the enormous Queen Salote of Tonga in her open carriage was particularly memorable. The service, in Westminster Abbey, was a spectacular affair. In particular, Handel's anthem, Zadok the Priest, stands out as the highlight of a magnificent festival of music.

Robin Arculus

I am 75 now but was just about to turn five and start school when Princess Elizabeth came to the throne.

I was brought up in the small village of Lindley on the outskirts of Huddersfield, in a quiet street of semi-detached houses. I don't remember any great excitement about the forthcoming event, and have no memory of any bunting in the streets or processions or carnival to mark the day. But we (that is my four sisters and I) cut out and saved all the pictures and articles of our beautiful young Queen and her very dashing husband Prince Philip, from newspapers and magazines, and stuck them in a scrapbook made out of brown wrapping paper. The scrapbook was embellished with bits of shiny coloured foil from Quality Street toffee wrappers – I particularly liked the purple ones that the caramel-coated Brazil nuts came in, and the golden foil of the large flat round toffees, they were suitably regal!

Starting school was a bit problematical as our Infant School had been badly damaged by fire in 1951. Part of the building was still usable so for the next two and a half years we children had to pick our way past the burnt-out classrooms, which had no floor, only joists, and no roof, whilst a new school was built nearby. In the run-up to the Coronation, I remember sitting near the back of the class when we were each given a New Testament (very appropriate since it was a church school) and a half-pint glass tankard. The latter seems a less appropriate souvenir to give to schoolchildren! My New Testament is very battered and missing a few pages, likewise the lettering on the tankard is showing its age.

Our father fetched out the Union Jack from the loft, and bought a television especially for the occasion.

Nobody had TVs in those days so when Coronation Day came around our sitting room was packed with neighbours, it was standing room only. By today's standards the screen was tiny, and the broadcast by the BBC (there was only the one channel in those days) rather fuzzy, and only black and white of course, but it was such a novelty.

Watching the guests arrive in all their finery, all the ermine, velvet, jewels, coronets and tiaras, my abiding memory is the entrance of Queen Salote of Tonga, who, we were told, being a very large lady, had had a suitably large chair custom-made for her!

Then Queen Elizabeth made her way to Westminster Abbey, smiling and waving from her fairy-tale horse-drawn state coach in a magnificent procession. The actual Coronation proceedings were very dignified and solemn, the Queen looking a very small serious figure amidst all the pomp and ceremony, weighed down with stiff heavy robes, orb, sceptre and crown.

In the years after, she was our young, beautiful and regal Queen, personified by the Cecil Beaton Coronation portrait, the iconic Annigoni portrait and her image on our postage stamps and coins as well as our tea caddy! My elder sister and I got stamp albums and almost every day we counted how many stamps we had, and did rubbings of threepenny bits and other coins bearing the young Queen's profile. We looked on proudly as she and Prince Philip raised their family and toured the world, a great ambassador and role model, but very warm and natural with a stunning smile and not in the least bit stuffy or stuck-up. A bit like a very grand and glamorous version of our own mum.

She has been my Queen for seventy years so I don't know if I shall ever get my head around singing "God Save the King!"

*Doreen Mear
(Christine Walker's sister)*

LETTERS FROM THE DIOCESE 1953

Extracts from a letter published the day before the Queen's Coronation in 1953 by Thomas Carloli, Bishop of Carlisle Diocese

As the service of Coronation slips daily further into the past there is one bit of symbolism that I would like all Christian men and women to remember vividly. One of the regalia presented to the Queen in the service is the Golden Orb surmounted by a Cross. It is delivered into her hands with these words - "When you see this Orb thus set under the Cross, remember that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer."

Here is declared what should be the clear vision of a Christian Nation. Here is declared what is the true purpose of the Christian Church—making the vision come true of "the whole world subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer." Will you try to keep that vision clearly before you as members of the Church of Christ?

The symbolism speaks for itself and points the way.

It would be the beginning of a new age for our land, and may be for the world, if more of our people would shake themselves free from slothful indifference to the claims of Jesus Christ and see the vision of the world surmounted by the Cross. In every parish let the faithful take new hope and fresh courage to make the vision come true in their midst. A special responsibility and privilege is ours as members of the historic Church of this land—the Church of England.

The vision of the world under the sway of the Cross is inspiring but it is far distant. Let us see and cherish the vision, but let us be practical by seeing that bit of the world - Britain, still more practical, our parish - under the sway of the Cross, and by living to make it a reality. That is where you come in individually and personally. Only as your own life comes under the power of the Cross can you serve the King of Kings. Only as we give ourselves in love and loyalty to Him and dedicate ourselves in the setting of the service He instituted can we begin to make the vision come true.

It all depends on you and me, and we depend on Him.



SCHOOL CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Knowl Hill CE Academy

Nichole Bournier - Head of School

To mark the joyous event of King Charles III's coronation, the children at Knowl Hill CE Academy will be enjoying a special Coronation picnic on Friday 5th May ahead of the coronation on Saturday 6th May.

We will be decorating the playground with bunting and balloons and enjoy a picnic lunch with sandwiches, cakes and squash. The children will be dressing in their party clothes and the older pupils, alongside our PTA, will be helping to run games and activities for everyone to enjoy!

We will be creating a giant collage of King Charles to display in our hall to mark this momentous event. Year 3&4 will be adding to this display with work from their learning about the British monarchy this term.

Our school councils are also going to be getting involved in the 'Big Help Out' initiative. One of our main aims is to get out in the community and help the elderly, as well as support St Peter's Church.

We are really looking forward to celebrating King Charles III's Coronation and will share some photos following the event!

Crazies Hill CE Primary School

Jo Shell - Head of School

We are very excited about King Charles' Coronation in May. To mark such a momentous event, we will be decorating the school and wearing red, white and blue on Friday 5th May. The youngest children will enjoy Story Suitcase Sessions led by a visiting storyteller as part of their Coronation activities.

The whole school will join virtually with all of the other schools in The Keys Academy Trust to sing a special Coronation song. The children will then sit down together to enjoy a special Coronation lunch, and following a day of celebration activities, the PTA will be holding a Coronation Cake Sale. The children will be presented with a Coronation gift to help them remember this special event.



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REPLY FROM KING CHARLES III

Katie Cosnett

Last September, as a nation we heard on the news that our beloved Queen Elizabeth II had died. I decided to write to King Charles III, about my thoughts about the Queen. My thoughts were: Christmas Day 3pm Queen's Speech TV Broadcast, the Queen attending a Christmas Day church service near Sandringham and she was the Head of the Commonwealth.

I thanked King Charles III on behalf of the Queen for giving me the wonderful opportunity to do work experience at Windsor Castle.

I was delighted to receive a special notelet from King Charles III to say:

It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of me beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

The notelet is signed by King Charles III.

May God bless King Charles III on his Coronation and the years ahead.



A KING'S MESSAGE

Holy Week in the Parish

PALM SUNDAY

In St Mark's Gospel Jesus sent two of his disciples to go and find a young donkey that had never been ridden for him to ride into Jerusalem. Camilla tried to emulate that for her service on Sunday 2nd April.

The disciples came back not with a young donkey but an old Ass. Someone beat them to the young donkey.

Jesus had a throng of followers who sang loud Hosannas. We had a throng of two but they had not read the script because there were no loud Hosannas.

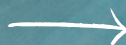
Possibly because they were too young to read. This only goes to show that you should never work with children or 'animals'!



REFLECTIONS ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday feels like a low-key event during Holy Week, sandwiched between the end of the long Lenten period and the anticipation of and preparation for the Easter bank holiday, the excitement of family gatherings and fun Easter egg hunts, delicious roasts and all-round celebration of the resurrection. This year King Charles marked his first Royal Maundy Thursday at York Minster, observing the tradition of giving Maundy Money to 74 (his age) men and women. Maundy Thursday is also associated with the re-enactment of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples in an amazing act of humility.

The word 'maundy' sounds like 'melancholy', indicating deep sadness but in fact the word comes from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning 'commandment'. Jesus' final Passover supper was anything but low key and had a special significance. Jesus had a lot to say to his disciples and important messages to convey as the time of his death drew ever nearer. In just a few hours he would endure unspeakable suffering, betrayal and be crucified. The blessing of bread and wine at the Last Supper forms the basis of our Holy Communion or Eucharist today and Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment to love one another.



The Maundy Thursday evening service at St Mary's this year was led by the Reverend Richard Eves in the Church Centre just as the sun was setting into a gentle red and radiant twilight visible through the vast windows of the building. The service provided a wonderfully engaging blend of readings from the gospel of John interspersed with Psalms, some set to music and some spoken together. The structure of the service provided time to revisit what happened the night before Jesus' arrest and space for quiet reflection on his sacrifice with the various audio Psalms creating a special reflective atmosphere. The readings were taken from John 1 v1 through to John 17 v26. Particular highlights included :

'So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you' (John 13 v14-15)

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another' (John 13 v34)

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me' (John 14 v 6)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid' (John 14 v27)

Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him' (John 17 v1-2)

This Maundy Thursday service provided a reflective and inspirational start to the Easter weekend. The psalms set to music included Psalm 1, 14, 24, 27, 51 and 82 and were sourced from Cantica Sanctorum by David Erb and Strings of my Heart by Asaph Tunes. The poetic style of the psalms set to such beautiful music added great poignancy, and especially ending the service with the wonderful Psalm 24 where David writes about God's compelling promise 'Lift your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of Glory shall come in.'



GOOD FRIDAY

Hour at the Cross

Jesus was led away to an elevated spot outside the city where executions by crucifixion were carried out. He was nailed through hands and feet, he was reviled, struck and spat upon by respectable and pious Jews who had been told he was a blasphemer. They honestly believed they were serving their God. For us to face this violence on what we call 'Good Friday' is hard. We read about it, we watch films that attempt to portray it and documentaries that try to explain this momentous moment in the history of the world.

It happened and our hour at the cross is a time to focus on the blood thirsty, violent and cruel death of this prophet of Galilee. His life ebbed away whilst the soldiers on guard sat close by and gambled for his clothing. We see it as a day of sadness and mourning,

But the truth about Good Friday is that it is not only about remembering what our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ went through it's also a time to remember that he went through it for us, for you and for me. He willingly suffered and died to effect God's plan, the decisive turning point for God's creation, and the focus soon moves to Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead..

Walk of Witness

About 30 of us gathered at 10am on a gloriously sunny Good Friday to walk downhill from Highfield Park to St Mary's. Andy Ferguson had compiled a program of Easter hymns, bible readings and linked meditations written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. Peter Dart gave us the starting note for each hymn, and off we went. Bob Austen started as cross bearer, but was relieved of the burden at Elizabeth Court. There we split forces, some outside and inside to include residents. Following Elizabeth Court, we then went to The Mount Nursing Home, before making our way to St Mary's. We had our last selection of music and words in the Church, before retiring to the Church Centre, where Camilla Cook and Sue Witney had prepared coffee and hot cross buns. Whilst we enjoyed our hot cross buns, it also an opportunity to reflect on what it represents - the pain of the cross. A beautiful morning with words prayers and contemplations, reminding us that this was the day our Saviour died for all of us.



EASTER DAY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

It felt entirely appropriate to start the 9.45am Easter Sunday service with the uplifting hymn 'See what a morning', for indeed it was a gloriously sunny and warm one and St Mary's was completely full of church members and their visiting families.

The church was adorned with beautiful floral displays, created by our wonderful flower arranging team of Sheila Williams, Diane Bush, Jill Houlton, Helen Perry, Marion Pope and Cheryl Vick. The window displays were lit up as the sunshine streamed through the stained glass, creating an amazing kaleidoscope of colour and adding to the celebratory atmosphere. The Easter Garden, created by the children's groups with help from Camilla, provided an exquisite miniature of the scene at Christ's tomb after the resurrection with the stone rolled away.



Canon John Cook, Andy Ferguson and Sue Witney led the service and the Collect for the day provided a perfect summary of what Easter represents - 'a new day has dawned and the way to the life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ'. The readings were taken from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 and the Gospel reading was John 21: 1-14, which formed the basis of John's sermon.

The hymns and songs from the music team were perfectly blended with the old and new, and the fulsome choir was accompanied by bass guitar (Li-Yen), guitar (Rosie), organ (Peter), drums (Ian) and trumpet (Elpseth). So many great tunes to sing along at top volume or with quiet reflection and to listen to beautiful harmonies. Who can fail to be moved by the words in the hymn 'Now the green blade riseth', sung during Holy Communion, with such wonderful imagery as the verse 'Love has come again like wheat that springeth green'? Easter is that wonderful promise of new beginnings.

The service concluded with a rousing rendition of the majestic hymn 'Thine be the glory' and was followed by The Prince of Denmark's March on trumpet by Elspeth, accompanied by Peter on organ, ending with loud applause from the congregation. Outside the children began their joyous Easter egg hunt with giggles and loud shrieks emanating from behind trees and grave stones as chocolate eggs were discovered in their hiding place! Many thanks to all the team of clergy, volunteers, children's leaders, sides people, hospitality, flowers, choir and musicians who made this service so special.



SUNDAY CLUB: Three white tees & a bowl of mud

Jubi Filho da Silva



We were ready for Easter at Sunday Club. We had 20 party blowers, 100 balloons, 3 extra large white T-shirts and a bowl of fresh mud.

We had a child play Jesus on the cross in the middle, another playing the "good thief" (as tradition will call him) on the right, and a grown-up as the "bad thief" on the left. We had the three put on the white T-shirts representing their hearts before God and in came the mud.

I heartily spread it on both the good and the bad criminals' Tees, representing their crimes before God, and I left Jesus' T-shirt white. And for a moment we all saw it as God sees it: only Jesus is "good" and all we can do is ask God to cleanse us.

"Jesus," said the child thief on the right, big smile on his face, "remember me when you come into your kingdom."

I absolutely love this dialogue. Here is a dying man who can give nothing to God except his last breath begging another dying man to give him God's kingdom! And here is Jesus' answer.

"Today you will be with me in Paradise," said the child playing Jesus.

When this dialogue happened 2000 years ago, that criminal had already confessed his guilt to Jesus. Read in the Bible, in the book of Luke, chapter 23. Yet he then received this promise from him: that that very day he would be with Jesus in Paradise. Is it just me that finds this crazy? As Rico Tice put it in the course Hope Explored: "there were no conditions, no qualifications needed, no delays, just total acceptance, total forgiveness, total peace with God. He has nothing to give yet he receives everything!" Jesus promises the same to you and me. This is a crazy good promise, I think, well worth exploring. (The Hope Explored course is coming soon at St Mary's, by the way, please join us).

Then we had "Jesus" trade shirts with the "good thief" before they both "died". Finally our Jesus rose to life and we opened the gates of heaven -- the doors to the back of the church centre -- and the room was teeming with balloons! The children were all in "paradise" where they each received a party blower, to our instant regret (I'm sure party blowers will be completely banned in the real Heaven). Meanwhile, this was Easter at Sunday Club and we pray that the children will turn to the real Jesus, just as that man did that day, and follow him.

A reminder of the contacts to reach out to for all our Young Clubs.

Crèche - Camilla Cook camillacook@btconnect.com

Sunday Club - Annie da Silva hobden.da.silva@gmail.com

Pathfinders - Marc Uniacke marcuniacke@gmail.com

Tuesday Youth Group - Richard Eves richard.m.s.eves@gmail.com

ST MARY'S SPRING CLEAN 2023

Mark Puddy

A Brush with the Philosophy of Ancient Greece

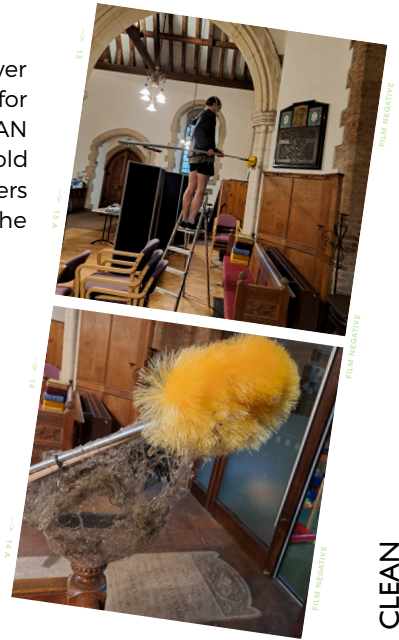
Heraclitus said that a man cannot step into the same river twice. However, the teams assembled on March 20th for the Annual St Mary's Spring Clean proved that you CAN sweep the same dust twice. How did we fool the old Greek Philosopher? By having an early shift with dusters attached to long assemblages of bamboo, dusting the high rafters, and bringing the dust to the floor.

We were then followed by a crack team of brushers and hooverers under the gallant leadership of June Knox, who encircled, captured and dispatched the very same dust. All but one of them were happy to be in a photo, with only one saying she wanted to remain anonymous. I know how important confidentiality is, so I fully respect your request for privacy, Di. We then reflected over a mug of coffee and lemon madeleines (bring back memories of childhood) how, despite our efforts at cleaning, dust is an eternal reality, with which we have a platonic relationship, and we accept it with stoicism.

Fortunately, we soon snapped out of our musings, as Chris Beatty shattered the peace by switching back on an electric cleaner attached to his home-made 30-foot-long suction tube. This was so successful in collecting dust that we all rejoiced that he had disproved Aristotle's contention that nature abhors a vacuum. How to sum this up? In the words of James Alexander Gordon (at 5 pm, every Saturday afternoon on the radio)

Wargrave Cleaners 2

Greek Philosophers 0



SPRING CLEAN



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A MONTH OF ECO

Mike Buckland



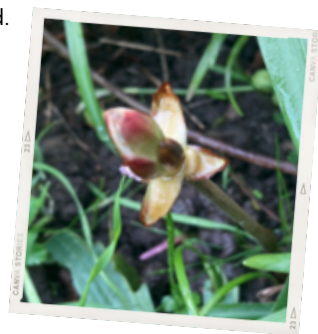
EARTHRRISE

On Wednesday 20th July 2022, Bishop Olivia visited St Mary's Wargrave with a film crew from Al Jazeera's award-winning documentary series Earthrise, as part of a documentary on faith and the environment. The Diocese has informed us that it will be broadcast, strictly edited, on Friday 21st April 2023, on freeview channel 235. Past episodes are available at aljazeera.com/program/earthrise.

LET IT GROW

On Thursday 6th April, Angie Buckland sowed another patch of native British wildflowers by St Mary's Church Centre, aided by daughter Emily and her children Isla and Joel. Notices explain what flowers we hope to see. There are real signs that the area's biodiversity is improving. We saw caterpillars and an orchid.

Bishop Stephen mentioned our work in his address to the Diocesan Synod in March. You can watch it at vimeo.com/807206603 and on the Bishop of Oxford's Facebook page.



On Wednesday 24th May, local farmer Clive Weeke will run a scything course on our premises for St Mary's and St Peter's. Let me know if you wish to join in? We postponed the course from April because the dry February slowed grass growth.



OASES

In addition to approving the Church of England's new Net Zero Carbon Action Plan, the Diocesan Synod passed a motion calling on parishes "to promote the use of local, seasonal and biodegradable flowers and foliages, and to strongly discourage the use of 'oasis' floral foam and its greenwashed equivalents, Bio-Foam and Agra-Wool, in churches and graveyards". Thank you for your cooperation.

Mike Buckland, Stewarding CoG leader
mikebuckland54@gmail.com

FAIRTRADE SALES 2023



Our Fairtrade stall this year took £436.55 in sales of a superb range of goods in February and March, in Fairtrade Fortnight and of Real Easter Eggs.



It was great to see so many eggs, and the story of Christ's resurrection that comes in every box, shared at the Heath family's baptism party and in the Sunday Club at Easter!

Thank you for your support. Every purchase enables suppliers to receive a fair wage, run a home and send their children to school – things many of us take for granted. Simply put, it makes the world a fairer place.

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Marcial Quintero, member of Coobana, a Fairtrade banana co-operative in Panama

As the bible puts it in Micah 6: 8 (NIV)

**He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**

Mike Buckland
Fairtrade Advocate for Wargrave & Knowl Hill

Twyford Volunteer Drivers

Cheese and Wine Social and AGM Tuesday 30 May at 7.00 pm

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2023 EVENTS

Parish Activities

May

Sunday 7th	12pm	RCS Coronation Celebration	Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 18th	11am	Ascension Day Holy Communion	St Mary's
	2.30pm	CAMEO: Dingbats	Knowl Hill VH
Thurs 18th - 28th	Daily	Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative	Online
Saturday 20th	9am	Pastoral Insight Morning	Church Centre
	9.30am	Seminar: Hostility	Hannen Room
Sunday 28th	9.45am	Pentecost Holy Communion	St Mary's

June

Sunday 4th	9.45am	Trinity Sunday All Age Worship	St Mary's
Thursday 15th	2.30pm	CAMEO: Bingo	Knowl Hill VH
	1pm	Lazy Sunday Afternoon	Mill Green

July

Thursday 20th	TBC	CAMEO: Outing	TBC
Saturday 29th	7pm	BBQ at The Sutcliffes	The Sutcliffes

August

Tues 29th - Fri 1st Sept	9.30am	Holiday Club	Church Centre
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More events coming soon...

ASCENSION DAY & PENTECOST

Steve Turville

Ascension and Pentecost are major festivals in the Christian year.

Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter Sunday and marks Jesus' return to the Father and the end of his earthly ministry. After Jesus' resurrection, he spent time with the apostles and other disciples, and told them that God would send down the Holy Spirit to them just as he had promised. 40 days after his resurrection/Easter, He led them out to Bethany outside of Jerusalem. He commissioned the apostles to tell people about him and the Word of God, and to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28). He blessed them and was then taken up into heaven. The disciples then obeyed Jesus' instruction to wait in Jerusalem for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

10 days later, (50 days after Easter), Jesus' disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit descended on them 'like tongues of fire', enabling the disciples to speak in the languages of all the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Pentecost (Acts 2). This was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.' (Joel 2:28-29). Gifted and empowered by God the Holy Spirit, the disciples began to preach Jesus' message throughout the world, and for this reason Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of the Church and the start of the church's mission to the world. Pentecost is also referred to as Whit Sunday (or Whitsun)

ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION - Thursday 18th May, 11am at St Mary's
PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday 28th May at 9.45am at St Mary's

THY KINGDOM COME

Along with thousands of churches around the world, we mark the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost as a special season of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

The global prayer initiative was established in 2016 following an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and has seen millions of Christians across many denominations and around the world joining together to intentionally pray for people to come to know Jesus. "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to play our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." (Archbishop Justin).

A prayer diary will be produced for these 10 days of prayer which will be available in our churches and on our website.



VICAR'S LETTER

Dear *Friends*



Catullus (c. 84-54 BC) was a Roman poet who found that death left him without hope, and declared "Suns may set and rise again but when once our brief light has set one unbroken night of sleep remains." Death stalks the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. Death is no respecter of race, colour, or creed. Its shadow haunts us day and night. We never know when the moment of death will come to us.

In the Old Testament, Job asked "If a man dies, will he live again?" (Job 14:14). Good Friday and Easter Sunday should flood our lives with hope every day of the year, as these two days have changed everything.

Good Friday

Good Friday means God loves us outrageously. The Apostle Paul declares "...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

In Yann Martel's award-winning novel, 'Life of Pi', the main character, Pi, wanders into a church and meets a Christian minister called Father Martin. There he hears about Jesus' crucifixion for the first time:

What a downright weird story...the first thing which drew me was disbelief. Humanity sins but it's God's Son who pays the price. Why would God wish that on Himself? Why not leave death to the mortals? Why make dirty what is beautiful, spoil what is perfect? Love. That was Father Martin's answer. The Son is a god who died in three hours, with moans, gasps and laments. What kind of god is that? What is there to inspire in this Son? Love said Father Martin.'

As we ponder and survey the Cross - as you look at it - do you know that you are loved outrageously?

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday brings us the hope of bodily resurrection. As the Apostle Paul declares "... We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...and we will be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

John Donne (1572-1631) expresses this truth in his Sonnet, 'Death be not proud':

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more, Death thou shalt die.*

Do you each day look at the empty tomb and know that - trusting in Christ - God will ultimately raise you too? Once we grasp the significance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, life can never be the same again. How wonderful it is to experience the outrageous love of God. And how wonderful to know the hope for the future we have in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ. *John*

John R.M. Cook
Vicar of Wargrave with Knowl
Hill

JOYFUL ENDEAVOUR

DIOCEASAN LENT SERIES

DAY 23

How do you feel about your involvement with the community and church? Bring God your honest experience and ask for guidance about how you can live out your faith, in your local and global community.

Response - Joyful Endeavour

1 Peter: 4-10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Church members are encouraged to serve others and engage with the community so volunteering is an important part of its mission and ministry. Many actively serve the community in church schools, sports and social clubs, uniformed organizations, the administration of charities and in many other areas not just in our village but beyond. It is because of volunteers that all run as well as they do, or at all. Many people have busy schedules or other commitments and their volunteering is always much appreciated. Some volunteer each week and others just occasionally. We say a big 'THANK YOU' for all you do, for the generosity of your time, skills and your love and care for others.

We rejoice with the baptised and newly wed, nurture families and children and console the dying and bereaved. We hold church services which are not just for the church congregation but for the wider community and Sunday and mid-week clubs for the children.

Two of our popular ventures are the Butterflies group for parents of pre-school age children and the weekly afternoon 'Welcome Cafe', open to all but principally attended by the elderly.

If you're not currently involved in any of these activities we encourage you to consider whether there is something you might help with practically or perhaps support in prayer. There are so many opportunities out there to serve, and the community needs you.

Footnote: Joyful Endeavour.... but does our joy come from endeavour? Sometimes our volunteering becomes a burden. If so, maybe it's time to pause, or invite someone else to 'learn the ropes' alongside us to help out and lessen the load, or do something else entirely. But, in our busy lives joy can come from withdrawing to a quiet space, spending time in prayer, drawing us closer to our Lord.

JOYFUL ENDEAVOUR

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS WITH RAMBLIN' BOB

Jane Austen

Our first ramble of 2023 took place on Sunday 26th March with a walk along the old Thames towpath from Willow Lane to its confluence with the Hennerton Backwater, alongside Wargrave Marsh.

A large group of 18 walkers met at the War Memorial on Mill Green in good spirits, and all hoping that the endless rain in the morning would not return for our adventure. We need not have worried as the weather was dry, as is the norm for Bob's rambles!

The Thames towpath is a beautiful secluded walk with glorious views of the river and the posh houses on the Shiplake side! Bob and I have walked this path many times over the years and rarely have we met anybody else on our travels which suggests that this is another of Wargrave's secrets!

Bob explained the purpose of the towpath for pulling barges up the river in horse-drawn days, and it has not been used for this in a long, long time. Going up-river from Henley, the barges would have traversed the

opposite bank (now the Thames Path) and then crossed the river by the Bolney ferry at the Hennerton Backwater confluence, and after traversing the towpath for a mile towards Wargrave would have re-joined the opposite bank at Lashbrook ferry. One can only presume that the properties on the Shiplake side did not want the towpath on their hallowed ground! There are no signs anymore of these long-defunct ferries and it is hard to picture the horses crossing the river by ferry, presumably with the barges still in tow!

Heading back, 16 of us then enjoyed a lovely Sunday roast at The Bull and all agreed it had been a lovely walk and a worthy start to our 2023 season of rambles!



RAMBLIN' WITH BOB: Sunday 28th May

Our May circular walk is an easy, level stroll through the lush meadows surrounding the historic centre of old Winkfield. Winkfield dates back to the Domesday Book and consists of three settlements: Winkfield Row, Maiden's Green and Winkfield. As with most of Bob's rambles, there will be some WW2 interest along the way!

We shall meet up at the White Hart Inn in Church Street, Winkfield (on the A330 and opposite the Church) at 12.30pm and return there ready for Sunday lunch at 2.45pm.

If you would like to join Ramblin' Bob and his merry group please see contact details below, and at the same time advise whether you are staying for Sunday lunch.



Closing date for entries is Friday 19th May as the pub needs to know confirmed numbers in good time.

Email: austenrobert@hotmail.com

Home: 0118 940 3038 or Mobile: 07970 611013

LADIES' BREAKFAST - Saturday 1st April

Val Cuffe-Adams

Meekness and Majesty

I immensely enjoyed attending the Ladies' Breakfast. The whole set up of welcome and hospitality with laid up tables for breakfast, attention to detail and the selection of food was great. Also, by each place, was a little chocolate Easter bunny!

Angie led this time on the subject of Meekness and Majesty. I so appreciated her preparation and obvious sense of prayer round the subject. I also appreciated the range of mediums provided and the opportunity to discuss. Hearing feedback from others builds you up and illuminates meaning, enabling you to see things which you might not otherwise have seen, thus allowing God to speak. It also provides a sense of fellowship.



Personally, I loved starting with a series of artwork around Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Using a couple of well-known artists from medieval art, the first by Giotto from the 14th century, the discussion as a group drew out details within the painting which could have been missed. Thus, the meaning of recognized established colours (such as blue – special, mystical, costly to produce) to signify celebration and the stances of the people were brought to the fore and related to the theme of Meekness and Majesty. This meant that a memorable visual marker was made, which remained with me personally in preparation for Easter. Also, more up-to-date artwork (such as the magnificent sculpture in Llandaff Cathedral of the crucified Christ, 1953) were juxtaposed against an older traditional picture of the crucified Christ, speaking of eternal truths about Him.

What I particularly liked was the variety of approaches to this subject – the Good Friday experience of Aslan, the lion (Christ) followed by the Easter Sunday resurrection of him restored to life, in the later Narnia film excerpts, again brought a powerful, different symbolism which anyone could relate to.

The Word of God passage was introduced from Philippians 2:5-10 after the art discussion and so gave us time to digest this – different voices reading the passage aloud. It was then picked up again in a reflection at the end of the morning. I was struck so much by the words "At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow." We had moved to worship of His power and authority, having seen not an authoritarian King, who though the very nature of God...was a servant King, clothed in humility coming to us with scars and suffering. The use of instrumentalist worship coupled with a couple of well-chosen hymns again brought another dimension. So sound, worship, the Bible Word, the visual in art and videos, meant that we could receive from God at all kinds of levels and in ways that spoke to us personally. Thank you, Angie for such careful, prayerful and inspired preparation.

Images (Top) Christ in Majesty: Jacob Epstein Llandaff Cathedral, 1954.
(Bottom) Entry into Jerusalem Giotto di Bondone c. 1305 Cappella degli Scrovegni, Padua

SO WHAT IS THIS APCM THING?

Sheila Williams

On 16th April the Parish held its APCM.

At it, members of the congregation volunteered to sit on the PCC and were elected by those attending the meeting who are entitled to vote by being on the Electoral Roll

So what does this all mean?

Well, the Electoral Roll is a list of all those who sign a form to say they want to be counted in as members of the Church (either in Wargrave or Knowl Hill or Warren Row).

Being on the Electoral Roll costs nothing, it is simply a statement that you want to be part of the Church and counted as a member – just like joining any other Club. The difference between just coming along to services and being on the Electoral Roll as well shows a greater degree of commitment and interest in the Church.

One of the “perks” is you then get to vote for the team that is responsible for the day to day running of the Church – supporting its ministry, ensuring maintenance of the fabric, organising everything from Sunday Club for children to Wine Tasting Evenings, initiating Study days, keeping our congregation safe (and warm), etc. etc. This team is called the PCC – the Parochial Church Council. They meet 5 times a year as a big group, but sections of the PCC meet at other times to organise grass cutting, concerts, Lent courses, picnics – and all the vast array of spiritual, social and practical requirements and opportunities for our Church family throughout the year.

So the APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where everyone in the Parish can come along and hear what the PCC has been up to over the past year – congratulate or criticise the work they have done – ask questions – and make suggestions for the future. The Church you attend is only surviving because of the money you give – Churches receive no State funding, no Diocesan funding or even Local Government funding. It all comes from what the supporters of the Church donate – so the congregation are fully entitled to question what is done with their cash.

At the APCM the Parish Treasurer presents the Annual Accounts and provides a commentary on what the figures mean to the life of the Church. The Accounts then have to be approved by those attending.

Other appointments are also confirmed at the meeting, such as the list of Sidesmen and the Representatives our Parish send to the Deanery Synod (meetings of our local group of Churches)

Prior to the APCM there is a brief meeting called The Annual Meeting of Parishioners. At this, Mark Puddy and Sue Witney were confirmed as Churchwardens for St Mary's and time was given to appreciate Sandra Baker who served faithfully as Churchwarden for Knowl Hill for many years until she sadly passed away in November.

Two individuals, Helen Gradon and Andrew Imlay who have given of their time and care to the PCC over a number of years have decided not to stand again, and were warmly thanked for their service; whilst Sue Griffiths who has not only served on the PCC but also on Deanery Synod has also decided not to stand. Her knowledge and commitment to not only our Parish but the wider Diocesan life will be missed.

One new face was elected to join the Committee and that is Annie De Silva who will be made most welcome.

A full list of those elected this April is given below

Churchwardens for St Mary's	Mark Puddy and Sue Witney
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mike Buckland, Karen Lloyd & Christine Walker
PCC for Knowl Hill	Lesley Bell, Valda Hadden & Karen Larkins
PCC for St Mary's Wargrave	Bob Austen, Rosie Creedon, Annie Da Silva, Jubi Da Silva, Andy Ferguson, Lesley Turville, Nicola Uniacke, Sarah Whiteside, Sheila Williams, Jane Wills

PCC MEETING - 27th March 2023

At the meeting, as usual, wide range of subjects were covered.

- The 2022 Accounts were adopted and a Review of Church Fixtures and Fittings confirmed
- An accurate electronic plan of the graveyard was being produced and the Eco Church team had received encouraging feedback for the future following an inspection by A Rocha
- The appointment of Lesley Bell as a Governor at Knowl Hill Primary School was approved and an update given on improvement work at St Peter's which would be starting soon
- It was reported that House Groups were undertaking a Lent Group Study while others were participating in the daily "Come and See" Diocesan Course.
- The Parish had received a "Go Green Together" Award for its eco-friendly Churchyard developments and a new hybrid House Group for Young Families had been launched comprising on-line and face to face sessions.

The PCC continues to manage the assets of the Parish, support the work of ministry and provide opportunities for outreach into the community. The variety of agenda items at its meetings reflect the different roles, interests and skills needed to keep the Parish vibrant, relevant and legal.

There will be some changes to the Committee following the APCM, but the committed team will continue to run the Parish to the best of its abilities. Members of the congregation are always welcome to make suggestions for improvements or new initiatives – the PCC represents the whole Church Community so please talk to any member if you wish anything to be discussed.

BINGO NIGHT AT KNOWL HILL

Saturday 25th March saw a group of villagers and friends attend the St Peter's church fundraiser. Doors opened at 7pm and by 7.30pm everyone had their eyes down for the first round of bingo. Jim and Valda Hadden were in charge of calling out the numbers in true bingo fashion.

During the interval we were treated to fish and chips, followed by a dessert of petit fours. A raffle was then drawn. After which it was eyes down again for the second half of the evening.

All participants had a great evening.



LITTER PICKING

On Easter Saturday a group of villagers turned out for the first litter pick of the year. It is always quite astonishing the items that are discarded on the roadside. Fortunately it was a lovely day which made the task bearable.

A big thank you to Ella, Kay, David, Lesley, Steve, David and those not in the photo, Bill, Clare and Bob.



CAMEO EVENTS 2023

JAN 19	2 PM	QUIZ
FEB 16	2 PM	BEETLE DRIVE
MAR 16	2 PM	MIXED ACTIVITIES
APR 20	2.30 PM	WHIST DRIVE
MAY 18	2.30 PM	DINGBATS
JUN 15	2.30 PM	BINGO
JUL 20	TBC	OUTING

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

SEP 21	2.30 PM	WHIST DRIVE
OCT 19	2.30 PM	MIXED ACTIVITIES
NOV 16	2.30 PM	BEETLE DRIVE
DEC 14	TBC	CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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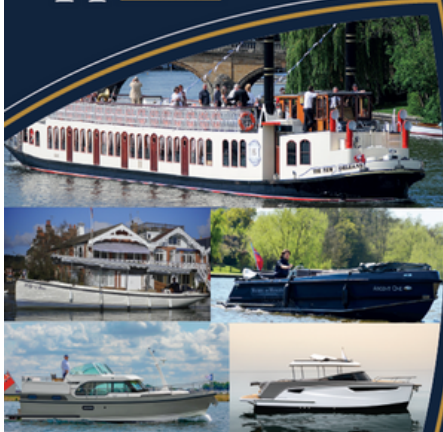


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