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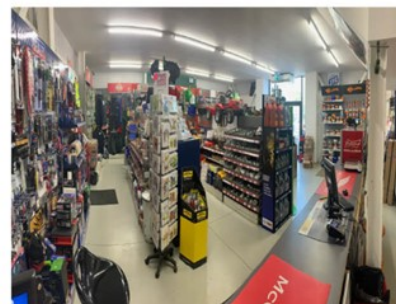
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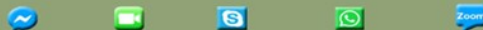
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## Minister's Message

### 'All You Need is Love'

Many of you will recognise these words as not being from the Bible, but from the title of a well-known Beatles song; and as we enter February, one day which will be in the minds of many will be 14th February, St. Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine was named after St. Valentinus, who was martyred by the Romans for, among other things, secretly conducting Christian marriages; that is why today it is a day for celebrating love, romance and especially married relationships.



The Rev. Paul Hardingham considers what love really means, and in an article asks, "If love is all we need, then what does real love look like?" St. Paul answers this best by describing, in that well known passage from his letter to the church at Corinth, read at many wedding ceremonies, which says "**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.**"

The love written of here is unconditional, forgiving and sacrificial; and if we were to take out of this passage the word love, and substitute it with our own name, I wonder if this would be true of each of us. But then if we were to substitute instead of our name, the name of Jesus, how does this passage read then? For this Jesus is available to each one of us, and helps make our love for others grow, bringing true Valentine's joy.

It is also fitting that a few days after St. Valentine's Day, the church commemorates Ash Wednesday, heralding the start of Lent. Although Lent is a season of sadness, as we remember all the sin in the world, especially in our own hearts and minds, it also leads to the greatest display and act of love ever given or undertaken for another, as Jesus offered his life on a cross.

Jesus' love for humanity knew no bounds - He gave His all for us. Therefore, it is right that in February, and throughout the season of Lent, we reflect on what love really means.

Lent this year may be particularly different and difficult to that of previous years; and whatever our position is in this current pandemic as we approach Ash Wednesday, church communities will undoubtedly commemorate Lent in many ways. Whether this will involve giving up some much-loved food, drink or pleasure or by taking something on which will help or bring pleasure to others, people during this season will take the time to reflect on the real meaning of what it is to love.

So, however you choose to mark Lent, let us do it faithfully, honestly and with integrity, giving it our all, and doing everything in the name of love.

Allison Davies



## Suspension of Services for Bredon Hill Group of Churches

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a further lockdown across all areas of England, it has been decided to suspend formal worship until further notice across all churches in the Bredon Hill Group.

This decision will be regularly reviewed in line with government advice and any changes will be notified to interested parties as quickly as it is practicable.

In the meantime, St Giles Church will be open each Sunday between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon for private prayer. We will also continue our support to the local Food Bank with monthly collections from the North Porch. Dates for the first 4 months in 2021 are as shown below:

Wednesday, 20th January  
Wednesday, 17th February  
Wednesday, 17th March  
Wednesday, 21st April

The decision to suspend services was very difficult but was felt necessary given the rise of infection and the pressure this is causing across the NHS.

If anyone would like further details regarding this, please contact:

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Churchwarden

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## Thank you, Mary Doney; we will miss you!

It was an emotional Christmas Day service at St. Giles when Mary officially stood down as churchwarden. Mary has been an active member of this congregation for many years and a churchwarden more than once. A gift was presented to Mary in appreciation of what she had contributed to the church.

Within the village community, her considerable efforts in support of various charities, clubs and associations have marked her out. One of her most significant and fondest achievements was, undoubtedly, the spearheading with Matthew Baynes, the restoration of the bells at St. Giles.

We would like to wish her all the best for her move to Chipping Campden!



*Bishop Martin Gorick, Mary Doney & Peter Whitehead (left to right)*



*Amanda Bath & Mary Doney (left to right)*



## Christmas tree at St. Giles

Last year we were unable to erect a Christmas tree inside the church due to the ongoing problems caused by the pandemic. Normally the tree would have been decorated by youngsters from the village as part of our annual carol service.

We were determined not to miss out on having a tree somewhere and this was achieved with help from Adam Gallagher who both sourced a tree and erected it using the flagpole in the churchyard. The tree was decorated using a collection of star shaped offerings produced by the pupils from Bredon Hancock's Endowed CE First School. The Head, Mrs. Mel Miller, kindly organised a competition across the school with the idea of selecting the winning star, which would sit at the top of the tree.

Despite the children not being allowed to place their own decorations on the tree, the competition was so successful that not only did we have a joint winning star adorning the top of the tree but also all the other fabulous entries decorating the tree itself.

Members of the congregation of St Giles are all very grateful to the school and hopefully in the run up to the big day many other residents from the village were able to view the high standard of the children's work.



## Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club

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To Zoom or not to Zoom? That is the question!

In one of my recent articles, I suggested that there was little enthusiasm amongst Probus Club members for using Zoom for online speakers to present their talks to us remotely. However, despite warnings from computer specialists about the insecurities inherent in using Zoom, it seems to have become the go-to system for online meetings and presentations. As Speaker Secretary, I have had an increasing number of emails from speakers offering to present talks to us on Zoom, most of them telling me how well received they have been, but I have responded with the 'party line' that we have decided not to follow the Zoom route.

But could that all be changing? Now that there are three vaccines available and because Probus members are mostly in their 70's and 80's (with a few in their 90's!), it is very likely that we will all have had the vaccine in a month or two and maybe we are not too far away from resuming our regular face to face Tuesday morning meetings.

But there is a big difference between optimism and reality. At the moment, even the scientists cannot predict when we will get back to normality or even when we resume meetings, what restrictions will still be enforced. Might we still have to be socially distanced, wearing masks? There may be resistance from our members to reintroducing meetings until the Government and the scientists are 100% confident that it is totally safe to get back to normal.

So this (now pessimistic) projection might mean that we may need to try Zoom just to keep our core membership together.



We have been invited to participate in a Zoom talk by the Curator of the Bank of England Museum which sounds very interesting and I shall certainly be joining this presentation. It will have taken place before this edition of the Bredon Parish Magazine is published – so to answer the question 'To Zoom or not to Zoom' ...

I'll let you know next month!

Chris Brown

## Bredon WI

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What a lovely surprise when a gift was delivered to the doorstep of every member as a Christmas gift: a beautifully presented cupcake. People's reactions were sheer delight, as indeed were the contents of the decorative box. Thank you for such a generous idea. It brought us together while we are still apart for meetings and activities. One day, it will happen, and in the meantime, keep safe and smiley. If you have any queries, President Joan will probably have the answer.



Viv Ebbage  
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## The Children's Society

Normally in February, I would be collecting, counting and returning the boxes of all the box-holders. Present rules deny that activity, but if your box is annoyingly heavy, do undo the base, put all the money in a plastic bag, and keep it in a safe place until it can be collected, and then start filling the now-empty box all over again. The young people who benefit still need your contributions, and will be very thankful when they eventually arrive.

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## World Day of Prayer - Friday, 5th March

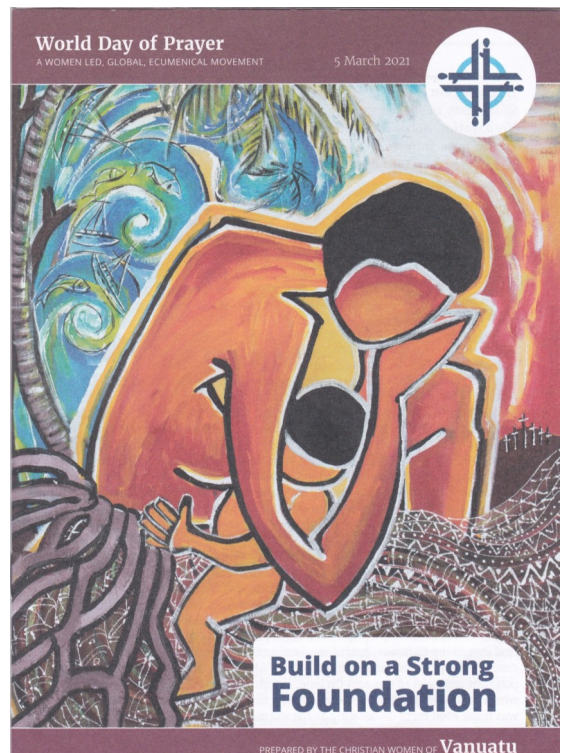
The service this year has been written by the Christian women of Vanuatu, an archipelago of eighty islands in the South Pacific, two thousand miles east of Australia. Vanuatu is not immune to struggles especially in gender equality and education. The theme of their service is to 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. The people of Vanuatu understand the need of this, as the islands are in the South Pacific tropical cyclone zone. In April 2020, Cyclone Harold destroyed everything in its path and they are still recovering from the devastation.

Each year, a different church from around Bredon Hill hosts the World Day of Prayer. It is the turn of St. Giles Church, Bredon, to host this year's service, and because of COVID restrictions, it will be pre-recorded and emailed to those who wish to participate from their own homes. The hymns will also be emailed, to enable you to print them, so you can join in singing the hymns. Please contact [angie.godsell@btinternet.com](mailto:angie.godsell@btinternet.com) if you would like to receive the podcast.

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## Coronavirus Updates

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[www.bredonpc.org.uk/news-events/coronavirus/](http://www.bredonpc.org.uk/news-events/coronavirus/)

## Volunteers Required - Rewilding Group

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Glebe Field Biodiversity Crowdfunding Campaign. We managed to reach our target and are now planning all the various jobs that need doing over the next couple of years.

For the bigger jobs we will be using contractors, but this can be very expensive and all our funds will be depleted rapidly if we have to pay for every little task.

Therefore, we would like to set up a Volunteer group, alongside the existing help we are getting from the ECO Club at Bredon Hancocks School, which will get together after restrictions are lifted.

Not only would this be a vital group for the community, but also a fantastic way to help your own mental wellbeing. If nothing else, the last year has taught us all how time spent outdoors is essential for our mental health.

The more volunteers that sign up, the easier the tasks will be to complete, and it also means not everyone would need to turn up every time. The sort of tasks we would need volunteers for are:- tree and bulb planting; weeding; turf cutting and removal; sowing seeds; digging and other "garden" related jobs.

If you are interested please email:- [declan.shiels@bredonpc.org.uk](mailto:declan.shiels@bredonpc.org.uk) or send a letter to the Clerk, Bredon Village Hall, Main Road, Bredon, Glos, GL20 7QN or join the "Bredon Parish Rewilding Group" on Facebook. Please include your name, contact details and any additional skills /tools you think would be helpful to the group, for example:- knowledge of horticulture; access to equipment or machinery; etc.



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**W/20/00076** - The Red House, Back Lane, Bredon. Installation of three external CCTV cameras at the location and an additional security light. **PC has no objections.**

**W/20/02675** - Pippins, Westmancote, Bredon. Demolition of garage and replacement with two storey extension. **PC objects** - see **Wychavon website for full details.**

**W/20/02774** - Lower End Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton. Demolition of existing outbuildings and carport. Erection of single storey extension, carport, enlarged opening to kitchen and removal of stud partition. **PC has no objections.**

**W/20/02836** - Croft Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon. Proposed ancillary outbuilding. **PC objects** - see **Wychavon website for full details.**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Monthly Parish Council**

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February*

**at 7:15pm**

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

## Cobalt Health - Bredon Support Group



Thank you to everyone who has purchased the upcycled greetings cards from me throughout the past year. I have been able to send regular amounts to Cobalt during the year which totalled £735, about 20% lower than the previous year but a very heartening sum in the current circumstances.

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### Penny Pots

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Thank you again - on behalf of Cobalt.  
Aeona Aitken

## Prayer tree at St. Giles

What a lovely idea that the Bredon Flower Guild has come up with; to put a prayer tree in the porch of St. Giles! Please take a walk down to the church. There are labels in the box. Use it for a prayer, hope or wish and place it on the tree.



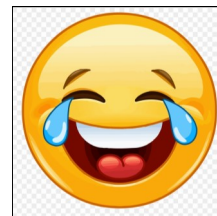
## Christmas with a difference

Did you find Christmas 2020 a pleasant experience? Many unexpected happenings appeared, some of which I would like to share with you. Have you noticed that, because we wear masks, the ears of many people are growing outwards? Weren't the lights around the village wonderful this year? So many people had climbed ladders to drape lights everywhere, that Bredon sparkled through dark evenings and lifted spirits. For me, there was a sad lack of music; music banned, rather than a music band. BUT what a wonderful sound the small church choir made, perched according to rules, by the altar, when they burst into song to rejoice in four well known carols on Christmas Day.

The congregation was not allowed to sing, of course, but Derrick Grainger made up for that, adding his twinkling fingers and feet to the excitement. The departing Mary Doney, who has served as churchwarden over many years, was presented with a lovely gift as thanks for all her hard work.

Mind you, we nearly didn't get to Christmas Day as flood waters rose and rose, and access to Tewkesbury town was impossible on the day before Christmas. Imagine all the seasonal goodies which had to be left on the shelves to shrivel in sell-by dates. You will have noticed the preponderance of beards which have appeared. My husband has grown a bushy Santa one, not my favourite, I must say. He has so little head hair, that, without a hat on, he looks as if his head is on upside down! There has been no one inside our house since last March, which is not good. I need to clean the windows. And at long last, I can say that I am beginning to feel my age. I would never have admitted to that, but there are many things I am not allowed to do, just because of my birthday, and that is very frustrating.

I would love to call in on people, tea and catch-up, see how everyone is getting on, shake hands, enjoy the company. Not yet. And finally, are you amazed at the number of professors which appear on our TV screens? What a lot of clever people we must have. It wasn't like that 'in my day', but that must be true for all of us, as we look ahead at 2021 and pray that it will not be the same next Christmas.



Nonnie Mouse

## Computer Wisdom by Jim Verrechia, Bredon 'Computer Doctor'

Bearing in mind that most of us are now working from home (and because some kind person has recently hacked into Microsoft, and my account/password was one of millions exposed), I wanted to focus on password security this month. So off we go ...



### Have I got a Secure Password?

If you think your passwords are secure, then a quick visit to the following website will hopefully make you a little nervous and make you want to do something about it ... <https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/>

If you start by entering something like 'Bredon1', you will immediately see that it would take a computer just 1 minute to hack this.

- Change it to 'Bredon978' and we're looking at 3 days.
- Now let's get really clever. Change it to 'Br3d0n!\*%&-furtang-ole-biscuit-barrel' and we're looking at 5 sexdecillion years - or whatever that is (it's a very long time!).

So the secret is to always use STRONG passwords. But even that won't save you if someone hacks into the site you are using and steals it.

### Why should I change my passwords regularly?

Well, if we head over to another website, we can see that in 2019 alone there were some pretty serious data breaches, where passwords were exposed, personal data stolen and a host of other things that would make your toenails curl. In fact, one single British security company managed to expose 5 billion records. But don't take my word for it - see for yourself ... <https://selfkey.org/data-breaches-in-2019/>



### Has my password been used by someone else?

If by now you are considering how on earth you are going to get to sleep tonight and have already guzzled a bowl of sleeping tablets, go to another website <https://haveibeenpwned.com/Passwords> and see how many times your secret password has been exposed. Oh dear!

### How can I remember all these passwords?

For several years now there have been tools available to take the stress out of password management. An example of a free tool is 'LastPass'. In its basic form, it does all the things you would need to manage your passwords across all your PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile phones. You go to the [www.lastpass.com](http://www.lastpass.com) website and create an account. Then download the LastPass software on each device you want it to manage and it will install an 'extension' for your browser (this is so it can recognise when you need to enter your username and password). Then each time you visit a website where a username and password are needed, it will fill in these details for you. There are other password managers that will do the same job - it is up to you which one you choose.



A message to anyone wanting to donate a laptop or a tablet to underprivileged children, schooling from home and who cannot afford such luxuries. I am happy to forensically wipe your device and either give it back to you or send directly to one of the many schools supporting this scheme. All I ask is that you provide the charger and ensure it is fully working as this is a time consuming exercise.

Jim Verrechia  
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## 50 Years and Counting .....

Decimalisation took place in the United Kingdom in 1971.

This February (15th) we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UK 'going decimal'.

Up to the 14th February 1971, there were 12 pennies to a shilling, and 20 shillings made a pound; so there were 240 pennies to a pound. An ancient system probably introduced by King Offa (757 - 796) around 790 AD.

Having joined Barclays Bank in 1968, I was working at 8/10 Southgate Street, Gloucester. This was an old Martins Bank Branch which was taken over in the wave of bank mergers that took place in the late 1960's.

For a good period before 'D' day, we role played customers and bank staff in rooms set aside with tills containing the 'new fangled' currency and paying in slips etc. with only two columns for pounds and new pence. We used the brand new coins (half, one new penny and two new pennies) which were taking over from the old penny, threepence, and sixpence. The shilling and two shillings (florin) were introduced in 1968 as 5 new pence and 10 new pence respectively, being the same size and weight as the old coins, and therefore were familiar (decimal twins) to staff and customers.



So what was happening on the Bank side of the counter?

Clearly a lot of publicity had gone into the effect of the changeover and included the issue of notices as below. A Decimal Currency Board had been charged with ensuring a smooth transition. All references to the old coinage had to now have the new coinage value shown alongside.

But of course the coinage was not the end of the matter.

The Banks now had to convert over all the bank accounts to reflect decimalisation.

The banks closed for three days during which time the ledger postings in the old currency were finalised. On day one, all the postings (ledger entries) had to be made within set time scales. The branch records were physically driven to London by branch staff under dual control, so only with a minimum of two branch officials. I accompanied the Deputy Manager and seemed to remember it being a very foggy night! During the next day the Head Office Processing Centre then converted all records to the 'new currency'.

All the tills were converted to hold the new different sized coins. At this stage a shilling was 5p, two shillings (a florin) was 10p. In 1982 the half crown was dropped in favour of a new coin which was 20p and a funny shape; the seven sided 50p coin was introduced in 1969 and was being phased in to replace the ten shilling note in 1972. See on the next page, courtesy of the Royal Mint, the value of 50p!

## 50 Years and Counting .....

Days one and two went so well that by the third day we had little to do and went to the cinema in the afternoon! This was just as well as we were still receiving calls from the public asking what the balances were on their accounts even though we were closed and despite extensive publicity stating figures could not be provided. The following day was a rather busy one!!

Not surprisingly the half penny never really caught on and rounding up became the order of the day. The debate still continues whether such actions contributed to inflation. Certainly high inflation contributed, three years later, to the banking crisis of 1974/75 and inflation was over 20% in the late 1970's. Interestingly the half penny was only withdrawn in December 1984.

For 21 years of my life, I used £, s and d. Would I like to go back to those days?



Well, despite pounds, shillings and pence [Latin: L (librae), s (solidi), d (denarii)] having a long and fascinating history ..... No, thank you, working in tens seems far more logical.

Clive Dobbs

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What does the 50p mean to you?

#50YearsOf50p

The Royal Mint

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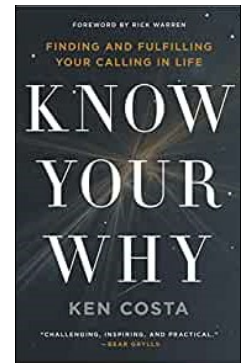
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## Book for February

### KNOW YOUR WHY by Ken Costa

... a pay raise, a new car, a nice vacation, the latest gadgets ...

'KNOW YOUR WHY' is both a spiritual reflection and a practical guide on the basic questions, 'Why am I here?' and 'What's life for?'. Meaning and purpose in our lives are neglected at great peril. Ken Costa addresses the issue of vocation, sharing hard-won insights gathered from the coal face of business and ministry over many years, and uses many anecdotes drawn from scripture. Though there is probably no area that gives us more frustration than questioning God's will, Ken Costa shares his assurance of the truth that a loving God has plans and purposes for all his children and reveals them through a variety of ways. He gives advice on how to seek this knowledge, starting with teaching us to search deeply into our motives for what really drives us and what ambitions we harbour.



Ken Costa

#### EXTRACT

"WHAT DO YOU WANT?" (John 1:38).

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But I hear echoing back at me, *surely this can't be right. It sounds selfish. What I want surely doesn't matter ... The answers that immediately spring to mind certainly seem to be: a pay rise, a new car, a nice vacation, the latest gadgets....*

No. The question Jesus asked is profound. It goes beyond the material wish list. It confronts us and forces us to think seriously about our true longings and objectives. Perhaps that is why these are the first spoken words of Jesus that John recorded in his gospel.

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#### QUOTE . . . UNQUOTE from Gloria Cain

At the very heart of the modern world is the almost complete absence of dependency and indebtedness and a corresponding reinforcement of forgetfulness and ingratitude. [In 1863] Abraham Lincoln declared "We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God." Now, the problem is universal. "If I were called upon to identify the principal trait of the entire twentieth century," Solzhenitsyn declared, "Men have forgotten God." Or as Bart Simpson, America's favourite cartoon kid, put it baldly when asked to say grace at supper time, "Dear God, we pay for all this ourselves. So thanks for nothing".



The Call by Os Guinness



Book introduced by Derek Cain



## What I love about ... Girlguiding



My long connection with Guiding had an inauspicious start when I joined the Brownies during the war (the Second World War!!). We met in a loft over a barn and during one riotous game, one of the other Brownies slipped through a crack in the floor! That seemed to be the end of Brownies, but later I joined the Guides. Bearing in mind this was just after the end of the war we did a lot of exciting things, the highlight being a two week camp every summer; once in Northern Ireland and another time in Holland. I still have a kit list which said I needed my ration book, Identity Card and 2 ounces of sugar! Camping in those days was primitive; only the fortunate girls who had relatives in the Army had sleeping bags; the rest of us had blankets pinned together. Our water supply had to be fetched from the nearest farm by means of buckets and a water chain and stored in dustbins. For the uninitiated, a water chain involved all the Guides spaced out equally between the tap and the camp site passing the buckets from person to person. This worked very well until the message came down the line that the bins were full. The Guides receiving the message first then disappeared leaving the unfortunate girls at the tap end to carry the remaining buckets all the way! That tested our Guide Law (A guide smiles and sings under all difficulties) to the limit. Toilet facilities were a three foot deep trench which had to be straddled then soil put in to cover the result of your visit!! A terrifying experience for a 10 year old!



*My Brownie uniform*

When I finished with Guides I donned another uniform for a few years in the Wrens then I restarted my Guiding when we lived in Hong Kong. Later, as we moved to Essex, South Wales, Midlands then Bredon there was always a welcome, and a job, with the local Guiding. I became a trainer for the Guide Association and enjoyed helping other Guiders with the programme. This usually involved a couple of hours in the evening, travelling round the Midlands for a day or occasionally weekends at one of the training centres. You can imagine my amazement when I received a phone call asking if I was free to go to the Caribbean for seven weeks! After freezing 49 little dinners and 49 little puddings for my husband, I was off for this opportunity of a lifetime. I spent a week on each of the islands; British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Anguilla, Montserrat and Grenada. They are all very small islands - and so were the planes that flew us between them!! We were never sure what would greet us at the next stop - sometimes our trainings were held under a tree, on the beach or in a hut with a tin roof during a thunder storm! What I most remember is the incredible friendliness of everyone and the amazing blue of the sea.

What I love most about Guiding is the camping. I have my own little tent with gadgets made from treasured pieces of wood (hazel is best) - marked with red insulating tape so that no one else 'acquires' them! My favourite job was QM - i.e. in charge of cooking and always on a wood fire. I am somewhat of an expert with fire lighting and rarely use more than one match. In recent years I have used this skill to burn rubbish in the church yard. (The churchwardens may well remember the occasion I set fire to the compost heap on the day the Archdeacon was doing his annual inspection!) I would watch the Guides struggling to light their fires to cook breakfast and thought how the sight put paid to the notion that 'there's no smoke without fire'!!

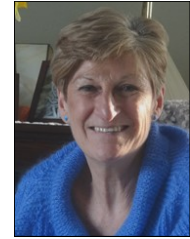


Guiding is all about experiences and challenges for the adults and the girls; lying in a field watching a meteorite shower; staying on Pack Holiday even when you are really homesick; cooking for 50 on an open fire in torrential rain; watching seals come into the bay to hear the campfire singing; abseiling for the first time when you are old enough to know better; planting 2,000 snowdrops in Bredon church yard; trying eggy bread for the first time – and enjoying it! But most of all, finding out that 'A stranger is a friend you have not yet met'!



Margot Dryden

## Sylvia Harrington's Recipe for February



### VEGETABLE CRUMBLE – Serves 4

#### Ingredients:

*(Can be made with most vegetables according to availability)*

2 medium onions  
2 sticks celery  
2 carrots  
2 courgettes  
1/2 cabbage  
1/2 cauliflower  
100 grams mushrooms  
2 tablespoons sunflower oil

For crumble -

100 grams ground brown or white rice  
25 grams ground almonds  
50 grams soft margarine or butter  
salt and pepper  
2 teaspoons mixed herbs



#### Method:

- Prepare the vegetables by chopping or slicing and gently sweat them in sunflower oil.
- Place in a greased ovenproof dish.
- In a bowl, mix the ground rice and almonds and rub/fork in the margarine or butter until like a crumb consistency.
- Season and stir in herbs.
- Place the crumble mixture on top of the vegetables and cook at 400°F (200°C), Gas 6 for 30 minutes until golden brown.



### Can you identify London Underground Stations?

By Inquizzitor 2



1. Would you look for a lamb behind it?
2. Calling it a square isn't cricket.
3. Does it get Bizet in the evening?
4. Heidi's home.
5. Bet Roger Bannister was pleased to see this!
6. Visitor from Peru found here.
7. Dark monks.
8. Napoleon's downfall.
9. Angry monarch.
10. Heavenly voices heard here?

*To see how well you have done,  
check your answers on the back cover*

### HOPE in uncertain times

If in response to reading this booklet you would like to explore the Christian faith further, there are Alpha courses running online during lockdown, where you



can ask questions and find out more from the comfort of your own home. Many of these started in January, but I know that Holy Trinity Brompton church run them on a very regular basis ([htb.org/alpha](http://htb.org/alpha)). Also, there are many online services each Sunday, the nearest is from Holy Trinity Tewkesbury ([trinitytewkesbury.org.uk](http://trinitytewkesbury.org.uk)). You will, of course, be very welcomed at Bredon and Bredon's Norton churches once there are no more COVID restrictions.

**THANK YOU** to the great team of distributors who delivered over 1,000 HOPE booklets between them. It was a tremendous effort and I am very grateful for the support I received. I have some booklets left over, so if anyone would like one to give to a friend, please do get in touch.

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### Just a few words .....

I simply love this photo of Bredon Hill in snow. Thank you, Hannah Dill! Although last Christmas was the coldest Christmas to me since we moved to Kinsham in 2017, I can't really complain because the view looks stunning!



Having said that, I am looking forward to the blooming of the daffodils!

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