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



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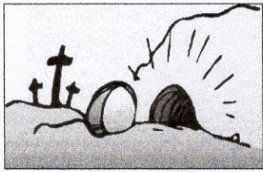
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# Services for April 2020

**Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday**  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist, St Giles (RS)  
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 6pm Evensong, Bredon's Norton (Lay)  
*(The Croftlands & Malthouse Lane)*



**Sunday 12th April - Easter Sunday**  
 10.30am ☺Festival Eucharist, St Giles (CL)  
*(Vallenders Road)*

**Sunday 19th April - Second Sunday after Easter**  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist, St Giles (CF)  
 4pm Lambing Day service (AD)  
*(Chapel Lane, Kinsham)*

**Sunday 26th April - Third Sunday after Easter**  
 9am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Village W...  
*(Cheltenham)*

**Sunday 3rd May - First Sunday after Easter**  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist, St Giles (Lay)  
 6pm Evensong, Bredon's Norton  
*(The street)*

CF = Christ

Robert Jones

**SADLY, ALL SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE OWING TO CORONAVIRUS.**

St Giles Church will be open again each day, for a few hours - times noted on the door - for those wanting to talk with God.

The Archbishops call us to make Sundays days of prayer and loving action, calling out to God for deliverance from this virus. 'Live Streaming' of services from Canterbury Cathedral and many churches around the country will be available.

**JESUS SAYS** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

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...y Communion takes place at ...ber, please contact Christopher

...month **The Barnabas Group** meet at St ...ersecuted for their faith.

...e second Sunday of the month, but there are ...ons they are changed. These services are ... especially for anyone who is not yet used to

## Minister's Message

When I think of the month of April, I am often reminded of the song "*Drip, Drip, Drip, Little April Showers*", which as many of you will know comes from the Disney film "Bambi". (Yes, I do love Disney films, and have many happy memories of watching them with our daughter when she was little!)

Well, over the last few months, we have had more than our fair share of rain; and those little showers have been replaced with storms, strong winds and heavy downpours, leading to mass flooding across much of our country. I have lost count now of how many times the bridge in Eckington has been closed! And, as we have seen in the news, whole communities have been, and many still are, devastated by the impact of the flooding, whilst farmers and landowners have lost valuable crops and vegetables through the continual soaking of their land.



"April showers" form the writings of many pieces of literature. A poem by Thomas Tusser in the Sixteenth Century says "*Sweet April showers do spring May flowers*", whilst Chaucer in his General Prologue of the Canterbury Tales writes "*When that April, with his showers soote the droughte of March hath pierced to the roote*".

The point Chaucer was making in this Prologue, was that in April, people start to get out and about; and this is of course true of us, as the days get longer and warmer our lawn mowers come out of hibernation, and we start to go for longer walks, days out and picnics.

In churches around the country, Christians will this month be celebrating the end of Lent and journeying through the commemoration of Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, and was cheered as an anticipated and long awaited King who would come and rescue people from their slavery and oppression, to Good Friday, where only days later, these same people were shouting for his execution, and Jesus is then put on a cross in a most horrific and painful death.

God however could be contained, and in the celebration of Easter Sunday, we remember Jesus overcoming death by rising to life once again. In so doing, it enables us as His children, to have that hope of a life beyond our own death; one which is eternal, and where we can enjoy the joy of being in God's presence and glory. We are now called to live out our lives with that hope and to spread the good news of Christ's love for all people.

I therefore love the festival of Easter, and for many of us, it is the most important Christian festival of the year. It is indeed a wonderful time to celebrate, not just because we can eat our Easter eggs after giving up chocolate for Lent, or because we witness new birth around us as we see lambs leaping around our fields. But, because we live in the knowledge that even as after the rain we know there will be sunshine, so in our lives, after those painful times when we feel down and without hope, God steps in because of His abounding love for us, and brings us to a place of peace and hope through His resurrection.

Therefore, this Easter, may you be blessed, as we remember that "**Christ is Risen. Alleluia!**"

Allison Davies



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Viv Ebbage  
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Mary Daniels  
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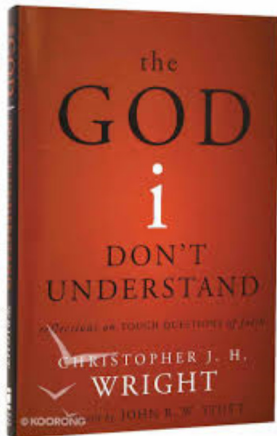
## DROP IN CAFÉ

Due to concern over the Coronavirus, the **Drop In Café scheduled for April 9th, has been cancelled.** Please watch this space for news of the Café in May.



Annie 772664

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### Book for April 2020

## The GOD I Don't Understand : Reflections on Tough Questions by Christopher J.H. Wright

Book  
introduced  
by Derek  
Cain



"If we are honest", the author tells us "We have to admit that there are many things we don't understand about God. We do not have final answers to the deep problems of life, and those who say they do are probably living in some degree of delusion." He is speaking here not only of contemporary events but more particularly those which are recorded in the pages of the Bible.

Though for many people, these problems raise questions and uncertainties, and the very person and character of God are seemingly called into question. As

Mark Twain fairly put it "It ain't those parts of the Bible that I **can't understand** that **bother me**, it is the parts that I **do.**"

Chris Wright encourages us to face up to the limitations of our understanding and through prayerful study of the evidence that scripture provides, a satisfying degree of understanding can be obtained.

To this end he takes us through many of the 'hard places' in the Bible and offers much further information, sometimes of a linguistic or cultural nature, showing how the apparent problem may be resolved.

It is fair to acknowledge that there are areas of mystery in our Christian faith that lie beyond the keenest scholarship or even the most profound spiritual exercises, difficulties which can often cause pain and grief do remain. Like the psalmist in Psalm 73, the author wants us to be able to say, "But that's all right. God is ultimately in charge and I can trust him to put things right. Meanwhile, I will stay near to my God, make him my refuge, and go on telling of his deeds."

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To be displayed on the stand by the south door in St Giles during April 2020.

### QUOTE UNQUOTE from Gloria Cain

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death  
1 Corinthians 15 vv22 - 27

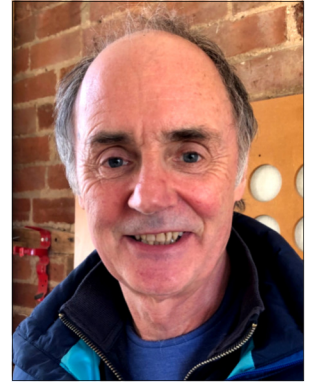


## What I love about...

### - our series about the passions of local folk

This month's contributor to this series, **David Pickering Pick**, is the husband of Annie, who wrote the one for March. David was a probation officer for over 25 years but, in recent times, he has carved a career in his recording studio, which is in the converted barn behind their home in Eckington Road.

David writes...



## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT .... MAKING MUSIC

Music has been a big part of my life since my earliest memories. The sound of music on the radio probably came first but I can also remember seeing a piano for the first time, pressing the keys, intrigued and excited by the sounds.

I am as much absorbed by the actual sound of music as by the composition and performance. The way that an ethereal violin melody can evoke a picture or emotion; how the space in which the instrument is played affects its quality; how this changes as a second or third instrument plays with it; how harmony and rhythm paint colours and stir the imagination

For almost as long as music has entranced me, I have tried to make it. Noticing my fascination with any piano I came across, my grandmother arranged for her father's piano to arrive at our home. He was Charles Pearce, organist and choirmaster in Edwardian England, and a composer of church music. I started to take lessons at my first school – I was five or six. I continued to study piano up to 18, but by then I was becoming more interested in the guitar. These days I love to play both, though I still don't practice nearly enough.



Not long after the piano arrived at our home, my father came home with a tape recorder. It was a Phillips open reel machine with a small microphone. Naturally my sister and I attempted to record ourselves playing music – she with violin and me on piano. We had a lot of fun doing it, but even at that age it was obvious to me that the results weren't very good!

The piano and tape recorder must have had a major impact on the course of my life ever since. I began writing songs and playing guitar at folk clubs, and started recording my efforts with a tape recorder on which I could add a second, third and more instruments after the initial recording. The results still weren't very good, but some progress was being made!

By this time, my wife Annie and I were performing fairly regularly at church events. We were able to record some songs in a 'real' studio, moonlighting in a BBC local radio station. Always pursuing better recorded sound, I set up a 4-track recording system in the living room of our tiny cottage in Cornwall. Meeting other Christian singers, I offered to record a local church band – the singer was Noel Richards, who later wrote 'We Declare Your Majesty' and many other worship songs. Feeling that we were now almost a recording studio, we needed a name. After not very much thought, we decided on Free For Good Recording (which was an accurate reflection of our charges at the time) and we are FFG to this day! The year was 1977 and I have been recording music continuously since then, for the last 27 years in our converted barn studio near Bredon. I have loved working with some amazing musicians – but I've never lost the feeling that I hope to do it better next time.



What do I love about making music? I find it almost impossible to put it into words, which is why I haven't been able to say much about that. Instead, I've only described how I went about doing it. Some things are beyond words, aren't they? Better to just make some more music!

Ps 81 1-2 "Sing for joy to God our strength: Shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre" (to which I would add, "and the guitars, bass and drums and huge string section!")



## LAMBING DAY AT HOME FARM BREDON'S NORTON

Sadly, the Corona virus has caused it to be cancelled this year.

## BREDON WI

I wonder at the many activities and events which fill this little column, all of which must be of interest to a pretty large audience. I wonder how I can control the size of these monthly articles, but here we go again. Our April speaker will be telling us about "Just Gems" on 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, in the Village Hall at 7.30. As usual, you can expect a most interesting and friendly evening, with Helen Plumb to tell us all about the products of creation. A week previously, in the Church Rooms at 2 pm, will be another product of creation performed by various fans of Scrabble. Open to all, and including half-time refreshments for merely £1, your competitive spirit will be tested. We are looking forward to our annual Group Spring Meeting in Mitton on 6<sup>th</sup> April, when all six of the Tewkesbury Group gather for an evening of "shared experience". The trip to London to see "Mama Mia" is fully booked and, no doubt, will be a memorable event. Keep your ears open for the WI visit to SS Great Britain in Bristol on 12<sup>th</sup> May, by coach and with a guided tour. Don't say we can't please you. No-one would believe it!



Viv Ebbage 773549

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We are still looking for volunteers to take over the running of the group from September. If you think this is something you might be interested in then please get in touch.

Don't forget that we hire out the toys and equipment for use at the village hall or elsewhere. Ideal for children's parties and cheaper than the commercial hire companies! Please get in touch via Facebook, email or phone.

We will be closed for Easter on 8th and 15th April. We will be back on Wednesday 22nd April.

Our Facebook page is Bredon Baby & Toddler Group or email us at [bredonsteppingout@googlemail.com](mailto:bredonsteppingout@googlemail.com). I can be contacted on 07581 033857.

Anna Reeves

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

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The Avg for February 1.65.

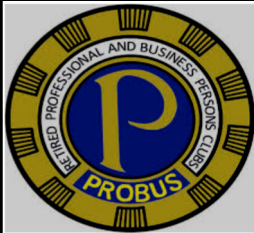


**Wind** 27 MPH on 29 Feb Avg 1.6

Allen Snow



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Life as the Probus Club Speaker Secretary can sometimes be challenging and sometimes frustrating, especially when a message comes through from the allocated speaker that they are unable to fulfil their talk for whatever reason. This happened to me twice in succession recently when the first speaker emailed me the afternoon before his scheduled talk to tell me that his car had been in an accident, so he would have to travel from Blackpool by train and would Probus Club pay for his return train fare. Sadly I had to decline this demand which left me with only a few hours to find a replacement.

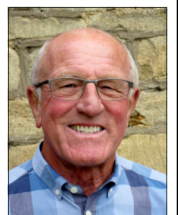
Fortunately, the very comprehensive Probus Speakers database has an invaluable section called “Short notice” and after trying several speakers who it turned out were already booked the following morning, I managed to find Peter Covey-Crump from Cheltenham who gave us an unusual and fascinating talk about one of his relatives who had decided to walk from London to Edinburgh back in 1807. Peter had discovered the young man’s journal at the bottom of an old family trunk and used the notes from the journal to provide an absorbing account of the journey, illustrated with drawings and period maps of each section of the young man’s expedition.

My second disappointment came just a few days later when because of the Corona virus outbreak, South West Ambulance Service emailed me to say that they were unable to secure any staff and would not be able to provide their long-awaited talk and demonstration on what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest and how to access and use the defibrillator.

With a flash of inspiration I asked one of our own members, Dave Hedger if he could help out. Dave was formerly a senior manager in the London Ambulance Service with long experience as a hands-on paramedic. Dave readily agreed and provided us with one of the most useful and enthralling events we have had in some time.

So whilst being the Speaker Secretary is indeed sometimes challenging and sometimes frustrating, it is always so rewarding when we have a superb speaker who is really appreciated by our members.

If you are a retired or semi-retired professional or businessman and you would like come along to one or more of our Tuesday morning meetings as a guest and sample the Probus Club ethos, please visit our website or phone our secretary Bill Bush on 01684 298419 or myself on 07710 773455 if you would like further details about Probus Club. To discover whether Tuesday morning meetings are continuing during April and subsequent months, because of Coronavirus, please ring one of these numbers.



Chris Brown

## SYLVIA HARRINGTON'S RECIPE FOR APRIL

### Jam Roly Poly

- 50grms butter chopped into cubes
- 250grms Self raising Flour
- 3 tablespns caster sugar
- 1 vanilla pod seeds scraped out or use a teaspoon of extract
- 50grms suet
- pinch of salt
- 150mls milk
- 100grms raspberry or plum jam
- 30grms flaked almonds and some caster sugar to serve.



- \* Put the oven on 180c or 160c fan Gas 4 and then place a deep roasting tin onto the bottom shelf of the oven. Carefully fill 2/3rds of tin with boiling water from kettle. Slide tray back in whilst you make the pudding.
- \* Tear off a large sheet of foil and greaseproof paper 30x40cms. Sit greaseproof on top of foil and butter it.
- \* Tip butter, sugar, flour and vanilla seeds/ extract in a food processor and whizz until the butter has disappeared.
- \* Tip into a mixing bowl and stir through the suet, pour in the milk and work together with a cutlery knife until you get a sticky dough. You may need to add an extra bit of milk depending on the flour used.
- \* Knead the dough for a few minutes and roll out on a floured surface to a square to measure 25cms x 25 cms. Spread with jam leaving a gap along one edge. Roll up from opposite edge. Pinch the jam free edge into the dough where it meets and pinch the ends roughly too.
- \* Carefully lift onto the greased paper join side down -(you may find a flat baking sheet useful for this)
- \* Loosely bring up the paper and foil around it then scrunch together along the edges and ends to seal. The Roly Poly will puff up a bit during cooking so don't wrap it too tightly.
- \* Lift the parcel directly onto the rack above the tin in oven and cook for an hour.
- \* Let the pudding sit for 5 mins before unwrapping then carefully open the foil and paper and thickly slice.
- \* Serve with a sprinkling of sugar, flaked almonds and hot custard.



## ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE FUNDRAISERS.

The next **PPP** will be held in the **Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 10 till noon**. "What on earth is PPP?" I hear you ask. "Plants, Patisseries and Preserves", of course, a friendly Bredon event, which has been in evidence for many years. There will be tables groaning with the weight of homemade cakes, jams, chutneys, marmalades etc, and an assortment of items to grow in your gardens.

For £2 entry, you can sit in comfort with a cuppa and a biscuit, have access to all these delights, AND some extra stalls reminiscent of a village market, as a new addition this time. Everyone knows how much we love our Hospice; what a valuable resource it is. Do come along and support all the work they do. Bring a friend and a bulging wallet.

Viv Ebbage 773549

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## HOT OFF THE PRESS!! - BREDON FUN FEST 2020

We had a get together last night to discuss arrangements for FunFest 2020. Last year's event was so successful, that we are going to repeat it, with some minor adjustments.

The when and where are as follows:

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11am-3pm, at  
Croft Farm Waterpark, Bredon's  
Hardwick**



You may notice that it is slightly earlier this year. This is because there is also a Gin Festival in the village that day. By moving FunFest an hour earlier, there is plenty of time for people to attend both, should they wish.

There will be live music again. Plus plenty of cider, ale, burgers, hot dogs and veggie toasties. For the kids, there will be a tuck stall and plenty of soft drinks.

It is a family event. There will be bouncy castles, the art activity bell tent and henna tent. It is also dog friendly. The dog groomer will be there offering some bargain pampering for your pooch. And this year, we are going to hold a fun dog show, categories yet to be decided. No need to enter in advance, just come along on the day.

Admission is held at £2.50. Under 12's free.

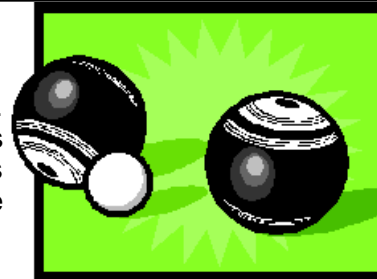
Those that helped run the event last year, really enjoyed it, but we could do with more help as we were spread rather thin. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Elaine on 772311 or Linda on 772167.

### All Readers please note:

Because of the extraordinary times in which, with the Coronavirus rampant and snaking unpredictably all around the world, we can't be sure whether events mentioned in this magazine will take place or not. If any need to be cancelled, we will try to publicise the fact. Please look and listen out, ask around - and keep washing your hands!

## BREDON BOWLING CLUB - we're off again!

On **18th April**, the Club opens for another exciting season at 2.30 p.m. This is the day on which we have a Club friendly match where members try to remember how to bowl on grass again. Some have played indoors on mat or carpet rinks, which are so much faster. Then we start the season with April fixtures against Eastnor, Frampton and Pershore.



On **Tuesday 21st April**, coaching will start at 2 p.m. and all comers are welcome to join us.

The Monday evening coaching will begin on 4th May at 6 p.m. All equipment except the necessary FLAT shoes, will be provided.

On **Sunday, 24th May**, we have our **OPEN DAY** - hoping as usual for dry, sunny, perfect weather! Come and enjoy, you will be among friends. Have a Roll-up and join the fun. You never know, bowling may even become addictive! Many have found it so.



In 2020 we have **Touring sides** visiting us from South Wales, Leicester and Suffolk. Also there are Worcester County matches against Berkshire and Somerset. Our own annual tour will this year take us to Bournemouth in September.



If you have any questions our Club secretary, Ian Day will be happy to help on 07587168789.

Jill Marshment

## BREDON CRICKET CLUB

**Delays.** With the unprecedented intrusion into our lives of the COVID-19 virus, almost all of our planning for the forthcoming season is on hold. We have not had any information from the ECB nor from the Worcestershire County Board. Some of our social events have already been cancelled. The statements below are thus for information only at this stage.



### All Stars Cricket 2020 – Club Registration and Dynamos Cricket.

It is time again for youngsters aged 5 to 8 to begin, or continue, their All Stars journey, and for those Juniors aged 8 to 11 to consider the new DYNAMOS Cricket. Please sign up to take part in another incredible year of cricket. All Stars cricket will take place at Bredon Cricket Club for the fourth year running, and it is time to register your children. For details, please follow the link on the Club website. There is also information about the procedures for registration for Dynamos Cricket, which Bredon Cricket Club will introduce this year in line with the national innovation. An official coach from the Worcestershire Cricket Board will lead the sessions.

**Junior Cricket.** One of the great sights of the summer in Bredon is the very large number of young people practising and enjoying cricket at our club. Junior coaching will continue to take place this summer on Friday evenings. As well as our trained coaches, there is a need for many parent helpers and friends to assist, because of the large numbers of participants. If you feel that you could help, on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Mark Notley on 07843-209896, or [not-ters1@googlemail.com](mailto:not-ters1@googlemail.com), or Sean Styles on 07779-268604, or [sean.styles@gmail.com](mailto:sean.styles@gmail.com), to discuss the opportunities. Please see the Bredon Cricket Club website for further details. Our friendly pavilion bar will open on Fridays for refreshments.

**Senior Cricket.** Our season is about to start, but we have no idea when it will begin, and indoor nets have taken place at Evesham Cricket Centre during March. We are looking forward to putting into place all the plans that the committee has been constructing during the closed season but are awaiting instructions from the leagues and cricket Boards.

Our Captains for the 2020 season are:-

Team	Captain	Telephone contact
First XI	Dominic Fenney	07904 - 901250
Second XI	Liam Harris	07864 - 291134



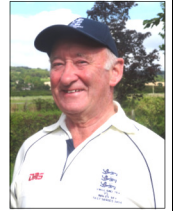


**Our Captains for 2020 continued...**

Third XI      Mark Notley      07843 - 209896  
 Sunday XI    Jordan Huggins    07557 - 051080

We are always trying to attract new players, especially from the village; please contact any of the above captains if you are interested in joining Bredon Cricket Club and enjoying our superb facilities. You can be sure of an extremely warm welcome!

**Bredon Cricket Club Tower Run 2020.** For the fourth year, after the last three years' tremendous inaugural successes, this event is planned for **Sunday, 24th May 2020**, starting at 10 am. BBQ and bouncy castle, and a great day out for all the family. Already, great interest has been generated and the very keenest runners have completed their applications. More information is on our Facebook page and Website.



Derek Ebbage

**2nd Quiz Inspired by Schoolboy howlers**

**Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements:**

*Schoolboy answer - to learn Latin*



1. Friends, Romans, countrymen ..what next? Supposedly said by whom? On what occasion?
2. What year is designated by the Roman numerals    MMXX ?
3. Identify these three sites in Rome



4. What superstition is associated with the Fountain of Trevi?

**What is a polygon?**    *Schoolboy answer - a dead parrot*

5. O.K. what is a polygon?

Identify the following Polys

6. An institution giving instruction in many subjects (11 letters)
7. A tough light plastic (9 letters)
8. The one-eyed Cyclops who threatened Odysseus and his crew (10 letters)
9. The practice of having more than one wife (or husband) (8 letters)

**What is a fibula?**    *schooboy answer - a small lie*

10. What is a fibula actually?
11. What colour is usually associated with a small lie?

*The answers can be found on page 15*

## Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council



### COVID-19 Coronavirus

Everything is changing day by day, so we advise our parishioners to check and follow government advice. Up to date advice can be found online at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk); if you do not have access to the internet please call NHS direct on 111.

In response to government advice, we have installed hand sanitiser units in both Bredon Village Hall and Bredon's Norton Village Hall.

As the number of cases rises, please keep a look out for vulnerable neighbours, who may live on their own. If they have self-isolated they may require help getting food and supplies.

### Wheelchair Donation

We would like to thank Bredon Community Care for their generous donation of the wheelchair, which now resides in Bredon Village Hall. It has already been used and is a helpful addition to the facilities in this vital community building.

### Diamond Jubilee Community Award

This award was originally created to provide a lasting tribute to the then forty years of dedicated service which had been given to us all by Her Majesty the Queen. Every year, the winner of the award is selected by the trustees to receive a sum which, it is hoped, will enable and encourage them to continue the good work they have been doing.

This year we are pleased to announce that Sally Brown won the Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award, for her outstanding contribution as the driving force behind the Bredon Luncheon Club. Sally, who started the Bredon Luncheon Club ten years ago, was nominated by Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council.

Mainly self-funded, the volunteer-led club organise a monthly two course meal at the local village hall for parish residents in a bid to fight against loneliness, especially in the elderly. The last event attracted up to 40 residents.

She attended a special presentation in the Civic Centre, where she received the trophy and a cheque for £200.

**Cllr Frances Smith, Chairman of Wychavon District Council, said:** "Congratulations to our winner Sally Brown, as well as our runners up and other

nominees. It is brilliant to see such selfless people dedicating their time to the wonderful communities within our district. I would like to encourage more Town and Parish Councils to take part next year by sending in their nominations."



### Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk).

For consideration by Wychavon:

**W/20/00040** - 3 Kinsham Close, Kinsham. Demolish conservatory and porch, replace with 2 storey brick/tile roof extension to rear. **The PC has no objections.**

**W/20/00357** - Thatchways, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton. Demolition of existing dwelling house and construction of new dwelling house on its site (Removal of condition 4 of planning approval 00/00734/PP). **The PC has no objections.**

**W/20/00419** - Wyche Elm, Main Road, Bredon. Removal of remains of a dormer bungalow destroyed by fire. Construction of a new replacement dormer bungalow. **The PC objects, please see Wychavon website for details.**

### Date of Next Meeting(s):

#### Monthly Parish Council

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
takes place in Bredon  
Village Hall at 7:15pm  
and

#### Annual Parish Council

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
takes place in Bredon  
Village Hall at 7pm

*Pictured: Sally Brown and Cllr Frances Smith, Chairman of Wychavon District Council, at the Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards.*

## BREDON 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.



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 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 to sometimes cast aside our warm winter waterproofs as we have had some warmer days.

Our Preschool children have enjoyed joining their friends at school for yummy school lunches. Thank you to the team at Bredon Hancock's First School for making us feel so welcome.

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".



Tracey Ford

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to develop in a stimulating environment where they can have fun learning through play, please get in touch.

**Breaking news, we have spaces available for your little one from September 2020**

Have a look at our website [www.bredonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.bredonplaygroup.co.uk). Playgroup number is 01684 773536 (during session time) or please e.mail me and I will call you at a time suitable to you. [bredonplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:bredonplaygroup@gmail.com)

## BREDON CUB TROUP

This term we have had added a food theme to our activities where we have enjoyed pancakes at Eckington scout hut as part of Shrove Tuesday activities and we have been teaching the children how to use Trangia Triangular stoves, namely to boil water to make hot chocolate.



Continuing the food theme and as part of our world challenge badge we held a tortilla challenge whereby the cubs, whilst blindfolded, had to identify different foods that had been put on a tortilla from guacamole to custard with varying degrees of success and disgust!

We are busy planning our first camp of the year at the scout owned Centre, Blackwell Adventure where the children will be sleeping in wooden pods. We are praying the weather will be kind to us. We will update you on how the camp went in next month's report.

We are always looking for people to come and share their experiences or hobbies with the cubs and so if you have an interest that you would like to share with our cubs please get in touch. This month we are welcoming the police community support officer and a representative from the pet charity Blue Cross.



We meet every Tuesday during term time at Bredon Village Hall from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Alice Clark



## SAM MUSING

**SAM WILKINSON** is doing remarkably well, as he adjusts to life after his stroke. He sends regards to his many friends in Bredon and surrounding villages. With his mobility being restricted these days, he has time for musing and remembering how life used to be. This is another article received several months ago and kept in store for such a time as this.

## 21. A CHANGING WORLD

I suppose that it is inevitable that in old age you become more aware of the changes in our world. I fear that many of the changes that I am aware of fail to make a contribution to happiness, the motivation being making money, mainly provided by massive debts. I was brought up in the old school based on not buying something if you could not afford it. Crazy low interest rates encourage borrowing and discourage saving and now the government\*\* dare not put the interest rates up to where they should be because it would make many mortgage rates too high for many to afford. At my age I doubt if it will be sorted out in my time but I fear for the younger generations

I think that one of the greatest changes our modern world has seen is the massive amount of information that is constantly fed to us when young. At the age of fifteen I knew little of what was going on, my mind being more than filled with studying for my Senior Cambridge exam to achieve a level that would make me acceptable as an engineering student. Any spare time was spent on designing and building my first car. I came to realize that there were all sorts of problems in the world when my teen aged sister started fretting about what she could do about apartheid in South Africa. This is one small example of what a modern youngster might be facing on their mobiles plus a load of pop music at an excessive volume. Their friend's problems are also fed to them even during the night. No wonder that juvenile mental health problems have multiplied by six in the last few years. I suppose that I really came down to earth with the war and conscription which you could not get away from. I thank my lucky stars that I retired just before mobile phones became really mobile. I looked forward to long car rides in isolation giving an opportunity to think about business and family commitments.

It brings you back to the old question *why are we here?* and I conclude that it is to lead a happy and constructive existence. The excessive demands of modern living threaten this. There seems to be a trend developing in which human endeavour is concentrating on trying to eliminate many of the physical things we do, at the same time promoting non-productive sport to keep us amused. Sadly a side effect of this can be obesity and poor health.

Perhaps this is just the grumbling of an old man but I cannot help remembering the happiest time of my life building large engineering equipment by hard work.

*\*\*not the same government now and not the same conditions, of course. Ed*

## TEWKESBURY ABBEYFIELD Assisted Living Vacancies

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**EASTER SPECIAL**

**A Crazy way to make a very important point**

Churches, being unable to meet, are unlikely to be able to celebrate Easter this year, missing the most important festival of all. 45 years ago, the 30 year old Rector of Haughton Green, Manchester, enthusiastic and keen that parishioners should think about Easter, ate a daffodil!

Why?  
see  
below

**Easter 1975**

Mr Frith, eating a daffodil. (75.4.64).

**Rector eats a daffodil to make his message plain**

"SEEING IS BELIEVING" was the Easter message conveyed to the congregation by the rector of St. Mary's Church, Haughton Green, the Rev C. Frith. To make his point during an Easter Day service, he ate a daffodil.

After promising several times to eat it during the service, and then actually doing so, he said: "If you go out of church now and tell a passer-by that the rector has just eaten a daffodil, he probably won't believe you. People don't eat daffodils. But if two or three hundred of you all go out and say that you actually saw it happen, the passer-by will have to believe you.

"In the same way, people don't believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Dead people don't come alive again. But what about the eye-witnesses? Over 500 of them — honest, reliable people — actually saw him alive again after his death."

Mr Frith told the Reporter: "It tasted rather like a sweet onion. I haven't suffered any ill effects, but even if I had it would have been worthwhile if it had helped someone to come to faith in the risen Christ."

...no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15**

The local paper had the scoop and then the news went far and wide. It gave many opportunities to explain that the news about Jesus rising from the dead was just as true as the daffodil snack.

Chuckle and think!

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**THE COVER PHOTO** is **Welcome to St Giles** taken by Christopher Frith. As always when we feature daffodils, it needs to be in colour, which our printer can't manage!

**Quiz Answers**

Questions are on page 11; please read them first!

1. "Lend me your ears. We come to bury Caesar not to praise him". Mark Antony at Caesar's funeral according to Shakespeare.
2. 2020.
3. The Coliseum: St Peters: The Spanish Steps.
4. If you throw a coin in and make a wish, it will be granted.
5. A figure with five sides or more.
6. Polytechnic.
7. Polythene
8. Polythemus.
9. Polygamy.
10. A bone in the calf between the knee and the ankle.
11. White.

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will be May's. The **deadline** for material to be included is **Sat 11 April** at 5pm, to go to Christopher Frith at [bredonparishmaged@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bredonparishmaged@hotmail.co.uk), tel:01684 773164.

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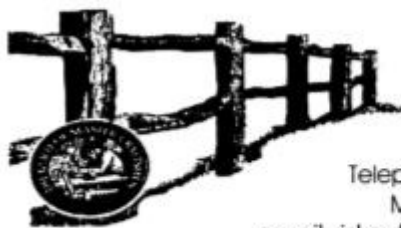
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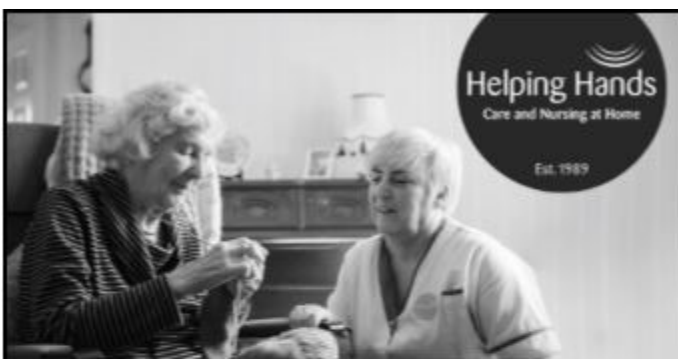
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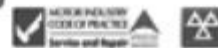
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