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Letter from the Curate-in-Training

Isn't it lovely to see the days getting longer and to feel that we are emerging from the slow days of winter? That sense of moving from greyness to colour, from darkness to light, is particularly relevant to this part of the Christian year. Lent was a period of preparation and waiting, followed by the Passion story of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. But then we moved into the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Day and the hope that it gives us all. In the words of Pope John Paul II: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song". And everywhere I look, nature is also saying 'hallelujah'!

Like many people, however, I don't spend nearly enough time enjoying this burst of new life and all the promise it brings. I don't always take the opportunity to watch as the buds on the cherry tree open up, or the leaves unfurl and bathe in the sunlight. I don't often stand still to listen to the birds singing their hearts out. And this is a shame because Spring reminds us that there is always hope even when we feel that the world has become a grim place and the future is uncertain.

I thought of this in the light of the disaster that struck Notre Dame Cathedral recently. The sight of the flames engulfing the building was terrible, but hope never died. The courage and skill of the firefighters preserved the integrity of the building's structure. Despite the danger of being burned by molten lead, many people formed a human chain to rescue precious artefacts. Yes, much was destroyed, but much will be rebuilt. Much was lost, but much was saved.

Victor Hugo's great novel 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' contains a description of a pair of bellows engraved with "Spira, Spera" – "where there is breath, there is hope". And that is a message which is entirely fitting in this Easter season. In the midst of bad news such as the horrific events in Sri Lanka, when it is difficult to comprehend news even when it is good, Jesus tells us that all will be well. Even when everything seemed lost on the cross, hope remained and that is God's enduring Easter gift to us.

With my best wishes.

Ilona Cheyne

[Ilona is a member of the Benefice congregation who has been training for ministry in the Church of England. She will be ordained Deacon on 29 June 2019 at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and will serve as Assistant Curate in the Benefice.]

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Faggots were bundles of small sticks and twigs tied together and thoroughly dried.

“Fings ain’t wot they used to be.”

Before my time Britain was the strongest country in the world. About 80 % of the world’s shipping was made here. We invented the steam engine and the railway system and exported them all over the world and our Navy literally ruled the waves. We had the ability to administer the affairs of dozens of other countries and very large areas of territory all over the planet. We also invented the armoured tank and radar and designed and built the first computer

I can remember when railway trains ran frequently and most of them stopped in our station. Railway staff was there every day. There were an adequate number of buses to all surrounding towns. Bread, meat, milk, hardware and newspapers were brought to everybody’s door. Every village had a dedicated roadman who kept it all clean and tidy. Also a vicar in all villages with at least three church services every Sunday. The doctor would visit a home for a medical problem any time day or night.

Jobs were available for all school leavers either in local businesses or in towns via trains or buses. There seemed to be enough workers in Britain to do all the building work and farm work, including the picking of hops, fruit and vegetables. Our top football clubs found enough British players to form their teams and all types of sport were available for viewing on terrestrial television.

WHAT HAPPENED !

Jim Pearse

OVER THERE!

Over there, over there.

The Yanks are coming,

The Yanks are coming,

And we won't be coming home

'Till it's over, over there.

One spring morning in the early nineteen fifties, on the bus to Burford Secondary Modern School, we children heard overhead the roar of low flying jet planes, flying in a south west direction. B.47's trailing dirty black smoke behind them, followed by B.52's and B.36's, the biggest bomber aircraft known at the time. They were heading for Brize Norton. The American Airforce had arrived to help defend the West against Soviet Russia.

Within a few months the American influence in the district would change our English culture for ever. Bill Haley and his Comets and Rock and Roll would soon sweep the nation, followed by Elvis Presley, who would send all the young women into a screaming frenzy. I saw this happen to my sister. She bought all his records. I could never understand what all the fuss was about. I can't say I ever liked him. My hero's were Stanley Matthews and Len Hutton. If you don't know who these men were, then in my opinion you should question whether you are English.

Around the Witney area it was soon rife with American goods on the black market. One Christmas my father came from working in Smiths' Industries in Witney with a large bottle of American Whiskey and Cherry Brandy. It was so strong it could have been used to fuel a car.

I think I was about thirteen when the Airforce moved into Brize Norton . After a few months American comics were soon circulating around, Spiderman, Batman, Superman and some classics were turned into comic form. The swapping of these comics at school had to be done very discreetly. If caught by Headmaster Collins, they were taken from us never to be seen again. Strange how times have changed! Some of these comic characters have been made into very successful feature films and the comics are now thought of as popular art of the mid twentieth century.

Headmaster Collins ran the school like a commandant of a prisoner of war camp. Once when one boy deliberately bent a spoon in the dining hall canteen, the boy never came forward to admit the crime, so Collins banned sports afternoons for the rest of the term. Instead the boys were marched around the large playground. If wet we had maths or English. Judging how hard I find writing this, the extra English didn't do me much good.

I have never forgiven Collins for preventing me playing football on games afternoons. It was about the only activity I was any good at, if not better than most of

the other boys. I am old now and I wonder what if any of the headmaster's attitude has rubbed off on me.

One thing I know, when I hear the word 'guy' used, it grates against my senses. I want to shout, "We are not quite the fifty third state yet!"

I still think the Beano and Dandy are the best comics, but the Eagle was best of all.

Fred Russell

DID YOU KNOW

DID YOU KNOW that the road which runs from the Charlbury – Burford road south towards Fairspeare and Leafield, used to be called Woeful Road. I have heard two explanations for the name. One is that the road meanders like 'the rolling British drunkard'. The other, more likely, is that following a death, the road was used to bring inhabitants of Leafield down to be buried in Shipton churchyard. This was before Leafield had its own church. It did have an old chapel but burials had to be in consecrated ground which entailed the trip to Shipton, the mother church of a much larger parish than today including Leafield and Ramsden.

Wendy Pearse

WEATHER WATCH

In the first four months of 2019 only 6.755 inches (172 mm) of rain was recorded in Ascott. This is the lowest rainfall total for these months since 2005 & 2006. We also recorded the highest average day-time temperature at 11.1C since 2011. Does this mean that we can expect a long, hot, dry summer? Perhaps not. In those months where we experienced a dry spring, such as 2017 and 2015, annual rainfall still achieved our long-term average of 30 inches (762mm), so don't put the BBQ out yet!



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I was particularly delighted to recently celebrate the continued success of the 'Safe Place' scheme, a national support network offered by businesses for anyone who feels worried, lost or threatened. The scheme involves businesses signing up to be a designated 'Safe Place', meaning anyone can come in and simply ask for help. Employees will be on hand to support the person, get in touch with their chosen contact, and keep the person safe until the contact arrives.

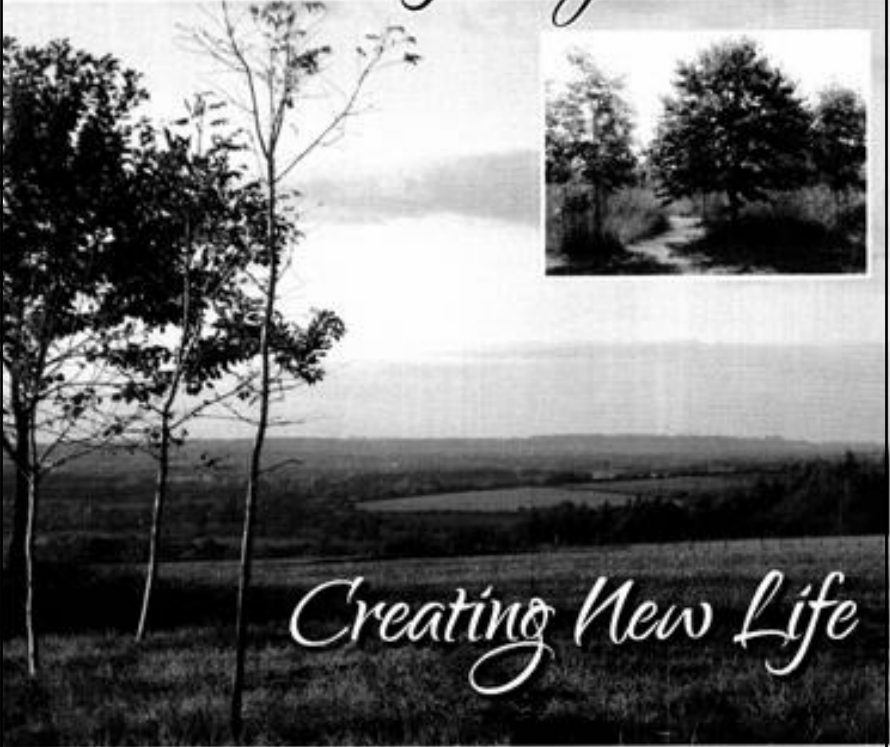
This scheme has been taken up by numerous shops, cafes and organisations right across West Oxfordshire, and it has been wonderful to see the scheme grow; all you need to do is look for the 'Safe Place' sticker in a given window to know that there is someone on hand who can help.

The 'Safe Place' scheme is a simple idea that has immensely benefited local residents; indeed, it is a hugely welcome initiative that will comfort those who have perhaps been nervous about leaving their home for a length of time. I hope to see this scheme continue to expand across West Oxfordshire – and across the UK – to ensure that our communities are places where everyone feels safe. If you think your business can help, please do email me at robert@robertcourts.co.uk to sign up.

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Garden Notes

Take time to smell the Roses!

June is the month of the Rose and while all flowers are beautiful and unique, there is one that stands out far and above the rest, our National Emblem the English Rose.

This timeless flower is one of my favourites; in-fact the Juliet rose is the most expensive rose in the world as it took famed rose breeder David Austin 15 years and £5 million to breed; but there's much more than mere good looks to these blooming beauties. They come in a vast range of colours, many with super scented blooms and ornamental rose hips, and can be grown in borders, containers, and over arches, or as a gorgeous ground cover such as the Flower Carpet Series. They are a member of the Rosaceae family, which contains fruits such as apples, pears and strawberries, as well as ornamentals such as Potentillas and Geums.

It's cultivation goes as far back as 5000 years ago in China. During the Roman period, roses were grown widely in the Middle East, where they were used as confetti or perfume. In the 15th Century the rose was a symbol of the fight for the English throne during the 'War of the Roses'. The white rose represented the House of York, and the red rose symbolised the House of Lancaster.

While red roses are among the most popular today, the earliest known rose colour was pink. Up until the 19th Century, all roses in Europe were white, pink or a combination of the two. Red roses became popular when they were brought over from China. Once red roses became popular, meaning started to become attached to the number in a bouquet and emblematic of true love and passion. Each colour offers a distinct meaning, white, humility and innocence, yellow, friendship and joy, pink, gratitude, appreciation and admiration, orange, enthusiasm and desire, red and purple represent enchantment and love at first sight.

Roses will grow in almost any soil, as long as it is well-drained. Incorporating some well rotted garden compost or manure into the planting area will get your roots off to a flying start. There are so many different roses, possibly one for any spot in the garden, from a pot on a sunny patio, to a climber on a North-facing wall. Roses are deep rooted plants and once established can survive on the moisture present naturally in the soil. But, in the first few years after planting and where the soil is especially dry, thorough watering is recommended every 10 days in prolonged dry spells. Roses in containers need to be watered so that the compost never dries out this could be every day in hot weather.

Roses are hungry plants that respond well to generous feeding. Sprinkle rose fertiliser around their base in Spring, mulch with rotted manure immediately after adding fertiliser. Keep the mulch clear of the rose stems leaving a 10cm gap between the mulch and stems. Feed roses in containers every fortnight from mid-spring until late summer with a general purpose liquid fertiliser until flower buds form

and then with a high potassium liquid fertiliser such as tomato feed. Roses should be dead headed after flowering , but only on varieties that do not produce attractive hips after flowering. Roses can suffer from numerous pests and diseases the most common being blackspot, rust, powdery mildew, brown scale, aphids and replant disease(rose sickness). Wet weather can also ruin the flowers on heavily double flowered forms. However if you are prepared to put the work in roses will reward you richly. If this seems a bit daunting, the good news is Nurseries that breed roses are increasingly developing selections that are pest and disease resistant so look out for these varieties at your local garden centre. Living peachy Coral is the colour on trend for 2019 that will stalk the catwalk of gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show this year and which I think will look amazing set against the warm tones of our Cotswold Stone.

If you only do one thing this week, just smell a rose and appreciate its beauty before June comes to an end!

Juliet Ingram

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Nature Notes

Whilst mowing the lawn and walking in the field behind the allotments I noticed a large number of little volcano-shaped earth mounds, each with a small central hole. After a little research I realised that these were the nests of the Tawny Mining Bee (*Andrena Fulva*), a solitary bee that is locally common and can be found across Europe from the Balkans to southern Scandinavia. In Britain it is found in southern England, south Wales and parts of East Anglia, the Midlands and north Wales.



Although it is a solitary bee where one nest is found there are often many more. They can appear in fields, garden lawns, embankments and urban parks, anywhere where the vegetation is short and preferably reasonably sparse. The female bee's thorax is covered with dense orange/red hair and she is 10-12mm long, about the same size as a honey bee. The male is smaller and less brightly coloured.

They emerge from their nests in early spring, seeming to time the start of their emergence when the first Dandelions are in flower and remain on the wing until June. Like all bees they feed on nectar and collect nectar and pollen for their young. As well as Dandelions they can also be found feeding on Buttercups, Blackthorn, Maple, Willows and fruit trees.



The Tawny Mining Bee mates in spring, after which the male dies and the female starts to build her nest. This consists of a vertical shaft 8 to 12 inches deep with several brood cells branching off. Each cell is filled with a mixture of nectar and pollen on which she lays one egg. The eggs hatch within a few days and the larva grows quickly, feeding on the food left by the female. Within a few weeks they will have pupated ready to emerge as adults in the following spring.

You might consider that the developing young would be safe from predators and parasites as they are hidden underground, but no. The Large Bee-Fly (a fly that mimics the appearance of a bee) is a known parasite of Tawny Mining Bees and other mining bees and wasps. Once mated the female bumblebee look-alike hovers

in front of an open nest cavity and flicks its eggs inside. Its offspring will hatch in the nest and consume the stored food as well as the young bees.

Fortunately, both Mining Bees and Bee-Flies are both excellent pollinators so at least nature is keeping a balance.

Stuart Fox

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ASCOTT CHURCH

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FOOTPRINTS FROM ASCOTT'S PAST

Part 6

The earliest Will attributed to Ascott that I have come across, is dated to 1526, just as Henry VIII was beginning to determine his future with Anne Boleyn. England at that time was a totally Catholic country with preference given to the Pope in Rome and the wording of the Will reflects this scenario.

Richard Tayler of Newell, the title given to the man who dictated the Will, was obviously a wealthy man residing in Wychwood Forest. When you walk along today's long forest footpath which emerges at Finstock, as you approach the wall around Cornbury with the deer leap and turn right towards the lakes, the long open stretch of land to your right leads to Newell Plain. However it seems likely that Richard lived in Ranger's Lodge since he mentioned Shortington Lodge being newly slated and Shortington [Shorthampton] Lodge later became known as Ranger's Lodge.

The heirs of this probably middle aged Richard, were his wife Anne and young son Robert and daughter Elisabeth. However he also mentions Thomas, his son's son who was to have 60 shillings and a small, strong saddle horse, perhaps indicating an illegitimate son or grandson. On reaching fourteen Robert was to have his father's land whilst meantime wife Anne had the profit thereof. If Robert died the land would go to Elisabeth. If both children died then the land was to go to John Bond [an executor with Anne] and William Tayler of whom no relationship is given. No more is known about the Taylers, however the Bonds do seem to have prospered in Ascott, a later John, then William, owning land and Ascott Doyley House in the village.

Richard left bequests of rich clothing, furred coat, silk doublet etc. and a number of individuals were gifted horses. Wild pigs still lived in the forest at that time and Richard was obviously a hunting man with rights to hunt one of the walks in the forest. Other bequests included bows, arrows and hunting knives.

Along with his numerous horses, Richard must have also owned cattle and sheep and these sheep are an indication of one of the religious practises of the time. Nicholas Bradshaw was the father of Richard's goddaughter Elisabeth who along with her four brothers were each to have a sheep. And a sheep was also to go to the upkeep of Ascott's bells, one to the lights of the torches in the church and one each to the shrines of St Antony, St Nicholas and Our Lady of Pity. One wonders how elaborately decorated Ascott Church was at that time, perhaps with wall paintings and medieval stained glass. The sheep indicated in these bequests would have been


kept for their wool and the profit from the wool would have become the yearly bequest. English wool was greatly valued in those days.

Nicholas Bradshaw and Robert Camden were to act as overseers of the Will and in this office they were to see the Will performed for the health of Richard's soul. Richard bequeathed his soul to Jesus Christ, St Mary and all the whole company of heaven. The overseers were to hire a priest to sing for twelve months for Richard's soul and he asked also for a set of 30 requiem masses. Richard left money to Ascott church where he wished to be buried. The chapel at Leafield was to have wages to find a priest to say mass there on Sundays and Holydays and to do the same during the weekdays at Ascott.

When Richard died there was no indication of how religious life in this country was about to change. But in a few short years the question of Henry VIII's 'Great Matter', his marriage to Anne Boleyn, would irretrievably alter the dictates of Richard Tayler's Will as the Church of England became the established religion of the country and Roman Catholic practises were dispensed with.

Wendy Pearse

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Jake Acock-District Councillor

I would also like to thank the residents of Ascott for helping me during my first year of being a district councillor for Ascott and Shipton ward.

Over the last year, some major changes have taken place in West Oxfordshire, with one of the biggest changes being the Local Plan being accepted. It will now be in place until 2031. This plan is a bad plan for the whole of West Oxfordshire. To have a Local plan is essential, in order to protect the environment and the residents concerned. However, this Local Plan did not do that and that is why I voted against this. As I campaigned on, we need true affordable homes for younger people to be able to get on the property ladder and, for local residents to be able to stay in the community they grew up in or made their home. Furthermore, the plan has failed to highlight adequate infrastructure improvements across the District. For example, it did not stress where road improvements are needed due to the prospective increase in number of cars and vehicles. As this plan has been voted through by the Conservative-administration, I will still challenge and scrutinise every proposal still yet to come. One example, I put forward in this plan was to add a consultation on bringing back the Witney to Oxford Railway, with a link to RAF Brize Norton, and for people in Ascott and Shipton, to dual the Cotswold Line, meaning improved train services into Worcester and London, and more trains. Sadly, just last week it was announced there will be fewer trains stopping at Charlbury, with the service reduced to just one an hour into London and no direct link to Worcester Foregate Street. This is the exact opposite of what we need: we need to dual the Cotswold Line (not just the section around Hanborough) and to work towards a stopping service going to Oxford, from the rural villages like Ascott and Shipton.

One of my biggest achievements this year has been to make sure that the Bowerham development, on the Ascott Road, has followed the law and enforcement are now scrutinising everything they do, to make sure they have planning permission, and, if they do not, they will have to revert back to how the building was before they converted the said retrospective planning development.

Planning is one of the biggest departments I have to deal with, however, there are many other, and more uplifting issues, I have been able to deal with this year and will carry on working for the next year or so. I have managed to campaign on greater training for councillors and staff members: LGBT+ training; BME training; and gender equality training. I look forward to these put on the training agenda for the next year. I have taken up a range of casework from potholes, aggressive hogweed, speeding in our villages, drugs in our village parks and, enjoying the odd slice of lemon cake too!

Now let's look on to the year ahead:

Instead of me saying what I want to do in the council chamber and what I would like to raise, I am inviting residents to email me or talk to me later this evening, to let me know what they believe to be the priorities in this ward, and what they would like me to do for them.

I would also like to hold joint surgeries with the Parish Council every three months, in order to be able to talk to more residents.

I just want to say thank you again, and I look forward to the next year ahead.

Cllr Jake Acock

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Vet's Note

No more dog fouling

A number of years ago we had a village fair on the sports fields of Ascott-Under-Wychwood. We were given special permission to allow dogs on the field as we were having a fun dog show. Our practice organised the dog show and supplied dog poo bins and dog poo bags. We thought we had it covered .

I was mortified when I went to the cloakroom and found a distressed young mother and even more distressed toddler. The little girl had stepped into a dog poo. She had been wearing sandals and the mess was squished between her little toes and into the tread of the soles of her shoes. Truly disgusting.

I was ashamed that we as dog owners had allowed this to happen.

Unfortunately the situation in our village is once again getting out of hand. Our council is being inundated with complaints about irresponsible dog owners who are not picking up their dog's poo or are picking up and then hanging the bags in trees and hedges. We have numerous dog poo bins in the village and bags are available from the village shop and other outlets. We can and must do something about the distress that this irresponsible behaviour is causing both non dog owners and responsible dog owners alike.

Not only is it unsightly and smelly and foul, but it is a definite health hazard. The biggest problem is a roundworm called *Toxocara canis* which can cause illness in humans but also BLINDNESS, particularly in young children. The incidence is admittedly low, but who would forgive themselves for causing it?

The best way to prevent this is to pick up your dog's faeces immediately. This is what the majority of dog owners do. It is a small number of dog owners who let the side down and gives all dog owners a bad name.

Toxocara canis, or roundworm lives in the digestive tract of the dog and lays eggs which are released in the dog's faeces. The eggs can live for a number of years in the environment. So even contact with infected soil can be a problem. Worm your dog regularly - there are a number of very good products available. Ask your vet. And don't forget to carry enough bags with you, always more than you will need

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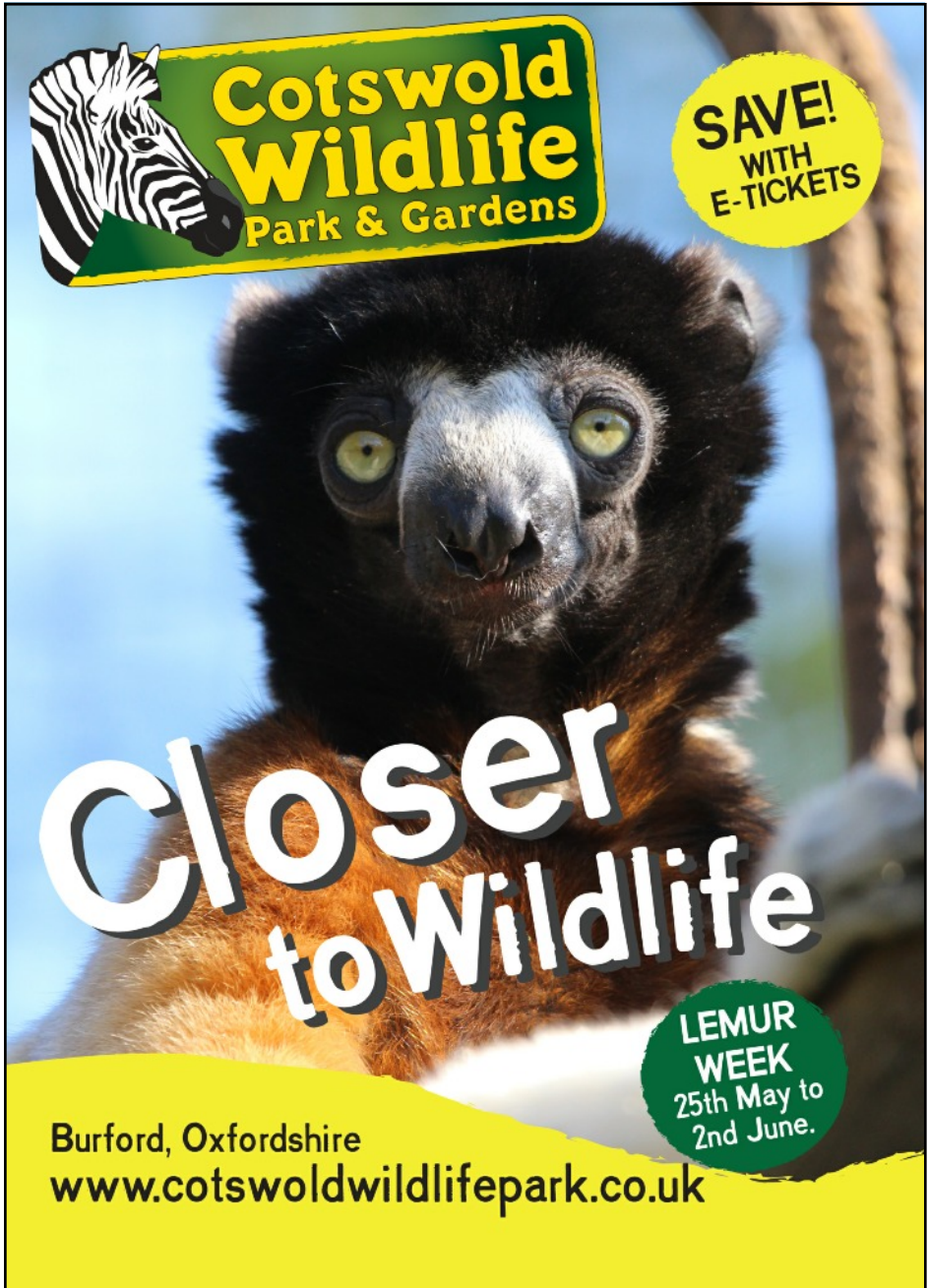
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APRIL 2019

This past quarter has been a time to tidy up as many loose ends as possible, batten down the hatches against some storms, finalise plans for the months ahead and enjoy a new burst of energy and optimism. I could be talking about PC matters, the garden or life in general.....

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Graham Ranson has decided to step down - we are very grateful to him for the work he has done. We wish him all the best with his new family life and flourishing business and we do hope that he will return to PC work later in his career.

The empty post was advertised according to WODC regulations and one person came forward. Many thanks to Pauline Plant for agreeing to become our newest recruit – she is a longstanding resident of the Green and well known for her role in making Ascott Pre-School so successful.

If anyone is interested in working on the Parish Council in the future we would love to hear from you – Councillors come and go regularly, often due to changed personal circumstances. Come and hear what we do - everyone is welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings (every second Monday in the month except August, 7.30pm in the upstairs Meeting Room of Tiddy Hall).

ROADS

County Councillor Liz Leffman reported that OCC has budgeted an extra £30m for road improvements. The Parish Council has sent reports on the state of Ascott roads and these will be put forward for consideration in 2019/20 work. But we have asked that no major road improvements start until Gigaclear complete their work.

Whilst many potholes have been reported, can the PC courteously remind residents that the quickest way to get these fixed is to report them directly on the FIX MY STREET section of the Oxfordshire County Council website. The PC can only do the same on residents' behalf. C Cllr Leffman reports that more staff have been employed to process these reports and it is much more efficient. It is easier to report from a smart phone if you have one as the GPS will report the location exactly. She also believes that the more people that report, the more it will be taken seriously.

The Chippy Road River Bridge traffic calming initiative, moved forward to an OCC public consultation which resulted in a majority in favour of a priority control solution, with vehicles coming down the hill giving way to outbound traffic.

The PC duly resolved to ask OCC to proceed with implementation and we now await notification of its target date.

TRANSPORT

Buses: Whilst usage of the WOCT service between Witney and Chippy has matured to an overall encouraging level, the stage between Milton and Chippy has not, and from Monday 29th April that service section has been withdrawn, and the overall timetable consequently altered. Regular users have had full prior warning by WOCT drivers, and copies of the new timetable will be published at the bus stop with spare copies in the Village Shop. The Villager service remains popular and essential for our villagers going to Chippy shops.

Trains: In 2018, both Shipton and Ascott train usage numbers fell sharply by about 30%. CLPG believe this was largely due to the impact of poor reliability on GWR but it could also reflect the shift to the evidently attractive Chiltern Line service from Oxford Parkway to Marylebone! Whatever the cause, residents reducing their usage only helps the GWR Franchise to retain its stubborn refusal to offer any very modest weekday or weekend additional service at Ascott, despite consistent requests by CLPG. We await the publishing of the new timetable that should apply in December - it is expected to improve train frequency from most stations, except of course Ascott!

ALLOTMENTS

This last year has been a difficult one for all growers across the country, with poor weather early on (the 'Beast from the East'), late spring and drought. Vegetables suffered, but for many later season fruits did well.

But gardeners are nothing if not adaptable and optimistic. Cllr Leach is delighted to report that whilst some have left the allotments, we have four new holders to take their place and have reached capacity. There is a good bunch of people at the allotments and a nice sense of community. Most, if not all, have been encouraged to join MUWAGA, the Milton Under Wychwood Allotment and Garden Association, and some have taken advantage of the bulk seed orders and discounts. There are regular talks given at Milton village hall to which members (and friends) are invited and welcome. Once the pub re-opens Cllr Leach will be sending invites for an allotment holders' get-together to discuss ideas, swap seeds and discover what will grow well in these parts.

The biggest challenge at the Ascott allotments remains the lack of water. The cost of providing piped water at Ascott was investigated some years ago and found to be untenable. In the absence of a supply, we need to do all we can to capture and retain rainfall there. So, as a pilot scheme, the Parish Council has purchased two large water containers (IBCs) to evaluate whether there is sufficient rainfall that

capturing will make a difference. One has been set up against a shed, the other with a large funnel arrangement. We will monitor their usefulness after a year and we remain open to other suggestions.

DEFIBRILLATORS

We are pleased to be able to report we had a very successful training session with 22 villagers in attendance during March. **Can we remind everyone that in the unfortunate event that anyone needs to use the defib that they call 999 first. The Ambulance Service will talk you through what you need to do and give you the code for the cupboard.**

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Over the past 8 years the Parish Council responsibility to account for its maintenance programme of village assets has grown and been formalised. ‘Risk Assessment’ can raise hackles on the back of necks and it is a big part of our work but it can also be very satisfying and we hope that residents see improvements. Work is done by contractors, Parish Councillors and volunteers and next on our agenda will be renewing the notice boards.

The largest space that we are responsible for is of course the Playing Field including the Playground and our only building, the Pavilion. The playing field has taken up a lot of time, effort, local and grand funding over the past 3 years. We are establishing what seems to be a successful new maintenance programme which is coming in below budget (shared by the PC and Sports Club) and we are seeing increased use of all the facilities. The Pavilion is 20 years old now and is nearly at the end of a programme of repairs and re-decoration. The final big challenge is to improve the roadway and parking within the site– this is taking time to plan, mainly because experts cannot agree, but we hope that the eventual improvements will reduce the number of Sports Club users parking on the High St.

One of the highlights of the Volunteer calendar is the Annual Village Litter Pick! Turnout this year was brilliant with the youngest volunteer being under 1 year old. Dogs also turned up for the walk. We managed to cover further than have ever –
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND POLICING

The Parish Council hosted this annual event at the end of April. It is where all the village organisations are invited to present an annual report and we try to make the evening a relaxed meeting where questions can be asked and information shared. Thames Valley Police were able to send a constable, PC Rob Webb, for the first time in several years and he was very informative. PC Webb has recently moved back to Chipping Norton, he is the only Police Constable and he works in a team of 4. They will move to an upstairs room in the Fire Station on 10 June and the old Police Station will be sold.

He spoke about hare coursing being a major issue in West Oxfordshire and also about police concerns about 'County Lines' drugs dealing moving to the District. He supported District Cllr Acock's suggestion of bringing the 'Drugs Bus' to the area to educate local young people on the dangers of taking drugs. PC Webb also supported a SpeedWatch programme as he said that everything is reported to the local police, analysed and repeat offenders dealt with by the police. He commented that in some communities they have found that the worst repeat offenders are residents themselves! Once they had been 'dealt with' (his words) then the problem was greatly reduced, not only because those residents stopped offending but also because, if all residents stick to the speed limits, then they can hold up others who try to speed. Sneaky!

Finally PC Webb recommended using the Thames Valley website for reporting a non-emergency issue or phone 101 if you have no internet. There is also a Chipping Norton e-mail address – chippingnortonnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk – which is monitored locally and will be dealt with within 3 days. In addition there is an automatic alert system to warn people of any repeat problems in the local area and you are encouraged to sign up to thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. More information available elsewhere in this issue.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with the Parish Council, do get in touch.

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Wychwood Library

Wychwood Library News:

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July 13th is the launch date of this year's Summer Reading Challenge which encourages 4-11 year olds to read at least six books over the long Summer holidays. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge. The theme this year is 'Space Chase', inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Drop into the library to find out more!

The Afternoon Reading Group: Bury your nose in a good book

'Five women meet for their first reading group, little realising this social gathering over books and glasses of wine might see them share more than literary debate ... and will, in fact, take each of them to places they'd never imagined.'

Although this was written as a review of Elizabeth Noble's book 'The Reading Group,' it could nearly describe the afternoon reading group which meets in the library in Milton on the second Thursday of each month from 1.30-2.30pm. I say nearly because we give the wine a miss!

If you have ever stood in the library unable to find a book that you fancy reading then the book group could be for you. The books are often unlike anything you have read before or would choose to read. They come from library HQ in Oxford. We were sent a long list from which to choose. Preferences were then collated and sent in. Some of the books have been a pleasant surprise, some have been absolute shockers - we don't always get to the end. That does not matter because either way you can say what you liked or disliked. We rarely agree. What do they say about one man's meat is another man's poison?

Everyone's opinion is welcomed and valued and we don't take things too seriously. I have gone on to read some titles by authors that the book group has introduced me to and other members of the group say the same.

Just come along if you have an hour to spare and see if you like it. If you don't feel able to just walk in, ring me and one of us will take you along and do the introductions.

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Langley Mill

Langley Mill

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Ascott Preschool

Spring at Ascott Preschool: feathers, fleece and dragon flames

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While most of the chicks were all fluffy and dry by the time we saw them, some of the children were lucky enough to see one come out of the egg still wet and exhausted from the hatching – we had spoken about this beforehand, so it was great to reinforce this. We finished with 20 chicks, and the children were fascinated to watch how quickly they grew.

We enjoyed a (rather damp) walk to see the new lambs in the flock of sheep known as the ‘Wychwood Woolly Wonders’, which are kept just across the road from Tiddy Hall. The children loved matching up the lambs to the ewes by looking for the sprayed markings on their fleece. Thank you to the team for having us.

We celebrated World Book Day by asking the children to bring in their favourite books to share. We focused on ‘The Tiger Who Came To Tea’ because a huge tiger had taken up residence in the kitchen role play area and welcomed the children into the setting – luckily it turned out he was just a very large soft toy. Staff and children all wore striped clothing to keep him company.

Marianne from Wychwood Library visited us, dressed as a very colourful Zog the dragon. She read the Zog story to the children. After the story we all made dragons from a tube, complete with colourful ribbons that become ‘flames’ if you blow through the tube. Thank you, Marianne!

If you’d like to find out more about Ascott Preschool visit our website www.ascottpreschool.co.uk, or contact Pauline via email (ascott_pp@btinternet.com) or phone (01993 832671).



Date for your diary: Summer Fun Day and BBQ, Saturday 15th June

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of entertainment, to be held at Ascott Playing Field from 11:30am until 3pm on Saturday 15th June.

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If you are a student, particularly if you are planning to embark on further education, we are able to make grants towards the cost of books and materials required for your courses.

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TIDDY HALL

There has been a big increase in the amount of Children's Parties booked at **Tiddy Hall** over the last 12 months. It's a great space to entertain active youngsters, so do keep it in mind when thinking about a birthday party for your child. For villagers it's only £11.40 per hour to hire **Tiddy Hall**, which includes the use of the kitchen.

Early April saw a very successful evening at **Tiddy Hall** when **Flix in the Stix** screened the film **Bohemian Rhapsody**. Fantastic food, as always, was provided by Ceci McGee. We would like to hold another film evening in October, showing the film **Fisherman's Friends**. October 19th - save the date!!!

The Wychwood Folk Club has had a fantastic start to the year and continues into the summer season with the following dates:

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Tickets for **The Summer Dance** on June 22nd are £10 in advance and can be booked with Mark & Elaine – 01993 831427. It's a 60's & 70's night and entertainment includes **Three Piece Sweet** and the **Wychcraft Rock & Pop Choir**! The evening will begin at 7.30pm and there will be a chance to buy food from the BBQ. All proceeds will go to **The Ascott Grapevine**!

The **Sunday Tea Dances** are continuing to be popular. Summer dates are June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th & September 1st.

June 8th will see **Roseneath School of Music's Annual Summer Concert**. The proceedings will begin at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults & £6 for under 18's.

Please ring Pauline Carter for tickets – 01993 774568.

A charity fundraiser in aid of **Lawrence Home Nursing** will be held on Saturday July 13th, 10am – 2pm. Stalls include Bodyshop/Homemade Cards/Bric a Brac/Face Painting/Stained Glass gifts/Raffle/Tombola & more!!! Refreshments will be available - tea/coffee & cake, an ice cream van and food made by The Grumpy Duck. For more information you can contact Carly Halls – carlyehalls@yahoo.co.uk

Summer Yoga is back! The first session will begin on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm and will run for six weeks on every Wednesday during the school summer holidays. Please contact Nikki Jackson for further details and to book your place – nikki@yogafocus.co.uk

Ingrid Ridley

Regular Activities

Monday – Friday Mornings

Pre-school

Contact: Mrs Pauline Plant 07968006451

Monday Afternoons

3.30pm – 6pm Piano Lessons

Contact: Pauline Carter 01993 774568

Monday Night

7pm - 9pm Dancing

Contact: May & Terry Cox 01608 810721

Wednesday Night

6pm – 6.45pm Circuits

Contact: Simon Gidman 01993 831479

7.30pm – 8.30pm

Happy Fitness

Contact: Andrea Forrester 07747 853989

Thursday Night

7.30pm – 8.30pm Qigong

Contact: Pam Quirke 07780 572283

Friday Afternoons

3.30pm – 6pm Piano Lessons

Contact: Pauline Carter 01993 774568

1st Sunday of each Month

2.30pm – 5pm Sunday Tea Dance

Contact: May & Terry Cox 01608 810721

Post Office runs every Friday afternoon 2pm – 4pm

Special Events:

Sun June 2 nd	Tea Dance	2.30-5pm
Sat June 8 th	Roseneath School of Music Summer Concert	7.30pm
Sat June 15 th	Folk Night	7.30pm
	Steve Knightly	
Sat June 22 nd	Summer Dance Charity Event	
Weds July 3 rd	Tiddy Hall Trustees AGM Committee Room	8.0pm
Sun July 7 th	Tea Dance	2.30 - 5pm
Sat July 13 th	Lawrence Home Nursing Fundraiser	10am-3pm
Weds July 17 th	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Weds July 24 th	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Sun Aug 4 th	Tea Dance	2.30pm-5pm
Weds Aug 7 th	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Weds Aug 14 th	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Weds Aug 21 st	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Weds July 17 th	Summer Yoga	7.30pm-9pm
Sun Sept 1 st	Tea Dance	2.30pm-5pm
Sat Sept 7 th	Folk Night	7.30pm
	Luke Jackson	

WYCHWOOD FOLK CLUB



In association with the Wychwood Brewery
Tiddy Hall, Shipton Rd, Ascott -u- Wychwood, OX7 6AG

Sat May 4th The Gerry Colvin Band + support from Liz Simcock

Tickets £10.00 in advance £12.00 on the door

"Gerry Colvin is a writer of great substance who is able to give us something that has been largely missing in English Music for a long time. His subjects and characters are clearly defined and his songs create strong images and stories which can make us both laugh and cry in the same breath. This man is unique and unforgettable.

Sat June 15th Steve Knightley

Tickets £18.00 in advance £20.00 on the door

As a long-serving troubadour of the folk and acoustic music scene, master songwriter and storyteller Steve Knightley has spent much of his life on the road, collecting songs, stories, anecdotes and observations – with the odd disaster along the way. Steve once again takes to England's highways and byways to present 'Roadworks' – a show which builds on the success of his sell-out 2018 solo tour 'Songs and Stories'. This is a stripped-back, one-man show that's infused with wit, warmth and alchemy, beautifully illustrated by his trenchant songs of history, love and conscience.

**Sat July 20th Wychwood Summer Showcase Featuring 'Kelly Oliver',
The Mark Harrison Band & 'Steve Turner' - Leaffield Village Hall, Lower End,**

Leaffield, Witney OX29 9QJ

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

3 Great Acts, 1 Price, plus BBQ, plenty of parking and hopefully fine weather

Also coming up in 2019

Sat Sept 7 th	Luke Jackson Trio	Tickets £12 in Advance £14.00 on Door
Sat Oct 5 th	The Roving Crows	Tickets £12 in Advance £14.00 on Door
Sat Nov 9 th	Chris Cleverly Trio	Tickets £12 in Advance £14.00 on Door
Sat Nov 23 rd	Martyn Joseph	Tickets £16 in Advance £18.00 on Door
Sat Dec 7 th	The Melrose Quartet	Tickets £12 in Advance £14.00 on Door

All events start at 7.30pm Doors 7.00pm

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS - www.wychwoodfolkclub.com

Or call on 01993831427 / 07870563299 - E-mail: wychwoodfolkclub@zoho.com

The Village Shop Summer 2019

Owned by the village, run by the village and there for the village.

We are economically viable only through the support of our volunteers. Can you help, by volunteering just two hours per week please?

AGM

The AGM will be held in the Swan Inn's functions room on 12 June, starting at 7.30pm. It is open to all the shop's shareholders living in the village.

Annual Volunteers' BBQ

The annual BBQ for our volunteers will be held at Long Barn on 28 July, starting at 12.30pm. I am indebted to Gaynor and Geoff Taylor for their warm invitation to use their garden. Ceci Magee has agreed to provide the food and volunteers have been asked to bring their own drinks.

Shop Opening

We managed to open right through Easter, thanks to our volunteers. The village clearly benefitted from this as our sales figures for that long weekend show.

Costs and Sales

Thanks to some very determined efforts by Bridgette and Geoff, we have managed to keep our overhead, staff and maintenance costs down and we made a small nett profit from sales through the last year. Stuart has saved us over £400 by renegotiating our broadband deal and with the provider of our credit card processor. We have bought a new upright freezer, which brings the essential equipment replacement programme, started three years ago, to an end. The sales through the first quarter of 2019 have held up well.

The annual deep clean of our shelves, equipment, storage and floor was completed by Bridgette and Jean Byrom on Saturday 23 March.

Shop Management

It is impossible to overstate the contribution of our volunteers to this village facility. There are many people who will not be seen behind the till but do vital things behind the scenes to keep the shop running smoothly – organising the rotas during

Ascott Grapevine

the week and at weekends and ordering the newspapers, foodstuffs, greetings cards, beer and hot drinks are just a few of the specific things done for us by willing, selfless people, who together form one grand team effort.

Sadly, we have not been able to find a replacement for Sally Jordan, as our Hon Secretary, since she asked to stand down last year. We have been fortunate that she has stayed on until very recently when Geoff Taylor agreed to take the Minutes of our meetings. We are still looking for a permanent replacement for Sally, so if there is someone out there willing to consider the role, please get in touch with me (telephone 831571). I, too, want to stand down after three years as Chairman and am finding it equally hard to find someone to take over from me – again, if anyone might consider this, please let me know.

I have invited Gaynor Taylor to join the Committee. As the week-day organiser of the rota, I felt she should have a say on all aspects of shop management. I hope our shareholders will formally approve her membership at the AGM.

Nick Leadbetter

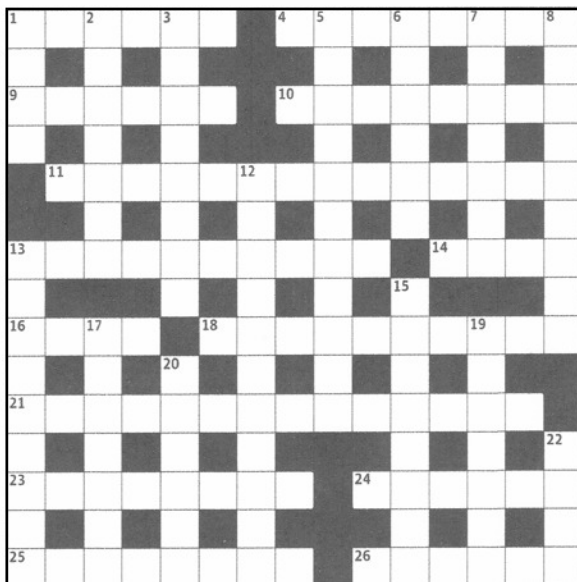


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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Inexperienced male wildebeest conserving energy, trailing home (6)
 4 Lily's relative pole dancing with a dash(8)
 9 Five pound ten bill before the run-up to Christmas (6)
 10 On vacation, preferred to travel back and forth - or hide quietly? (3,5)
 11 The dining room's warmer, of course (7,7)
 13 Rich and hip, those people desire nothing in recession (2,3,5)
 14 A-Z back to front in pine dresser? (4)
 16 Silly fellow loves to appear in court (4)
 18 Treatise on origins of apparently toxic insect pheromone (10)
 21 They painted flowing hair and apple trees (3-11)
 23 Bird on branch fell off its perch (6,2)
 24 Advances of old star? How it hurts to be rebuffed! (6)
 25 Inveigh against unclothed male and female chest (8)
 26 One's wrong to eat no protein (6)

Down

- 1 Penny once refused to bed Russian bloke (4)
 2 Stop working as Independence Day in 1945 beset by disorder (4,3)
 3 20-1 on win bet seen after tips ignored (8)
 5 Hero of a nation condemning segregation (5,6)
 6 It's collided at speed with a drone outside (6)
 7 Harry's commanded Arctic transport unit (7)
 8 Felt they're disliked by the Daily Mail? (5,4)
 12 Unsympathetic treatment of husband after trousseurs split (5,6)
 13 Falling Down oddly billed to follow old American Dad! (9)
 15 Bitterness of account outing trio at start of marriage (8)
 17 Too much exercising leads to often very enervating wheeze (7)
 19 Packed in silica gel, essentially lasting forever (7)
 20 Domestic appliance occupied this spot, briefly (6)
 22 Next layer under bottom of that (4)

Answers for Spring Issue 101

Across	21 Penance	3 Redemption	18 Minivans
9 Title Page	22 Killjoy	4 Caress	19 Teeniest
10 Aroma	24 Sovereign	5 Deportee	22 Kansas
11 Booze	26 Night	6 Make	23 Jigsaw
12 Erogenous	28 Links	7 Motorcar	24 Sale
13 Polypus	29 Shawshank	8 Mass	25 Rest
14 Telecom	Down	13 Put-Up	27 Take
17 Tempi	1 Stab	15 Loneliness	
19 The	2 Stroll	16 Misty	
20 Narks			

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Events Calendar - 2019

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 2 nd	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
Jne 8 th	7.30pm	Roseneath Annual Concert	Tiddy Hall
June 15 th	11.30-3.00pm	Summer Fun Day	Playing Field
	7.30pm	Steve Knightly	Tiddy Hall
June 22 nd	7.30pm	Summer Dance	Tiddy Hall
June 25 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
July 7 th	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
July 13 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
	10-2.00pm	Lawrence Home Nursing Fundraiser	Tiddy Hall
July 20 th	7.30pm	Wychwood Summer Showcase	Leafield Village Hall
July 30 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
August 4 th	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
August 10 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
August 27 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
September 1 st	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
September 7 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
	7.30pm	Luke Jackson Trio	Tiddy Hall
September 24 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
October 5 th	7.30pm	The Roving Crows	Tiddy Hall
October 12 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
October 29 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
October 27 th		Charity Run	
November 9 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
	7.30pm	The Cris Cleverly Trio	Tiddy Hall
November 23 rd	7.30pm	Martyn Joseph	Tiddy Hall
November 26 th	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church
December 7 th	7.30pm	Melrose Quartet	Tiddy Hall
December TBC	10.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning at Ascott Church	Holy Trinity Church