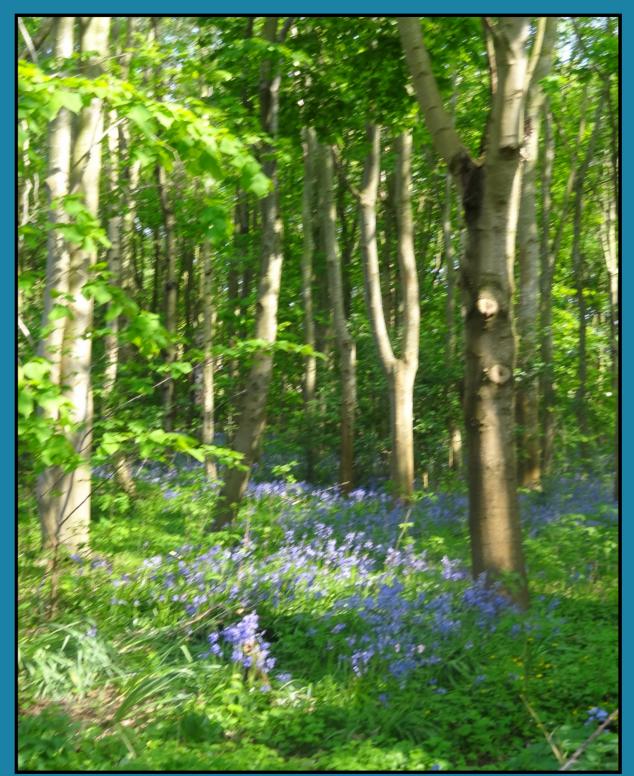
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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news; "I have seen the Lord"".

Some of you will recognise these words as being said by one of Jesus' closest friends on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene, as she visits the tomb where Jesus was laid following his crucifixion, which we commemorate on Good Friday. It is a story of shock, mystery and joy, as Mary instead of seeing the dead body of Jesus as she expected to, encounters two angels who tell her Jesus is not to be found in the tomb. In her distress as she turns away, she meets someone who she at first believes to be the gardener, and who asks why she is crying; She tells him she cannot find the body of her beloved Jesus and asks if he knows where the body has been taken.



beloved Jesus and asks if he knows where the body has been taken. This gardener, then calls Mary by her name; And with that one word, Mary recognises him to be her Lord, alive and standing in front of her, talking to her and bringing her the comfort and hope she so desperately needs.

This story from St. John's gospel is one of the great accounts of many people who witness the resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter Sunday morning. It is a story of revelation, new beginnings, rebirth and the dawn of a new era; and, this April, we too are offered a potential time of new beginnings and a return to a new normal, as we emerge from what we hope will be the last Lockdown of the Corona Virus pandemic. It has been a hard year, when many of us have suffered loss, have been deprived of the fellowship of family and friends, and when churches have been closed, along with so many other activities. No one yet knows what the ongoing and long-term implications of all we have gone through will be but, as we come out of the darkness of isolation, shielding and being locked into our homes, we look forward once again to being able to see people and returning to all those activities in which we have been unable to participate.

We hope this Easter gradually to start opening up our churches once again physically to worship, and on Easter Sunday some churches across Bredon Hill will be welcoming people to share in that Easter joy, as we remember the victory Christ won over death through celebrating his resurrection. Churches will light a Paschal candle to celebrate the coming again of the light of Christ and, although we may not be able to sing, we will see in the words of that well known hymn by C. F. Gellert, the faithful promise which the resurrection brings, "*Jesus lives! Our hearts know well, naught from us his love shall sever; life and death nor powers of hell, tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia.*"

I, like many, will be looking forward with great pleasure to celebrating Easter by indulging in a chocolate egg or two. But I also will take some time to give thanks that we can now look forward to a future of new life and beginnings as we journey out of this pandemic. Therefore, may we, like Mary, see Jesus with renewed hope and vision as we journey forwards. Happy Easter!

#### Allison Davies

Vicar of Eckington, Defford cum Besford and Associate Priest for the Bredon Hill Group of Churches

Some readers will have heard that Allison and her husband Ron were, a few weeks ago, diagnosed positively with Covid 19 and had to stop work and recover. We feel for them. It must have been a worrying and unpleasant experience. It is so good that they have been recovering well and Allison is, as always, working hard again and we are glad that she is down to take our Easter Day Service at St Giles. We pray that nothing will prevent this. Ed



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#### Next Bredon Food Bankbank Donation Day

Wednesday 21 April, 8:30am - 5:30pm St. Giles Church, Bredon (North Porch)

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. 10th-16th May

In normal times, a large number of local people deliver and collect envelopes to all the houses in this parish, and response usually adds up to about £4000. This is an amazing total, and always makes the footslog and the counting and the carry to the Post Office worth every moment! Once again, very sadly, we



have decided that, in present restrictions, we cannot fulfil our "normality", and there will be no houseto-house collection. The work of Christian Aid is unending, and it would be great if you could make a donation on-line or by post, using the following: donations website

https:// www.christian.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate or

by cheque made payable to Christian Aid, 35, Lower Marsh, LONDON SE1 7RL. If you write OR36510 on the back, it will be logged as coming from Bredon. Your generosity will be highly appreciated, and I am pretty sure we will be back for the 2022 session.

#### Viv Ebbage 773549

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

A service to celebrate Easter will be held at St Giles church at 10.30 on Sunday 4 April.

As government restrictions will still be in place at this time, numbers will be limited and pre-booking is essential. Other restrictions will mean that all attending will be required to wear facemasks and sadly collective singing can still not take place. There will be an organist and a small choir who together will provide music for the service.

Easter Sunday is traditionally a Holy Communion service and this will be restricted to bread/wafer only.

All wishing to attend should contact Alison Khan either by telephone or email using the details below: 07984 748059 (Mobile) acbhteam@gmail.com Bookings will close at 12.00 on 31 March 2021

Peter Whitehead, churchwarden

### Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **OUR CHURCHYARD**

In Bredon we are so fortunate to have a lovely churchyard that is open to all. The churchyard is maintained by a very small number of volunteers with help provided by our Parish Council.

There are local regulations in place to guide families on what is acceptable regarding monuments and floral tributes. These local regulations are regularly reviewed and are endorsed by the Bredon Parochial Church Council (PCC).

As we approach Spring I thought it was timely to remind everyone that the churchyard is a special place that requires constant care to maintain it at a standard that is acceptable to all.

Local families invest considerable time and effort in maintaining their relatives graves, however, the majority of graves are now of an age where relatives no longer come and maintenance of these graves and the large grassed areas adjoining is carried out by volunteers.

The churchyard belongs to us all and each has a responsibility to ensure against unsuitable items being introduced. Fresh flowers are always welcome as are small fresh potted plants. The small team of volunteers will clear dead blooms if relatives are unable to do so. Plastic flowers and other plastic items are not allowed and will be removed and retained should relatives wish to reclaim them. The local regulations are available for all to read and anyone wishing to do so is asked to contact the undersigned.

Thank you for your continued support in making our churchyard the peaceful and beautiful space it has become.

Peter Whitehead. Churchwarden, St Giles Church, Bredon. 07980 605857(M) 01684 772642 (H) peterwhitehead403@gmail.com

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT...

The contributor to this series for April is **BRYONY BAYNES.** She will be known to many readers as the wife of our late Rector, Matthew. She is Head Teacher of Kempsey Primary School, near Worcester. She writes about her passion, acquired in recent years.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT FUSING GLASS

I was raised by a very artistic mother. She was a primary art teacher and, in the little town in Pennsylvania, where we lived after returning



from India, she garnered quite a reputation for her stained glass, watercolours and oil paintings. All of her children, myself included, treasure the paintings, lamps, and decorations which she produced over her many years of creativity. I also became very used to conceding to her judgement in all areas of colour, taste and talent. Indeed, Matthew used to say, with some justification, and not a little frustration, that his mother-in-law had chosen the colours for our first home together during his curacy in Southgate. And, when Bronwen began to show similar signs of such artistic talent, I accepted that those creative "arty" genes had skipped a generation and resigned myself to telling people "I don't have a creative bone in my body" or "I can't draw to save my life". After all, I inherited, and later passed on to Megan, my father's talent for writing (as well as his talent for dramatic excess!).

And so that mind set remained until I took up my headship at Kempsey. Shortly after arriving there, a group of staff mentioned they were going into Worcester for a glass fusing workshop. More out of pity for the new Head than anything else they asked, "Do you want to come along?" And, with those simple words, began a "love affair" which has sustained me through some of the darkest days of my life.



Bryony's maiden name is Starr and she is currently reverting to it herself. Fused glass seems to have been adopted into the Starr family as well!

Within a few months of that first workshop (which had quickly been followed by several others), the woman running them announced she was closing down, having recognised the impossibility of making any sort of living out of glass fusing! Perhaps recognising a gullibility in my attendance at her workshops, she offered to sell me some of her glass. In the proverbial blink of an eye, the conservatory at The Rectory was transformed into a glass studio and that initial supply of glass had been supplemented with many others deliveries.

Matthew accommodated my new found obsession with glass and all things fusing with relative good humour. However, the checking of the monthly Barclaycard statement often led to bellows from his study of "Bryony! What on earth is this charge from Warm Glass?!" I took to having the regular deliveries of glass sent to school in a futile hope of keeping him unaware. However, he changed his tune when he needed a sudden gift for a retiring

#### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT FUSED GLASS

There is something almost primitive, totally visceral in my love of glass. I can spend hours poring over panes of coloured glass, marvelling at their depths of colour, tracing their

patterns. There is an unrivalled excitement that comes with opening the kiln each morning. Glass changes when it is fired at such temperatures and the piece that is placed in the kiln the night before can sometimes bear little resemblance to what is taken out!

In the years since that first workshop, glass fusing has become so much more than just a hobby for me. For a start, it has rekindled my love of teaching – a love which has been somewhat dampened by too many hours spent at my desk writing policies and operational plans! Teaching workshops to everyone from groups of WI members to classes of young children, and seeing the joy on their faces as they master the skills of glass fusing reminds me why I entered this profession in the first place.

However, glass fusing has also become a great solace for me in recent years. During the uncertain, painful years after Matthew's cancer diagnosis, I found my studio was a place to retreat to, where I could lose myself in the creative process, pushing out the frightened and despairing thoughts which crowded in at all other times. And, in the dark, tear soaked days and months after his death, I found that my glass work allowed me a respite from pain; some nights, I would suddenly "come to" in my studio to realise that glass fusing had allowed me several hours of welcome numbness.

Shortly after Matthew died, someone told me that losing someone you love carves a huge hole in your life. As time passes, the size of the hole does not diminish but your ability to grow round and accommodate it, increases. My glass fusing has helped in this process immeasurably, giving me a means of living with that huge, aching hole. On those days when I simply do not want to get out of bed and face another day, I push myself into my studio and discover the will to go on, simply through making something creative. I have found ways of remembering Matthew through my glass; every butterfly and dragonfly which I incorporate into my pieces is a small homage to his memory. And, whenever I sell a piece of my glass, I shoot a smile heavenward, knowing that somewhere, Matthew is rejoicing that finally I am paying off some of those bills!

"I can still only see a dragonfly, its wings as thin and light as silk and its body the colour of a rainbow. But on the wings of this dragonfly I take off and fly, for my soul carries no weight. It is our bodies – these borrowed vehicles of flesh and bone – that weigh us down. Our spirits are eternally free and invincible." — Daniela Norris





## **BREDON COMMUNITY PLAY & RECREATION**

Well Spring is certainly in the air and it is lovely to see the first sign of early blooms over at the playing fields. We welcome the news that outdoor sports can resume from 29<sup>th</sup> March and look forward to seeing our local football, rugby, tennis, and bowling clubs back in action helping to bring our community back together.



#### New Swings have arrived!

Our long awaited new junior Swings are here! By the time you read this they will be open for play and hopefully enjoyed by many. At the time of writing, as you can see from the photo, the groundworks had been completed, the new swings installed and the orange bowl swing replaced, all ready for the hard wearing rubber mulch surface to be laid. Bredon Community Play and Recreation, with the help of our Junior Playing Fields Reps at Bredon Hancock's School, carried out a survey amongst the school children to find out what play equipment was on their wish list. Junior swings came out on top and with the help and support of the Bredon community during all our fundraising events over the last few years we were able to raise enough funds to complete

the £12,000 project. Many thanks to each and every person who donated and supported us, and a special mention to Pershore and District Round Table for their £650 donation towards the inclusive swing seat.

#### 200 CLUB FUNDRAISING...WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Over the last year or so we have not been able to hold our annual community events such as Bredon's Big Day Out and Bredon's Big Ferret Racing Night. Our fundraising pot has been depleted and our 200 Club has become our primary fundraiser. Recently we have spent £12,000 on the installation of the new swings, including replacing the worn out bowl swing, we are in the process of replacing the fencing around the toddler play area, at a cost of £60 per log, and we have a wish list of future improvements including updating the skateboarding area, and rebooking our very much loved PlayRanger Play Days. If you are a regular park user, or if you value our park and the benefit it brings to our community, please help us continue our work by becoming a 200 CLUB member. It only costs £15 a year and your membership really does make such a difference.

## We currently have 628 followers on our Facebook page. If every follower became a member it would generate us an income of £9420 per annum towards the further maintenance and development of our playing fields.

To become a member please email Andrea on <u>andrea.fleck@fivecounties.com</u>. Once a member you will also be automatically entered into our 6 annual prize draws. We are counting on your support.

#### **Sunday Maintenance Volunteers**

As always, we would like to thank Wendy and her team of volunteers for helping keep our park looking in great shape. Thank you so much to you all for your time and fabulous efforts. The maintenance team meet on the last Sunday of every month and carry out duties such as pruning, weeding, cutting back bushes, litter picking and general tidying. Wendy's team is a fine group of volunteers, but they are in need of more helpers. They meet at the shed by the MUGA once a month at 10.30am. Can you spare an hour or two once a month to help us out? Even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday morning we would still love to hear from you. It is great fun and gives you the opportunity to have a marvellous Sunday morning out in our park. All ages are welcome so bring...



#### **BREDON COMMUNITY PLAY & RECREATION**

the children along too. All tools are provided but feel free to bring your own if you would prefer. If you would like to get involved, please email Wendy at <u>wendy.james4004@gmail.com</u> for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the park soon, please enjoy and help us look after it.

Karen Fitzpatrick, Bredon Community Play and Recreation Email: <u>bredonplayingfields@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>www.bredonplayingfields.co.uk</u> Facebook: Bredon Community Play and Recreation Instagram: @bredonplayingfields





## **TEWKESBURY AND BREDON HILL PROBUS CLUB**

The Club for retired and semi-retired Professionals and Businessmen

Our Chairman, Ken Whittaker is a retired Master Mariner and for many years visited countless locations around the world as a Merchant Navy Captain. Towards the end of his career he spent several years in the South Atlantic specifically the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, names familiar to all of us from the Falklands war back in 1982.

This was our **first Zoom presentation** and everything worked very well. Ken gave an excellent demonstration of the topography and wild life in South Georgia. He is a keen amateur photographer and the images he showed were stunning and we learnt a lot of facts about life in the South Atlantic. Who knew for instance that fur seals can move very quickly on land despite having flippers rather than feet and if they are antagonised they can deliver a nasty bite!

One reservation about using Zoom rather than face-to-face talks is a potential lack of interaction with the speaker (some Zoom speakers pre-record their talks) but fortunately Ken had planned to leave enough time at the end of his talk for the usual question and answer session which, like the whole of the talk, was very well received.

At the time of writing, we are eagerly anticipating Ken's second Zoom talk, this time on his experiences in exploring Northern Cyprus, the Turkish sector rarely visited by British tourists.



Our weekly Newsletter continues to keep members in touch and, despite our having published our 50<sup>th</sup> edition, there is no shortage of contributions to keep members entertained.

Of course, now that we have had the Government's roadmap to normality and the vaccination programme proving to be very successful, we are all looking forward to starting a programme of live talks at Bredon Village Hall whenever that may be.

Chris Brown

## **BREDON WI**

Yes, yes, it's looking hopeful. We are close to holding <u>a proper WI meeting</u>, aiming at the third Tuesday in the month of July. Find your diary and fill the 20<sup>th</sup> with stars and fireworks. Further details should be available soon. Shall we all wear hats? How many of you have been enjoying the hour-long talks put out



from GFWI? Derek and I get out the knitting needles, cuddle up on the couch. and really enjoy the varied education provided. Our Glos WI magazine has details, worth following up. There will be more information soon about excitement ahead!

Viv Ebbage 773549

#### Computer Wisdom by Jim Verrechia

There's a lot of 'weird, basic stuff' when it comes to computers. So, taking a break from the doom and gloom (sorry – I nearly said 'Zoom') let's explore a couple of the ones I get asked about a lot.

## A little bit of history – and why the hard disk in my computer is called the 'C' drive...

When the first Personal Computers were launched, they had a single floppy disk drive. You had to put a floppy disk in to get the wretched thing to boot up to the operating system, (which was probably DOS – 'Disk Operating System'). Then you had to take the floppy disk out and put another one in to launch your Word Processor, or your Spreadsheet program – and yet another disk to save your document on. This floppy disk drive was called the 'A' drive.

Then someone added another floppy disk drive; now you had two drives so you could have more than one program running at the same time. Spiffing! This floppy disk drive was called the 'B' drive. You still had to save your documents to a floppy disk as there was no such thing as 'internal storage' and it was a pain in the neck. A power cut and everything was gone. But now at least you could swap floppy disks to your heart's content and save your data.

By the mid-1980s internal hard drives began to appear as optional extras. By the early 1990's the race was on to make internal hard drives with exponentially increasing capacity (at that time I was working on the world's largest mainframe computer database – a huge 23 Terabytes, taking up as much floor space as a large supermarket). We now have 3.5" hard drives, with more than 20TB storage capacity. Oddly enough (and even though you no longer have floppy drives in your computer) if you install your Windows operating system on your internal drive then by 'convention' it will be recognised as your 'C' drive. Viola! Any additional storage devices (DVD-RW, memory stick, additional internal hard drive etc..) would then be assigned the next available drive letter.

#### ...and while we are here, just what exactly is the 'Cloud'?

Well even though it is largely based on ethernet (network) cables it is not as ethereal as you might think. 'The Cloud' is simply an offering made by large IT companies who have strategically placed their networked data centres around the world allowing you to 'hire' their services. These services include file storage, compute (imagine your PC is running in a data centre instead of in your home office), security and networks. The big boys in this game are (a) Amazon Web Services, (b) Microsoft Azure & (c) Google Cloud Platform – and in that order, with Amazon by far the largest with circa 50% market share.

Without going too deeply into this, most cloud providers offer their services on a subscription basis, so you pay for what you use. For example, Microsoft 365 is offered as 'SaaS' (Software as a Service) and Microsoft Azure is 'IaaS' or 'Infrastructure as a Service'. All cloud providers will let you add more storage; they'll let you have as many computers and servers as you want and even let you set up your own virtual private networks – all with a mouse click. And the key phrase here is 'on demand'. Gone are the days of ordering a new Server or PC from Dell or HP, and then waiting for weeks for it to arrive and then have it commissioned by your IT team. The big 3 will even let you pay for the length of time you run stuff on their server, down to the last second - or the amount of storage



you use, down to the last byte. So now you don't need your own data centre or computer department to run your business; your rent, rates and power costs are no longer an overhead. Updates are free, and for most of us this brings significant cost savings.

Next month I am going to discuss file handling. I'll cover how to create a system of files and folders where you can find things easily; and how you can copy, paste, move and save files on your computer - or lose everything if you are not paying attention 

Zoom on!

Jim Verrechia, 773632, Bredon 'computer doctor'



## **BREEDON PLAYGROUP**

Wow, Spring is showing signs of being here and we have been enjoying investigating growth by spotting the new flowers and buds whilst we are playing outside. Photographing and measuring the daffodils has given us lots to talk about too. The older children made their own daffodils for St. David's Day and learnt a little bit about Wales, including counting to 5 in Welsh.



The children chatted about what is needed to grow plants and decided that they would like to grow some of their own. The older children have planted beans and the younger ones, cress. There has been lots of excitement as the signs of life have started to appear.

We always have fun outside, with lots of activities including playing on our trikes, dressing up, chalking on the playground or investigating plants and bugs. It's been great sometimes to cast aside our warm winter waterproofs as we have had some warmer days.

Bredon Playgroup is a Playgroup for the community and is a non-profit making charity. We provide wonderful learning experiences, all through play, and are very welcoming to new families. We also work very closely with the school and take every opportunity to visit and play there, giving our children the best possible transition to the next stage in their lives - "big school".

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Tracey Ford

## **BEING USEFUL**

I had an interesting chat with Neil on the phone the other day. He has started 'litter-picking' and can often be seen carrying blue bags - see the photo below. He tries to avoid being photographed recog-nisably. I used to work for GCHQ, you see, he explains! I was shamed into doing it, embarrassed into





Christopher Frith

doing it by a pupil from Bredon's Hardwick School when I commended her for litter-picking 'You could do it too', she said. So I approached the Council about their Litter-Picking Scheme and duly received a supply of blue bags, a yellow vest and a litter grabber and off I went, on the road from Bredon to Kinsham to Kemerton and the various routes up Bredon Hill. The bags fill quickly but it is getting better. There are quite a number of us litter - pickers now and we hope it will be less of a problem soon.

People ask Neil why he does it and the answer is pretty obvious. Litter is an eyesore. The streets and footpaths look so much more pleasant without the litter. The more of us who share the problem, the less it will be a problem.

Neil, and all the others who help, are an inspiration. I tried to write down what he told me but, sadly, I can't read my scribbles; he spoke too fast for me! They deserve all the thanks which we can give them. But remember: Neil doesn't want his photo taking. Thank you, Neil, for your pictures.





#### Introduction to our lengthsman, Dave Gray



What is a lengthsman I hear you ask? Well the lengthsman is employed part-time by the parish council to help around the parish. Their main responsibilities include clearing leaves from drains and gullies to allow water to flow freely; trim vegetation to stop it overhanging footpaths or covering signage, and generally keeping our neighbourhood tidy.

Who is our current lengthsman? Well, for the last couple of years it has been Dave Gray; if you see him around in his bright orange hi-vis jacket please say "hello".

Dave retired, and wanted a part-time job to keep him occupied; he loves the fresh air and enjoys the outdoors. When he saw the job advertised he applied and has never looked back. He says the last year has been different because he sees a lot fewer people; before COVID he would often stop and have a chat with passers by.

Dave told me that sometimes he spots when signs go missing and has to report them to the council, like the recent Lower Westmancote sign. He then told me that he often looks in nearby gardens as lots of times they are stolen by souvenir hunters!! The council would like to thank Dave for all his hard work.

#### SWDP Update - Regulation 18 (III) consultation

This update examines the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the sites and then they are ranked for suitability. Mitton Bank comes out as 3rd behind only Thockmorton and Worcestershire Parkway.

Please go to the following link to view:- <u>https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/swdp-review/swdp-review-regulation-18-3-sa-consultation</u>

## **Playing Fields path**

The path which circles the playing fields has been well used over the last year, and the wet weather has caused some erosion. Over the next few years, the council will attempt to correct the drainage issues and mend the path for everyone to enjoy.

### **Bonfires - Please be considerate**

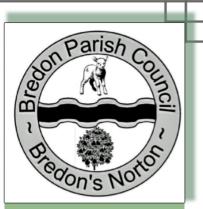
Burning garden waste produces smoke, especially if it is damp and smouldering. Smoke prevents your neighbours from enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging washing out. In short, bonfires are an antisocial way of disposing of your waste and should be avoided as a matter of course. Please be considerate to your neighbours; alternative methods of disposal are:-

- · Composting in your garden
- Taking items to the local waste disposal site. (which are open now)
- Arranging for a special collection by Wychavon
- Placing garden plant waste in a brown garden waste bin provided by Wychavon which will then be composted
- · Chipping larger items of garden waste, such as tree branches.

#### Village Hall - Roadmap to reopening

As long as the government's roadmap dates do not move, then we are planning to reopen Bredon Village Hall in April. To begin step 2 (12th April) - children's groups are allowed to return, but continuing with social distancing restrictions.

Email : parish.clerk@bredonpc.org.uk Web : www.bredonpc.org.uk



**Planning Applications** 

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon: W/20/02929 - True Blue Cottage, Cheltenham Road, Bredon. Erection of roof to existing silage

clamp. PC has no objections. W/21/00164 - Kinsham House, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, Installation of ground source heat pump. PC has no objections.

W/21/00180 - 70 Blenheim Drive, Bredon. Extension to an existing outbuilding. PC has no objections in principle – however request that conditioned to residential use only.

W/20/02774 & 5 - Lower End Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton *(Consultation / Amendment).* Revised plans amending proposed roofline, along with additional joinery details. Amended Heritage Statement and Biodiversity Report. PC has no further comments.

W/21/00280 - Blackberry Bam, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Replacement dwelling, landscaping and other associated works. PC Objects see Wychavon website for full details.

W/21/00279 - Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Permission in principle for 1 dwelling. PC Objects see Wychavon website for full details.

#### Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Parish Council Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at **7:15pm** 

This meeting will take place virtually, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting.

Tel: 01684 773984



## BOWLS BEGINS HERE : SUMMER IS COMING

The Bredon Bowling Club is preparing to start their season on **Sat/Sun 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April** with a members' friendly game. At last we shall meet on the Green, socially distanced of course! We expect a large take-up for this first opportunity to bowl.

However due to Covid restrictions, this has to be spread over two days. As well as that, we shall be bowling in a social distancing manner, using only 4 rinks with a 2 metres distance between them. Normally we use 6/7 rinks.

We shall be able to play with 6 players in each rink until June 21st when we hope normal bowling will be allowed.

Despite this we do have a full fixture card and even the September tour to the Isle of Wight is fully booked. Any amendments will be advertised as they occur!

Our **OPEN** day is planned to be held on **Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>** where all will be invited to come along and try their hand. Coaching will also be offered in a suitably Covid-friendly way. If you are looking for a healthy outdoor sport, Bowls must be the one for you, just come along and try it.

Covid or not, we shall overcome any problems and keep you safe.

#### We are well prepared to have a fun, friendly and fruitful season.

More information will be advertised next month, here in this magazine, on the club noticeboard beside the gate and in other ways.



Just contact our secretary, Ian Day on 07587168789 or look at our website, www.bredonbowlingclub.co.uk

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### **COBALT CARDS - BREDON SUPPORT GROUP**



The sale of upcycled cards and replenishment of Penny Pots from the display in our porch is continuing daily. Thank you to all who pop in for the occasional card or so. Once restrictions are eased. I shall be



pleased to accept more greetings cards (but not Christmas) for remaking,. Hopefully, by mid May, we can start to look forward to a return to "normal life"

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## **BECKFORD CROQUET CLUB**

(Adjacent to Beckford Village Hall and Tennis Club)

The members of Beckford Croquet Club are eagerly awaiting the start of the new season. With the second lawn opening at Easter Weekend we are ready to invite new members and those wanting to give the game a try. We will be pleased to meet you and will provide you with everything necessary to try out croquet.

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Croquet is great fun, sociable as well as being a game of skill and tactics. The basics of the golf croquet are easily picked up so newcomers can enjoy playing from the start.

#### **Golf Croquet**

4 players in teams of 2 compete to be first to get their ball through each of 12 hoops, first team to score 7 wins.

All are welcome to 'Play and Pay' for £5 per person on Monday morning or Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. We can arrange individual or small group sessions outside these times on request.

Equipment is provided; all we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes.

For more information contact: Bob Honey 01684 773359 or Sue Peters 01684 773414

Or use the Contact form on our website www.beckfordcroquetclub.btck.co.uk

Sue Peters

### **St RICHARD'S HOSPICE**

A sort of normality is approaching. Hospice shops hope to open from 12<sup>th</sup> April, so do pop along to find the bargains of 2021. Your donations will be welcomed after that; expect a rush.

The elephants arrived in February; have you herd? They are finding homes in artist hideouts ready for the big parade later in the year. Their Giraffe beasts were amazing a few years ago and helped raise huge amounts of money and fun. There will be an Easter Virtual Balloon

Race from 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April, with chocolate goodies as prizes, sponsored by St Peter's Tesco

We all know how much it costs to fund our Hospice, and times have been difficult over the past year. Even if you don't fancy the Gin Thing or the Golf or the Skydive, you can always just send a donation towards the great care and love which is the strength of this lovely place. You can contact them on the website www.strichards.org.uk

> A Bird List for Bredon? Photography Competition

Just a reminder : don't forget to send your photos (up to 3 entries per person) to Anne Choi Fordham at <u>yannchoi@yahoo.com</u> before 10th May. They don't have to be brilliant; we just want to see some nice photos! The winning photo will be on the front cover of the Parish magazine, June issue.











#### Home is...

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Our homes are more and more familiar to us. We have been encouraged - or is it ordered? - to "stay home" and garden improvement and DIY or home decorating have benefitted from the extra time that many folk have had. Homes are to be valued, taken advantage of and enjoyed. Our poem was written by Gideon Heugh and appeared in a recent edition of TEAR TMES, the regular publication of TEARFUND.



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#### HOME IS...

Home is where the *heart* is the aching heart, the courageous heart, the heart that longs for peace.

.Home is where the *healing* is healing for our sorrows, healing for our mistakes, healing for the dreams that haven't come to pass.

Home is where the *hope* is the hope of Christ, the hope of a new day, the hope of a love that never fails

## QUIZ

- 1 By what name is a young eel known?
- 2 What, in degrees Fahrenheit, is the equivalent of 30 degrees Celsius?

3 How many English Counties share a land border with Wales?

4 In which Chinese city is the covid19 virus pandemic believed to have broken out?

5 Who is the current Prime Minister of New Zealand?

6 For the Church of England, what date is Epiphany?

7 Which writer devised the characters Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?

8 Hawaii and Alaska were the two most recent American States to join the Union - in what decade?

9 In July 1969, who accompanied Neil Armstrong to the surface of the moon?

10 Which of the following has not represented The Netherlands in an international football match:

a. Vincent van Gogh; b. Marco van Basten; c. Ruud van Nistelrooy; d. Hans van Breukelen; e. Hertz van Rental ?

You can check your answers on the back cover.

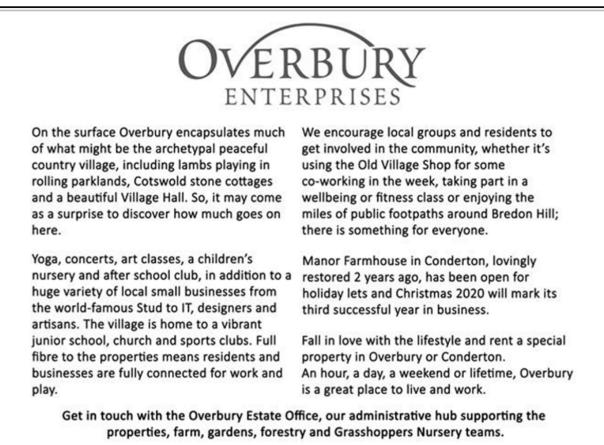


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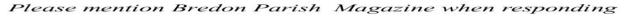
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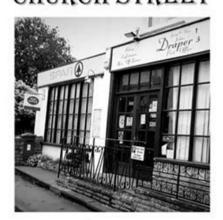


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#### SYLVIA HARRINGTON'S RECIPE FOR APRIL Spiced Squash and Coconut Soup - Serves 2-3

#### Ingredients

- 1 onion chopped 1 crushed garlic clove
- 1 tablespoon of oil
- 1 bunch coriander leaves, stalks removed
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon mixed spice
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric

500grm peeled, deseeded, chopped butternut squash

400mls light coconut milk 200mls vegetable stock juice of 1 lime

double cream, desiccated coconut and coriander leaves to garnish.



#### Method

- Soften the onion in the oil, add the coriander leaves, the crushed garlic and spices.
- Cook for 1 minute, stirring occasionally.
- Pour in the coconut milk.
- Add the chopped butternut squash, cook for 5 mins.
- Pour in the vegetable stock and lime juice.
- Cover and simmer for 15 mins.
- Blitz until smooth.
- Adjust the seasoning to taste.
- Divide into bowls and garnish with cream, coriander leaves and desiccated coconut.

## The next PARISH MAGAZINE will be for May 2021

**Deadline: Monday, 12th April** for material to be included. All items for inclusion should go to the editor, Christopher Frith, by that date please bredonparishmaged@hotmail.co.uk or Cover Point, Back Lane, Bredon 01684 773164

#### **QUIZ ANSWERS** Have a look at the questions first on page 17!

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**THE COVER PHOTO** is BREDON BLUEBELLS, taken by Christopher Frith. The bluebells are in the pleasant wooded area after Mill End which is at the end of Dock Lane, Bredon.

#### Just a few words from the editor...

It has been good to be back, putting our remarkable magazine together once again. I am even slower on my laptop and I feel rusty but I have enjoyed doing it. I write before the proof readers can put their blue pencils on it! I have an even greater admiration for our villages. Such a variety of things happening - and that before we are unlockdowned - and so many entertaining articles, nearly all unsolicited.

Talking, as I was, of proof reading, I am about to email it to our talented Acting Editor, Anne Choi Fordham who, with her husband Michael, is kindly going to read and correct the proofs. Once again, a very big thank you to Anne for editing all the recent editions, which she did so well.

A personal appreciation to so many local folk for all their encouragement, saying that I am *doing so well,* as I recover. People also tell me how they like the Parish Magazine, especially its professionalism and its colour. Thank you so much for this also...Positive conversation makes you feel better.

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