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Letter from Vanessa

Dear Friends

We are about to celebrate the Queen's jubilee - 70 years on the throne is a remarkable achievement, regardless of your thoughts on the monarchy - and there is a great deal of royal purple about in our decorations. Purple has long been associated with royalty, as we heard in Sally's sermon recently when she talked about Lydia, the woman mentioned in the bible as the 'seller of purple cloth.' Purple dye was very rare and expensive - it was made from hundreds and thousands of shellfish and so cloth made from purple was only affordable by the very rich. In fact, it became so associated with wealth and power, Roman emperors often forbade their citizens from wearing it under pain of death!

Our Queen Elizabeth and the biblical Lydia have more in common than just the colour purple though. Both are women of faith, giving years of dedicated service to their calling. The book of Acts describes Lydia as 'one who worshipped God, whose heart God opened to hear.' In her first Christmas broadcast, in 1952, Queen Elizabeth asked for prayer that she might be given the wisdom and strength to carry out the promises she was about to make. Her seventy years on the throne are testament to that answered prayer.

As we give thanks for Queen Elizabeth, may we also be inspired by her faith, and that of Lydia. May we too be given wisdom and strength to live lives of faith and service, and to listen to the calling of God wherever it may take us.



Vanessa

Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Tidy Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 BCP Matins or Communion
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week



Benefice News

St. Mark's Summer Raffle -

Win an Apple iPad (latest model) !!

The summer raffle is back - tickets are now on sale from members of the church. The raffle will be drawn at the Dog show and Fete. In addition to an iPad, prizes include:

John Lewis/Waitrose vouchers; Smart speaker; Luxury Hamper - Plus many other great prizes

Sunshine Saints

Sunshine Saints is the new toddler and baby group which meets every Wednesday in term time from 9.30 to 11.30am in All Saints Church. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them. Suggested donation: £2.



*From the St. Mark's
Register.*



We send our congratulations to:

Fraser McCallum and Martha Pritchard who were married in St. Mark on 14th May

We pray for the souls of:

Simon Harris whose memorial service took place in St. Mark on 5th May

Brian Jeffery whose funeral service took place in St. Mark on 20th May

Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. Nostradamus was famous for making what?
2. What is the main source of vitamin C?
3. Which is the longest motorway in Great Britain?
4. In what year did the M25 motorway completely open?
5. What is dermatophobia the fear of?
6. What is the art of stuffing animals for preservation known as?
7. What is Prince William's second name?
8. Which British actor died whilst still filming his supporting role in "Gladiator"?
9. Who played James Bond in "For your eyes only"?
10. What was the nationality of Mata Hari, shot as a spy?



Answers on p. 33

The Wedding of Fraser McCallum and Martha Pritchard



On Saturday 14th May Fraser McCallum, Kate and Stevie's son, was married to Martha Pritchard at St. Mark's. Vanessa celebrated the marriage and the weather was perfect, the sun shone and there wasn't a single a cloud in the sky.

The bride and groom entered to the sound of Martha's sister Amy playing Norwegian Wood on her harp. The bridesmaids wore green and the groomsmen and many of the male guests were in kilts.

I was lucky enough to be sidesperson on the day and I can honestly say I have never heard

such lusty singing at St. Mark's. 'Lord of the Dance' and 'Give me Joy' rang out and Maid of honour Molly McCallum beautifully sang the Carpenter's song 'We've only just Begun' whilst the register was signed.

We wish Martha and Fraser a happy and healthy life together.



Can you help? Ratlake Footpath

The Messenger received the following request:

Hi, I have been looking at old maps of Ampfield and it appears that there was once a path from Ampfield woods down Ratlake Lane. There is a footpath on the other side of the main Hursley road that appears to have at one point linked up with Ratlake Lane (otherwise that footpath makes no sense as it finishes at the busy main road). I'd like to see if we can record the old Ratlake Lane path as a right of way but that requires people who remember using it. So my reason for contacting you is to ask if you would consider including a note in your magazine asking if anyone recalls using that path? Obviously this would be going back a few years. Of course it's possible that it was never open to the public but from looking at old maps that seems unlikely.

The path/lane has fallen into disuse but I suspect that is largely to do with the fact there are no pavements on the main road which hopefully will be rectified at some point in the future.

Thanks!

David Griffiths



A Point of View

No matter what you think of the way some people live their lives it was rather disturbing to hear that the Rev. Richard Coles has decided to quit the incumbency of his parish church for [C of E] churches, he said, were:

“places where gay people are not welcome, and that rules me out” He also said “In the past few months I have had a growing number of inquiries from same-sex couples dismayed to discover their relationships do not qualify for a blessing, or asking for reassurance that their kids in church schools will not be made to feel awkward for having two dads or two mums. The former I am not permitted to do [the Church of England does not recognise same-sex marriages]; the latter I am unable to, I am sorry to say.”

Theology is important, yes, and performing same-sex weddings may be a step too far for some. However, to exclude the giving of a blessing to committed relationships and assurances to parents and children for a set of circumstances all too familiar, is in this day and age perverse.

That some might not agree with the views and practices of others does not mean that we should exclude them and walk on the other side of the road in the hope they go away. Jesus’s teachings and actions tell us otherwise. That Richard Coles feels that after 44 years he no longer has the strength to “fight the good fight” and leave his parish is disheartening yet understandable. In a time when our churches are emptying of their congregations and face a decline in those wishing to enter the priesthood the Church of England should take note of the sad decision of Mr Coles and think again.

[Source: The Times]

Editors note: see <https://www.inclusive-church.org/>

Bike ride thoughts

It has become a pilgrimage on my special day to go for an early morning bike ride at the end of April. Riding through Ampfield wood I was greeted with the aroma of pine trees which had recently been felled, the huge stacks of which lined the gravel track. I stopped to breath in the scent listening to chaffinch, wood pigeon and the shrill outburst of a nearby wren.



Leaving the wood at Pucknall I am surrounded by fields of autumn sown corn growing a few inches above the soil which will soon be wanting rain. The cost of fertilizer to feed this crop has risen from £270 to over £1000 per ton. Not an animal is in sight, where as according to war records Mr Sherwood of Pucknall Farm in 1941 had 778 cows and one lucky bull to help fertilize his land.

I look back at my Uncle's farms that kept dairy herds, pigs and flocks of sheep so with crop rotation and good husbandry would have needed little artificial fertilizer to help grow their crops. Those who farm organically will hopefully see their profit margins widen as we start paying more for our food.



The bluebells were a sea of blue as far as could be seen covered with a canopy of bright green beech leaves, stitchwort, violets, wood anemones, celandine, wild garlic and that plant of ancient woodland euphorbia, lined the gravel track. There was no sign of human life so I lingered soaking up my beautiful surroundings. Cont. ...

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Continuing along the lane the hedges of quickthorn were showing signs of leaf, which 100 years ago would have been picked by the horse ploughmen to go with their bread and cheese. I was flanked by a charm of goldfinches for several hundred yards as they flitted and twittered through the hedge rows.

Arriving at Farley Church the avenue of limes planted to commemorate the end of the first world war were just showing leaf, soon they will be humming with bees as they seek out the nectar. The farmer has dug a small pond and planted new hedges which I am all in favour of to help our wildlife. I love the thought that more farmers will plant wildflower margins around the field edges, and more hedges and trees, but have reservations about new forests being planted on good farmland that is able to grow crops for food. I see no sense allowing conglomerates to purchase productive farmland, rewild it so they are able to set it against their carbon footprint, it will not be pleasant to watch wolf or beaver on an empty stomach. Other than two "Belted Galloway" cattle I saw no signs of life as I cycled through the farmyard and eventually arrived to see the purpose of my efforts.

I continued on to Farley Mount but the views were not clear, it was cold, the wind blowing from the east, "no good for man nor beast." Returning towards Braishfield the lane was flanked by oil seed rape, the bright yellow flowers giving off a scent that is quite overpowering. Not so much of this crop is grown since the spray to control the destructive beetle has been banned, however, with sunflower oil in short supply this crop hopefully will become very valuable.



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I paused by the gates of Braishfield school with the memory still vivid in my mind when I first walked through 73 years ago. Returning through Ampfield Wood a giant eight wheeled “John Deere” log loader straddled the track, I talked to the operator saying what a huge engine must be required to drive this machine, but no, the engine is small just driving the



hydraulic pump, we then spent a few minutes discussing what a wonderful invention hydraulics have been to enable man pulling on a few levers to move hundreds of materials per day. I wondered what “John Deere” 1804-1886, a blacksmith from Illinois who invented a plough that would not clog up when pulled by horses and ox on the heavy mid- west soils, would think of this machine? I am sure he would be proud to be the only tractor manufacture in the world still named after it’s founder.

Entering Knapp Lane it’s all downhill to home where my wife who had been shopping was sure to have bought some cookies to go with my Birthday coffee.

Nick Jeffery



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riends of
Chapel
Wood
by
Graham Roads

May 2022

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fter last month's adverse impact of the COVID virus, it was good to see a number of the Friends fully recovered and back

with us. We had a full schedule to be completed and the more hands available the lighter the work. In particular, we were very pleased to



welcome three new faces to the Friends. We hoped they enjoyed themselves and will join us again.

Our first job was to complete the outstanding bits of the Grand National course we started last month. This seems to be a good way of using unwanted arisings from

other woodland activities and there was no shortage of those! We had a few birch stems available from our previous coppicing activities to form the framework. Our master carvers soon created some fine posts from these and, once they were hammered into position, the rest of us could infill with the cut foliage and branches. This seems an ecologically friendly solution to the issues arising from cutting back overgrown bushes. For instance, another job on the agenda for Saturday was clearing away the intrusive laurel and rhododendron that was slowly suffocating a wooden seat just inside the churchyard boundary. The plan was to liberate some attractive space by St. Mark's room where additional memorial benches might be added, should they be required.

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This created a very considerable amount of waste. We can't take it anywhere so we could either leave by the bonfire pit (which is unsightly), or dump it in the undergrowth, (but there was a lot of it) or use it to make a fence. No contest!



While this was going on, in the burial ground other members of the team were busy giving our hedges of box and yew a very much needed haircut. As a digression, the invention of wire-free garden tools is a real benefit to groups like ours. In the past, we would have needed a hedge cutter that was petrol driven, smelly and noisy but now this battery powered stuff is brilliant. By the time the arisings have been cleared away, it was a pleasure to see neatly clipped hedges once again protecting all the residents.

On a final note, for some time our carefully planned collection of footpath posts guiding people around our lovely woodland has been looking a bit sorry for itself. We are very grateful to John for crafting some new ones and putting them in position. Now, hopefully, we will no longer come across anyone wandering about, obviously lost, because the guiding posts were somewhat less clear than they might have been.

After all this excitement, some refreshments were very much appreciated. It had been another good morning. The Friends meet at 09:45 in the St. Mark's church car park on the second Saturday of each month. All are welcome.

Graham Roads





What's on



A great Village Occasion !

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend
Thursday June 2nd - Sunday June 5th 2022**

Friday 3rd June

A Fun Day in and around St. Marks Church. 11.30 - 3pm. This event will replace the annual Church fete and will feature a dog show, barbecue, various stalls and cream teas. To enter the dog show will be £2 per class. Free admission to the fun day, but donations warmly welcomed.

Saturday 4th June

The Ampfield Market, 10 - 12 . Many sales tables and refreshments and a truly 'Royal' theme. Everyone will be encouraged to wear fancy dress or red, white and blue. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative!

Ampfield Cricket Club League home match against Cadnam, starting at 2pm on the recreation ground. An afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes will be served during the match. Please contact Dave Hunt on 07976 413522 for further details

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Sunday 5th June

Martin Hatley will lead a village walk via Slackstead, which will include a woodland trail in Chapel Wood. Meet at the Village Hall and the walk will start promptly at 10.30am. The walk will be free and all ages are very welcome to come along. The walk should finish at 12noon. Contact martin.hatley@btconnect.com or call 07970 501050 for more information.

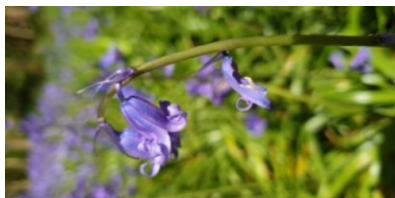
Sunday 5th June

1- 3.30pm An open and free invitation for everyone to get together on Morley's Village Green to share a picnic with friends, family and neighbours. Please bring your own food and drink and candelabras! There will be music to enhance this special Ampfield celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Potters Heron Hotel will be offering a special Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea as one of their menu options from June 2nd until June 5th.

Please come and join us for as many of these events as you can to make this a truly memorable village occasion. Please contact julie@ampfield.org.uk for further information on any of the above events.

Julie Trotter





What's on



St Mark's Church Ampfield
3rd June
 11.30am to 3pm



JUBILEE CHURCH FETE & DOG SHOW



In the church grounds and Chapel Wood

 Raffle

 Fancy dress for all

 Side shows for the children

 BBQ

 Afternoon tea

Fete Enquiries: Tel **02380 737617** email **office@acnb-church.org**
Dog Show Information and Entry: Tel Kate on **07738467350**



What's on



FRIENDS FOR LUNCH

Wednesday 15th June

12.15 for 12.30

when lunch will be served promptly

If you would like to attend, please ring Kate on 07738467350



Welcome Café

All Saints Church,

Rownhams Road, North Baddesley SO52 9EQ

The Welcome Café is for any and everyone in the community to come and meet friends for a catch-up and enjoy great coffee. There is no charge for coffee but donations are welcome.

We particularly welcome those who find themselves lonely or who have been bereaved. There are trained 'listeners' who will be happy to talk, befriend and empathise with you and if appropriate signpost to other helpful organisations, all in complete confidence.

10am – 12 noon on

Thursdays 2nd., 16th & 30th June



What's on



The Ampfield Market

Established in 2000, now in its 22nd year !



Saturday 4th June

this will be our special Platinum Jubilee event -
join in the fun by wearing red, white and blue

**From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)**

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell:-
Fresh fruit and veg, FairTrade foods, jams, chutneys and
pickles, cakes, biscuits and scones, plants and fresh flowers,
cards and wrapping paper, books, antiques, unusual crafts,
jewellery, children's clothes, toys, honey, seasonal surprises,
bric a brac and much, much more.

**Fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes will be
served all morning.**

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no.
1057353

Contact Julie on 023 80254587 for table bookings and info.

Next date: Saturday July 2nd 2022



What's on



Chilworth Village Fete

2pm - 5pm on Saturday 4th June

Chilworth Village Green, behind the Chilworth Arms pub

In honour of the Queen's platinum jubilee and to mark the opening of the Memorial Garden for our late councillor, Alison Finlay, Chilworth is holding a fete.

In addition to the normal attractions, there will be dodgems, a children's roundabout, Indian street food, a band and Bollywood dancing. The Chilworth Arms will run a bar at the bottom of their garden.

Proceeds from the event will be divided between Solent Mind, St. Denys Church, Romsey Young Carers and Rose Road Association; the event is organised jointly by the fete committee, the Parish Council, and Chilworth Village Hall.

The Story of St Mark's, Ampfield by Liz Hallett

Ampfield's 150th Anniversary leads us to the Congo Church's 100th. One of the people we met as a result of our researches, and who came to the 150th celebrations on 21st April 1991, was Bishop Philip Ridsdale, son of the Rev. Herbert Ridsdale, Vicar of Ampfield 1937-1942. Bishop Philip was the retired Bishop of Boga Zaire, in the east of Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and while here he stayed with Anita and Stephen Wood (as the Awdrys stayed with us). He enjoyed reading our new history of St Mark's and, needing an editor for the newsletter of the Congo Church Association, a support group for the Anglican Church in that country, he decided that if Anita could write a book, she would be perfect for the job! She agreed to take on the newsletter and immediately involved my husband Mike to print it, and me to do the layout.

Thus we all became involved with the work of the mission partners in Zaire. Originally founded by Apolo Kivebulayo, a Ugandan missionary, the Anglican Church in Zaire celebrated its centenary in 1996 and CCA supporters had the opportunity to take part in the celebrations. Anita and Stephen suggested we should join them as it would make our work on the newsletters more meaningful. They had spent much time in Africa over the years, with Stephen teaching orthopaedics in several African countries, but Zaire would be a new experience for them too. For Mike and I it was to be a whole new cultural experience. We spent a couple of days in Nairobi, where we met MU leaders, then flew in a small plane across Kenya and Uganda, landing in Bunia, Zaire. From there we flew on in a Mission Aviation plane to Boga, the centre of the Anglican Church.



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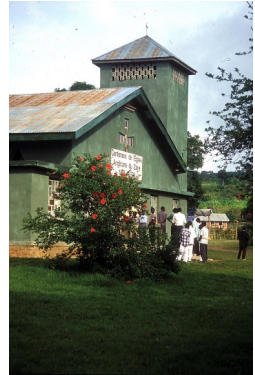


Hundreds of people had congregated from all over the country, many walking for days to reach Boga, and we were very humbled to be met at the airfield by huge crowds, including Archbishop Njojo, cheering and waving to us. We were led straight into Boga

Cathedral for a service of welcome and where we had to introduce ourselves (in French, the official language of Zaire). Celebrations lasted for four days, and over 1,000 people were fed three times a day by a team of 80 cooks led by mission partner Judy Acheson.



We ate beans, millet, bananas, rice, potatoes and fruit, and they even butchered precious cows and goats to feed us. We stayed in an almost-finished new accommodation block for nurses and found ourselves in the company of several bishops and other VIPs. I



remember rescuing the Bishop of Quebec, showing him how to get rid of a huge bat flying around his room!

The washing facility was a new wooden building opening at the back to wonderful views of the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains, water being supplied from a nearby stand pipe. Latrines were holes in the ground. 1500 people crowded into the cathedral for the big service on May 30th, with representatives from all Zairean dioceses and other African countries, Canada, USA and Australia, as well as the UK.



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The service lasted 5 hours with wonderful singing accompanied by both traditional Instruments and electronic keyboards. The hereditary chief of Boga was present, as was the Governor of Haut-Zaire, with his armed troops. Communion for so many was a great challenge but well organised and the service was followed by a great feast. Other days included more services (four hours was their typical length) with spontaneous singing and dancing and many beautifully-behaved children.

We met the MU wearing their colourful uniforms, watched pygmies who waved wooden cooking spoons as they danced to the music of traditional instruments, football matches took place with the MU ladies playing in bare feet and long skirts. We visited outlying villages where we attended more services, young people enacted a play about Apolo Kivebulayo. The Archbishop planted a eucalyptus tree in commemoration of those first planted by Apolo, the wood from which now formed the altar and lectern in the cathedral. With all this going on, Stephen still found time to give help and advice in the hospital with orthopaedic problems. Mike spent time repairing the Archbishop's generators.



The whole centenary was an amazing experience and we were very humbled by the love and generosity shown by the Congolese people, they had so very little yet freely offered us all that they had. We returned to Bunia, staying in the theological college and meeting the students and also the Principal, Henri Isingoma, who was to become the next Archbishop, and making more links with the people. As a result of all these unforgettable experiences, in a culture so very different from our own, I have kept up links with what is now renamed the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Cont. ...

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I became a member of the Congo Church Association committee for some years and was also invited by Bishop Michael Scott-Joynt to join the Winchester Diocesan Overseas Churches Panel which oversaw our links with partner Provinces, to be the representative for the Congo, which I did until 2011.

One of the Bunia students, Joyce Muhindo, came to the UK to complete her training and visited us during her time here, she became the first woman priest in the Congo. During Lambeth 1998 two of the Congolese bishops, +Mavatikwa and + Masimango, stayed with us for some days in Ampfield. I remember + Masimango's comment on England, how strange he found it that people pass each other in the street, often without even a smile, whereas in Africa everyone greets everyone else with a cheery "Jambo", or "Hallo". A very different way of life!



Liz Hallett



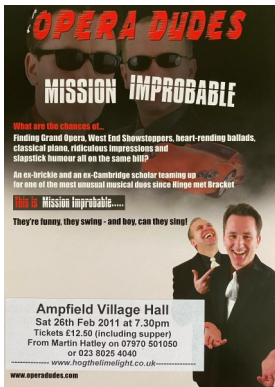
The History of Ampfield Village Hall

Part 7: 2010 - 2012

by Julie Trotter

2010

The Pantomime on January 9th was Ashputtel, the Cinderella story. Mas Y Mas returned on March 6th 2010 providing an foot tapping evening of Latino, Flamenco and Afro Cuban music containing rich harmonies with lots of energy and passion. A

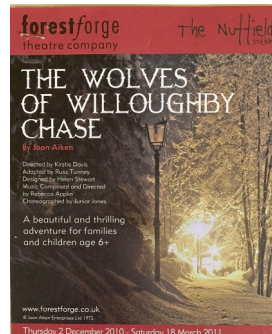


Chilli supper was served and there was much dancing late into the evening. A Quiz evening took place on May 22nd, fish and chips were served during the interval and Juliet Howland provided a wonderful musical interlude. On October 23rd Madame Galina returned to the hall to delight the audience once again.

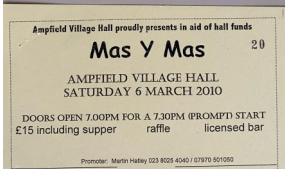
2011

The Pantomime, The Wolves of Willoughby Hall took place on January 8th, this proved to be a disappointing performance, many children left, frightened by the content, it also made a

financial loss of £48.75p! Opera Dudes appeared on February 26th. Repairs were carried out to the



lead work and flat roof of the extension. A baby changing unit was fitted in the disabled toilet, it cost £200.



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A floral buffet lunch followed by a short talk entitled 'Ampfield Past and Present' took place on March 13th. On November 18th we were entertained by Oh La La, and a French themed supper was served. A Google calendar was created for hall events, but unfortunately, it was not widely used. The main hall ventilation system was no longer used and the kitchen extractor fan was never switched off !!



2012

The pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood, was not booked for this year due to the disappointment voiced by the audience in 2011. To mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee visitors to the Market were invited to design and make a crown to wear on this occasion.

There was some concern about the electricity costs due to some hall users turning the heating up to full and often forgetting to turn the heating off again. The committee received information from TVBC regarding the proposed new housing development opposite the hall on land owned by Hilliers. This proposal included the much needed hall extensions and car park. Hall trustees were invited to comment on the submitted plans. An application for a grant to provide a projector was made, this would be owned by the Parish Council but could be used by other hall users.



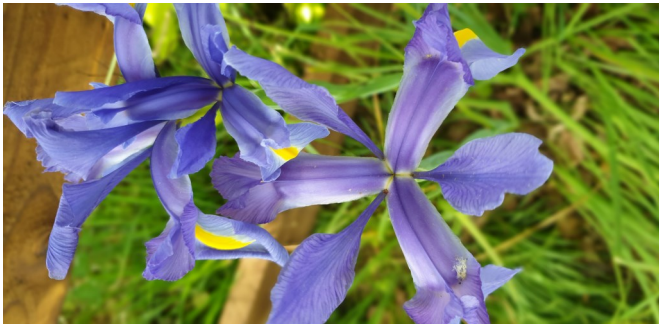
Julie Trotter

The Village Hall Quiz

On Friday 13th May a very special quiz took place in the village hall at 7.30pm. This event heralded the beginning of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the Ampfield. 47 eager quizzers took part in teams of 6 or less and it was an excellent and good natured evening with 10 challenging and interesting rounds featuring just a hint of general knowledge about the royal family and commonwealth countries. There was a very popular bar and some people brought along picnics to enjoy during the evening. It was our first major hall event since the long period of Covid lockdowns and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend precious social time with much missed friends and family once again. One team member expressed her appreciation by saying :-

"We were very impressed by the way everything was organised in the hall, with great decorations and apparently endless supplies of nibbles. The quiz was really good, didn't you think? It was inventive and different and a great time was had by all."

Julie Trotter



Look at your hands

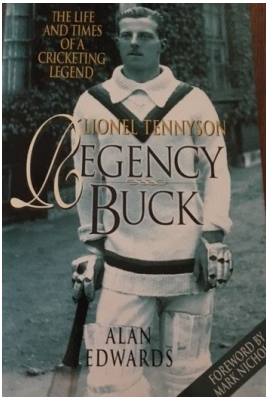
Lyn Smith

Look at your hands
once mine were young
no lumpy veins
no age spots
they have bathed babies
groomed dogs
encouraged plants to grow
when they were young
they painted walls in
unlikely boho colours
but that was
many moons ago
they are still able
to cook and type
wrap presents and
stroke a needy dog
turn pages of a novel
late into the night
and stroke your beard
and hold your hand
and surprisingly
your hand looks
much the same



THE CENTENARY OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CRICKET MATCH

By Alan Edwards



The 14th of June marks the centenary the start of an extraordinary cricket match, arguably the most remarkable ever played. Hampshire were bowled out by Warwickshire at Edgbaston, Birmingham, for just 15 in their first innings, yet went on to win the match by 155 runs.

Both sides were representative of the social mores of the period. Hampshire were captained by the Hon. Lionel Tennyson and Warwickshire by the Hon. Frederick Somerset Gough Calthorpe. Tennyson, grandson of the poet, a larger than life character, ascended to the baronetcy in 1928. Among Calthorpe's family land ownings were tracts of North Hampshire in the Fleet area. Both played for England. As an aside, the latter was the uncle of Henry - Blowers - Blofeld, the famous broadcaster.

Most of the Hampshire team travelled to the match from Southampton by train on the previous evening. However, one of the main requirements for selection in the Tennyson era was the ownership of a car, so that the captain could maximise his social calendar. On this occasion, he was duly conveyed by Harold Day, an army officer with the Royal Artillery and an England rugby international. Day was fully aware of Tennyson's nocturnal capers, and agreed to drive him on the understanding that they arrived in Birmingham "at a reasonable hour". Any accord reached soon went by the board as Tennyson "made lengthy calls at several country houses and did not get to bed until dawn was breaking". Day tried to remonstrate with his captain but was told not to worry as he would win the toss. He duly did so, but much to Day's dismay, asked Warwickshire to bat, as the pitch was slightly damp.

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It was thus a sound decision and the home side were bowled out for 223 by tea. Day could now look forward to his rest, or so he thought. What happened next has passed into cricket folklore. By now the pitch was perfect, but Hampshire were inexplicably bowled out for 15 in 40 minutes. When Day came to the wicket, the Warwickshire wicketkeeper, "Tiger" Smith, mischievously asked him if he had enjoyed his nap!

Calthorpe proposed the two teams play golf at Stourbridge on the following afternoon as the match would be over by then. "This brought an immediate flood of Anglo - Saxon from Tennyson, who said that not only would Hampshire be batting until lunchtime on the third day, but would win the match". His statement prompted a flurry of betting activity. Substantial wagers at long odds for a Hampshire victory were laid by a bookmaker in the pavilion. By close of play, Hampshire, following on, had slipped to 98 for three. Day, dismissed for a second time on the day, could at last look forward to his sleep.

Before play on the second day, a postcard was delivered to Tennyson suggesting he should give up cricket and take his team to paint spots on rocking horses. He told his players. Now if there was one man in the Hampshire side who should never be affronted it was George Brown. He took offence. He was an imposing individual. Oxford-born, fiercely proud, tall, powerful, utterly fearless, with high cheek bones and the reddest of complexions, he opened the batting and kept wicket for Hampshire and England, as well as opening the bowling for the County. He was a magnificent close to the wicket fielder and was adjudged the furthest thrower in the game. He was, though, a man of moods but when his mind was set, there have been few, if any, better all-round cricketers in the history of the game.



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Later on in the morning, Hampshire fell to 177 for six, still 31 runs in arrears, with four wickets remaining. However, Brown was still there. In the afternoon, he led one of cricket's great comebacks. Such was his inspiration and leadership, the last four wickets added a scarcely credible 344 runs. He made an epic 172 in four and three quarter hours. Crucially, he added 177 for the ninth wicket with Walter Livsey, who scored his maiden century (110).

Livsey was Hampshire's first-choice wicketkeeper, even though the omnipotent Brown was present. His role in the side was unique. For he was Tennyson's valet. A sensitive man, his health eventually broke down because of the strain of keeping pace with his captain's frenetic lifestyle.

Hampshire's final total of 521, reached on the third morning, meant that Warwickshire needed 314 to win. At the end of the innings, Day commented that Tennyson's "tail, never approaching a trailing position, was supremely vertical". Warwickshire were, by now, demoralised and fell away before the taciturn Scot, Alec Kennedy, and Southsea-born Jack Newman, another sensitive man, for 158. Even today, 100 years on, the events on those three days in Birmingham, continue to capture the imagination. Lionel Tennyson subsequently threw a vast party for his team with the proceeds from his wagers. Throughout his life, he always spent money as quickly as he acquired it.

Alan Edwards



Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. Predictions.
2. Fruit.
3. M6. 230 miles.
4. 1986.
5. A fear of skin disease.
6. Taxidermy.
7. Arthur.
8. Oliver reed.
9. Roger Moore.
10. Dutch.



A Kitchen Garden (G4G) By Graham Roads

As April moves into May and Spring moves into Summer, our kitchen garden really begins to come to life. All the little uncertainties that arose from seeds not germinating, the ground being too wet or too dry or too cold or not fertile enough; all these little things are gradually receding into the mists of time as we watch how our plants grow.

A kitchen garden, even a tiny one, brings with it lots of pleasure and anticipation. It can teach many lessons. One of the more pertinent this year has been the importance of patience. Stuff happens when it is ready. All we can do is to set the scene, provide the right ingredients and, above all, not fiddle! For instance, take a recent second sowing of broad beans, (the first one was hopeless), although slow at first it is now successful, still with fresh signs of seed germination.



Another good lesson is plant hygiene. It is difficult enough trying to protect our future little pieces of edible enchantment from pets and people trampling all over them but we also need to keep them clear of those unseen pests and diseases that lurk in dark corners or grubby plant pots and tools. It is worth making sure equipment is clean and the ground kept clear of debris.

The main jobs over the past month have been potting on, thinning out, putting in supports and resisting the temptation to plant stuff too early, e.g. while there was a chance of a frost. On the subject of frosts, we had a really bad one some weeks ago and, despite being in the greenhouse, a couple of tomato plants and a couple of peppers were both badly affected. Interestingly, after a few days new growth began to appear from the plant nodes. We decided to remove the damaged tissue and see what happened. So far, so good - Fingers crossed!

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Every year, around each bed, we erect some low fencing to deter our springer spaniel from trampling his size 12 paws all over them. He clearly has a natural dislike for turning corners; he much prefers to run in a straight line. A practise that can lead to a number of one-sided conversations, which can all be avoided by a simple fence. They are simple to make from some 25mm fencing posts, some 500mm plastic fencing and some bits of wire and

can be quite attractive. They do help to prevent pets and people trampling all over the places where they shouldn't be.

Although the main crops are still some weeks off, we can still enjoy the fresh taste of home picked produce. Herbs like rosemary and sage are excellent right now and can be used to put a zing into many dishes. It would be great if we could all put together a collection of recipes over the summer, focusing on stuff that we have grown ourselves. We could ask Chris and Rob to be editors. All thoughts, ideas and contributions, are welcome.



As usual, all the information needed for growing vegetables successfully can be found on the RHS website (<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own>). This also provides some a great summary and good ideas on what to do now.

Graham Roads

Thought for the Month

This month has been a roller coaster of very happy and then very sad days. On Saturday the 14th May my son Fraser married his lovely, happy, funny fiancé Martha in St Mark's Church, it was joyous. Theirs is a true love story having met at the age of 14 and although they parted in their teens they stayed friends throughout the next 14 years. During lockdown they found themselves single and decided to get together and walk, which they did, a lot! In the following months their romance grew as once again they found that special connection but this time they were ready to fall in love.

Just 8 days after the wedding Fraser's much loved grandad, Chick, passed away. He had been unwell but still the death was not expected. Two things happened within the 48 hours of his death, Chick's daughter had travelled from Australia for the wedding and on the Friday had waved her goodbyes to us to continue her journey to Scotland. Yes, she got to see her dad in time not knowing what was about to occur. On the 22nd May she visited her mother's grave as it was exactly 6 years since her death. She laid some flowers and whispered a prayer to her mum, 'Please Myra take your Chick as he's ready to go'. As she got in her car at the cemetery her husband called to say her dad has passed away. Had he waited for her and then gone to join his much loved wife, we will never know.

The amazing thing about this story is the love surrounding the two happy couples which conquers all. Fraser will be mourning his grandfather but now has his own partner to face life's difficult days. And Chick, well I think he has waited 6 long years to be reunited with Myra and now he is at peace.

1 Corinthians 13:13

The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.



**Brief Report of St. Mark's
PCC meeting
held on
Thursday 12 May 2022**

It was lovely to meet face to face again, and Revd. Vanessa opened our meeting with a prayer. Below are some of the items that were discussed:-

A security camera

has now been installed in the car park, thanks to a charity donation from the Parish Council. We are very grateful to Martin Hatley and are hoping this will deter thieves.

Payment/Donations using mobile phones

The PCC is in the process of setting up a system of payments/donations using mobile phones, which will be so useful for those who no longer carry cash with them. Vanessa is happy to mention this is available, at certain services, weddings etc.

Wifi

Phil Budden has been able to run wifi for St. Mark's Room and thinks it will be feasible without fixing a landline. This will be useful for those hiring the room, and for Tidy Church on the first Sunday of the month. It would also be good to have this facility in the Church somewhere in the future if possible.

Windows

There are problems with several windows, some in St. Mark's Room and the toilets. We are soon to have an Inspection, and will wait to see what is recommended.

New Service Plan

It is wonderful to have a service in Church every Sunday. There will now be an organist for two of our services each month, which is really good news. The first Sunday is "Tidy Service" which is also streamed. This is held in St. Mark's Room and it would be lovely to see more people coming to this and all our services.

Rotas

If you would like to help with cleaning the Church and St Mark's Room, or brass cleaning, providing flowers for the altar for one month, or volunteering to be a Sidesperson, to welcome people into Church, do have a word with Vanessa, or one of the Churchwardens.

Did you know that North Baddesley Library will soon be operating out of All Saints Church which will bring many people into the church building.

Vanessa is keen for us to use our Churches in other creative ways, and reach out into the wider community.

Fete/Dog Show

Plans for Friday 3 June are going well. Do come along and enjoy all the activities available. It will be a fun day for everyone, beginning at 11.30am. Lots to eat and drink too! See you there!

**Jennie Edwards
(PCC Secretary)**



Rotas for St. Mark's June 2022

Date Service	Sides 1 & 2	Reader 1	Reader 2	Inter-cessions	Coffee * Music
5th June 9.30 Tidy Church Pentecost	n/a				Jean S * Mark & Abbie
12th June 9.30 Holy Communion Trinity	Jennie E Mark B	Jean S <i>Proverbs</i> 8, 1-4 22-31	Chris <i>Romans</i> 5, 1-5	Sally Kerson	Heather C Jean S * Organ/Jean
19th June 9.30 Holy Communion Trinity 1	Daryl Ron	Jean S <i>Isiah</i> 65, 1-9	Heather S <i>Galatians</i> 3, 23-29	Jean S	Cathy Chris * Jean
26th June 9.30 Holy Communion Trinity 2	Sally C Heather C	Ron <i>1 Kings</i> 19, 15-16 19-21	Doreen <i>Galatians</i> 5.1, 13-25	Sally Kerson	Jennie E Heather S * Organ/Jean



Coffee after Communion

We need more volunteers please. If you are able to offer your services, please contact Jean Smith 01794 519685.

A prayer for honesty in our leaders

Dear Lord,

I lift up all those that are in leadership position
in our government,
both locally and nationally.

May they be endowed with wisdom,
strength and justice to administer
their duties in a manner that is right
and pleasing in Your sight.

Amen



Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Leaders>

Information

If you need any Zoom meeting links, would like to join in with readings or intercessions, would like prayers said for you or someone you know, or would just like to comment, please email joinin@acnb-church.org.

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