



**Withington
Parish Magazine
July and August 2021**



THE ALL NEW MULBERRY CAFÉ AT RADWAY BRIDGE GARDEN CENTRE

Radway Bridge Garden Centre & Country Stores is very excited to have taken the café back under its wing.

The Contemporary Mulberry café will offer delicious, fresh homemade cooking where most is made by our in-house chef, 7 days a week.

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- **We will specialize in delicious, rustic homemade food cooked well and with a simplicity that brings out all the natural flavours in fresh seasonal ingredients.**
- **We are going back to our traditional Sunday lunches.**
- **We are having informal talks with tea with Horticultural enthusiasts throughout the year.**
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We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to our Mulberry Cafe in 2021.

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Editorial

Dear All,

It's a pleasure to be able to use this platform to promote local businesses and the opportunities that they present. For people looking for local employment in the caring profession please see page 9.

Likewise I am pleased to confirm that the Zumba classes are now taking place once again in Withington Village Hall, details can be found on page 17 and for those wanting to learn conversational French see page 14.

Congratulations to Radway Bridge Garden Centre on the opening of the Mulberry Café, we are very fortunate in having the business literally on our doorstep (and free Wi-Fi, think I will be relocating there to work on the magazine as my broadband reception is non existent!).

My sincere thanks to everyone who has submitted material for publication in the magazine during the pandemic. It has been extremely difficult for all trying to create something of interest in the absence of events, but you have all achieved it admirably. Thank you for your commitment and support.

Enjoy the summertime and hopefully the new freedom once restrictions are lifted.

Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Margaret

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Withington Village Hall

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

With the sad loss of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, it seemed to be a fitting time to remember a major contribution that Prince Philip has made to the youth of Great Britain and in 144 countries around the world through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

In 1956 the scheme started for boys and in 1957 for girls. At the beginning there were 7,000 involved in the scheme. Since that time the age limit has increased from 18 years of age to 25 years. Over 6 million young people have taken part in the DofE scheme since 1956 and there are around 300,000 new participants annually. The programmes are at three progressive levels, which if successfully completed, lead to Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Back in January Jennie contacted the Village Hall Committee to ask if she could volunteer to collect litter around the Village. She has recently finished her time and has written a short article about her involvement with the DofE Scheme at the Bronze level including the litter picking.

"I started my Duke of Edinburgh bronze award just before the second lockdown. The easiest section for me to complete was the physical section, as I am a member of Hereford Swimming Club. During the lockdown virtual meetings were held, where we did exercise classes as well as receiving talks from different people such as a nutritionist in order to help our overall performance.

For the skills section of my award, I decided to improve my cooking skills. Our family chose to sign up to Hello Fresh to increase the variety of meals in our diet. Cooking and following these recipes increased my confidence and skill in the kitchen and enabled us to try new foods and flavours.

The lockdown changed many people's plans for the DofE, especially what they were going to do for the volunteering section of the award. 1.8 million hours of volunteering was carried out by people completing their DofE awards throughout the pandemic, with many people delivering food parcels as well as talking to people in care homes virtually. **I chose to undertake litter picking around Withington, helping to keep the village clean and tidy, with many others doing the same in their local villages, following the community litter picking scheme. I did various routes around the village, including the wood, Veldo Lane and the housing estates whilst walking my dog. I was concerned about the amount of dog poo bags that had been dropped, along with a large number of cans and empty spirit bottles dumped in ditches. I completed 12 litter picks over a 3 month period and liaised with Balfour Beatty to collect the bags once full.**

Overall, I have really enjoyed completing these sections of my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and I am looking forward to doing my final expedition at the end of June."

Jennie, thank you for freely giving of your time to help keep the village cleaner and tidier than it would otherwise have been. Good luck with your award.

Kevin Hewison

Village Hall Chair.

Tree Warden Report

The Queen's Green Canopy. 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'

Have you got space to plant any trees for the queen's platinum jubilee year?

Everyone, from individuals to communities, from landowners to businesses, is encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins. Withington Parish Council plans to plant in the area around the village hall and boundary along the dog walking field.

From October all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the QCG website so that everyone can share their contribution towards creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. www.queensgreencanopy.org gives information on how everyone can get involved.

The Woodland Trust through the QGC website is making **three million free saplings available**. Schools, community groups like scouts and guides and parish councils, businesses and landowners are being encouraged to plant individual trees or a copse, an even a Jubilee avenue. Trees can be applied for from now, June '21, through the QGC website on a first come first served basis.

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Withington Book Club

Book club continues to meet using Zoom. In April we discussed 'Machines like Me' by Ian McEwan. One of the central themes of the book is Artificial Intelligence, so it was somewhat fitting to have this book to consider on the same day that driverless cars were given the go ahead by the government. As you may imagine, there were many more strands to our deliberations! A fascinating and thought provoking book, skilfully written.

In May, we looked at 'Olive Kitteridge' by Elizabeth Strout. This book has won the Pulitzer Prize and has also been made into a T.V. Mini series. In essence, it's a novel made up of short stories, set in a small town in Maine USA. Olive Kitteridge is the central character who keeps it all going. A bit like the Archers or a soap opera set in a small town where everyone knows everyone else.....some of us loved it and can't wait to read the sequel and some of us wondered what all the fuss was about.

Our next books are 'The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce.

'The red haired woman' by Orhan Pamuk and 'Meet me at the museum' by Anne Youngson.

I know reading has been very important to some people during the pandemic, equally, others have found it extremely difficult to even get going with a book at this time. However, if the above sounds of interest, give me a call on 851710, I'm Sue.

St. Peter's Church News

St Swithun's Day is the feast day of an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester who died in 862 AD. Little is definitively known about his life although he is said to have been the spiritual adviser of Ethelwulf, King of Wessex, who donated much of his royal land to build and restore numerous churches. Swithun has also been suggested as the tutor of Ethelwulf's son Alfred, who then went on to become the mighty ruler of Wessex.

Whilst Swithun was a popular bishop, his only known miracle during his lifetime was the repair of a basket of broken eggs. His enduring legend is due to events after his death on 2 July 862. With his dying breath Swithun is said to have requested that his final resting place be outside, where his grave could easily be reached by both members of the parish and the rainfall from the heavens. But in 971 it was decreed that Swithun was to be the patron saint of the restored Cathedral at Winchester where an impressive shrine was built for him. His body was removed from its simple grave and interred in the new Cathedral on 15 July 971 and, according to legend, forty days of terrible weather followed.

St Swithun might easily have disappeared into obscurity had it not been for our British fascination with the weather. He has been the useful scapegoat for any number of wash out summers. According to the Royal Meteorological Society, however, there is no great reliability in the prophecy. Since records began there has been no period of 40 consecutively wet or dry days following 15 July. To turn the legend on its head, whilst sunshine on St Swithun's Day in Miami may well safely point to 40 days of unbroken sunshine, in Hereford, Withington or Westhild it certainly does not....

...or does it? *"Global heating: London to have climate similar to Barcelona by 2050"*, ran the headline a couple of years ago. According to a number of reports on the likely impacts of the climate crisis, cities that are currently in temperate or cold zones in the northern hemisphere will, relatively soon, resemble cities more than 600 miles closer to the equator, with damaging effects on health and infrastructure. Water shortages will affect scores of cities now in temperate climates as a result of the global heating, which is forecast to be by as much as +3.5C in European cities in summer and +4.7C in winter.

Strange as it may seem, the reality of human-made climate change is still up for debate for some. Although we appear to have reached a place of broad agreement in this country and across Europe there remain significant numbers of influential people across the world who continue to raise all manner of objections to what the, very clear, science shows us. That many of these individuals, particularly in the U.S., receive considerable donations from the fossil fuel industry into their political campaigns may be mere coincidence. Personally, I doubt it, just as I doubt their claims.

So, you may reasonably ask, what part is your local church playing in addressing carbon emissions and growing towards an existence of greater harmony with the natural world around us? Actually there are a number of things we are beginning to do. I am the first to accept that (not for the first time) the Church of England has been somewhat slow in taking action, despite the fact that there have been plenty of folk on the fringes of the church shouting about this for many years. Fortunately though we seem at last to be catching up with ourselves and all over the country, including in this group of churches, we are becoming much more aware of, and, crucially, active in working out, our responsibilities. One of the more obvious changes is the commitment that local churches are making towards being part of the Eco-church movement.

Essential, I think, to its success, Eco-church is not just another Church of England initiative. It is a cause we have embraced that was started, and remains run, by the international charity A Rocha, a Christian nature conservation organisation. The name A Rocha comes from the Portuguese for 'the Rock', as the organisation's first initiative was a field study centre in Portugal. A Rocha projects are frequently cross-cultural in character, and share a community emphasis, with a focus on science and research, practical conservation and environmental education and Eco-church is no exception. It seeks to involve the whole church, in its community, to think more about the impact we have on the environment. It is encouraging us, through a points and awards based system, to lighten the footprint we leave on the earth in every area

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of our life and work together.

Throughout the summer ahead I hope you will feel encouraged to learn more about what we are doing and to join in – as they say, ‘watch this space’! Whether we like to accept it or not it is clear that a very different world to that which St. Swithun would have recognised is being created. Unless we act now, both internationally and individually, we will be faced with something a whole lot worse than a drop of summer rain.

Simon

Bartestree Cross Group
July & August 2021
Services in Withington and Westhide

Date & Readings	Westhide	Withington
27th June St Peter & St. Paul (R) <i>Acts 12:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>	11am Holy Communion	4.30pm Choral Evensong
11th July Trinity 6 (G) <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i> <i>Mark 6:14-29</i>	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
18th July Trinity 7 (G) <i>2 Samuel 7:1-14a</i> <i>Mark 6:30-34,53-end</i>	3pm Parish Walk	9.30am Holy Communion 12.30pm Baptism
25th July James the Apostle (R) <i>Acts 11:27-12:2</i> <i>Matthew 20:20-28</i>	11am Holy Communion	4pm '4 th @4' Family Service
1st August Trinity 9 (G) <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i> <i>John 6:24-35</i>		3.30pm Baptism
8th August Trinity 10 (G) <i>Ephesians 4:25-5:2</i> <i>John 6:35,41-51</i>	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
15th August The Blessed Virgin Mary (W) <i>Isaiah 61:10-end</i> <i>Luke 1:46-55</i>		9.30am Holy Communion
22nd August Trinity 12 <i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i> <i>John 6:56-69</i>	11am Holy Communion	4pm '4 th @4' Family Service
29th August 'Music Sunday' <i>Ephesians 5:15-20</i> <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>	10am Group Holy Communion St. Peter's, Lugwardine	

St. Peter's Church News



The Church of England offers a Christian presence in communities across the Diocese of Hereford. Together we seek to make this presence the heart of city, town and village, by serving our communities, by sharing our faith, by worshipping together and by welcoming all back to our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution has a cost which is met only by regular personal donations. Regular giving is vitally important for churches not only to survive, but to grow. Now, in the wake of the destruction caused by the pandemic, that giving is more valued than ever to ensure we can plan for a much brighter future together with confidence.

Many of you will remember that some time ago you received a letter introducing the Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme is a marvellous way to make your regular donation to the life and mission of our churches and offers many benefits;

The scheme is free to use and your church receives 100% of your donation.

Less cash donations are handled, so it is safer and time spent counting and banking cash donations is reduced

Income from giving is less prone to fluctuation when people are away for whatever reason - a steady income makes budgeting and planning so much easier.

Those joining the scheme have the option to increase their donation annually in line with the rate of inflation.

The Scheme makes life so much easier for everyone; with Gift Aid claimed through the Parish Giving Scheme, administration is reduced considerably. Even if you don't qualify to use Gift Aid, you can still give through the Parish Giving Scheme.

If you have already set up your regular donations through the Parish Giving Scheme then thank you. Your support is hugely welcome. If you are still thinking about it and have questions or have not yet had a form please ask me, one of your Churchwardens or Treasurer. We will be delighted to help.

With every blessing,

Simon



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For more information or to apply please call **02920 365 072**
or email **recruitment@shaw.co.uk**

Withington Group Parish Council

Withington Group Parish Council - update

The Parish Council was relieved to learn that the appeal re Southbank Road has been upheld and they would like to thank everyone who wrote into Herefordshire Council with their objections. In particular we would like to thank Paul Bainbridge for all his work on this when he was chair and Ralph Barber during his tenure. Special thanks also due to Ginnette Chadd and Keith Merrick for all their hard work in bringing about the decision all hoped for.

Withington Group Parish Council represents Withington, Westhide and Preston Wynne and meets every two months at Withington village hall. These meetings are open to the public. Councillors are volunteers who are elected every three years.

You can contact them via the parish clerk on : wgpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Your **Withington** Councillors are:-

Kevin Hewison (Chair), Alison Bainbridge, Barclay Rogers, Tom Nellist, Bob Wood, Jonathan Beech, Martin Kirk (footpaths officer), Howard Mansell and Ingrid Heatly (who is also the tree warden).

Your **Westhide** Councillors are :-

Judith Howe, Julie Williams (footpaths officer) and Anna Green

Your **Preston Wynne** Councillors are:-

Simon Dent, Sue Rudd and Ed Simcock – Roz Simcock is the Parish footpaths officer.



Parish Walks

Once a month this summer, circular walks for all the family starting from our local churches.....starting at 3pm.

Easy walks for about 1 hour, finishing with refreshments.

Westhide on Sunday 18th July

Dormington on Sunday 8th August

Weston Beggard on Sunday 29th August

Withington's walk was in June!

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Westhide

Sunshine at last! After weeks of cold, dry, windy weather followed by weeks of cold, wet, windy weather it is a joy to see the sun again. The cuckoo is in good voice - we hope this is heralding glorious summer days to come.

As a community we were all invited to hear plans that the Westhide Estate are putting forward for a Solar Farm on their land. If the plans go through it will be spread over 125 acres of farmland. The plans were clearly explained and questions answered by two excellent reps from TEKSS. We were grateful to be told of these plans which left us all with much food for thought.

The latest arrival in the village is Minnie, born to Lisa and Tom of Ashgrove in May - a little sister for Morris. We send congratulations to you all 4 and may she bring great joy and happiness.

Our grateful thanks to all who mow and strim the roadside verges and the churchyard. Having sheep in the churchyard from time to time is a great help. They do a magnificent job tackling areas that are difficult to get at with a mower.

Westhide Summer Sunday Walk is on July 18th starting at 3pm from the church.

Plans are afoot for a summer gathering / garden party - whatever the government will allow us - so, watch this space. We also hope to re-start the Friday Belfry Bar nights as from June 18th, not to mention our Wednesday Walks for the Westhide Wobblers!

Enjoy the summer,

Sheila

Plans for Solar Farm at Westhide

Many of you will have heard that there is likely to be a planning application for a solar farm in Westhide.

Consultation has started with Westhide residents but the scheme is also likely to affect Withington residents, especially during the construction phase of an estimated 3-4 months.

Please take time to understand the proposal and if you have any questions contact TEKSS:

info@tekss-energy.com

To date they have been very responsive to emails.

Their website is also useful:

[Westhide Solar Power Project \(tekss-energy.com\)](http://Westhide Solar Power Project (tekss-energy.com))

At the time of writing there is no formal planning application to consider.

Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

Happy Summer, at last! After such a wet and cold May, the arrival of some welcome warmth and sunshine during the last few days of the month were a blessed relief. Everything in the garden has now gone berserk of course, especially the weeds, still, mustn't grumble...

Nature is now playing catch-up, but, did you notice that as it was so cold that everything that did eventually show it's face like daffodils and bluebells actually were around for longer than normal – it's an ill wind don't you know.

Church News

July 25th 11.15 H.C.

August 22nd 11.15 H.C.

Any extra services t.b.a watch for board on the corner.

We welcome aboard our new Curate Natalie Jennings. There will be an opportunity to meet Natalie during the July Services of the Maund Group. It has been decided not to hold a special welcome Service for Natalie due to social distancing, but we wish her well and look forward to meeting her.

100 Club Results for the first draw for 2021

1st No. 2 £50 Jack Roberts

2nd No. 96 £25 Helen Jones

3rd No. 57 £12.50 Simon and Janet Crowther

Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Henrietta Pugh Foundation.

Please note that there is an announcement in this edition of the Withington News regarding this Foundation.

W.I news

The May meeting was held as planned in Debbie Barber's garden. The weather for once was fine enough for us to enjoy a wander round this lovely garden after a picnic lunch. It was a real treat to meet up after such a long break. The June meeting will be in my (Hilary's) garden when a fish and chip supper is planned. A special guest has been invited to this meeting, Hilda Teece who lived in Preston Wynne before moving to Bodenham was a stalwart member of this W.I. for many years and will be celebrating her 90th Birthday in June, so fingers crossed for a warm and dry evening for this special evening.

Think that's about it for now, so see you next Withington News, enjoy the Summer everyone and hopefully the continuation of the easing of the Pandemic restrictions.

Love Hilary and Tricia

Preston Wynne

HENRIETTA PUGH CHARITY, PRESTON WYNNE

This charity was set up in 1813 with trustees who would utilise the rent from land in Preston Marsh on 10th October each year: *“in providing for each poor man belonging to or resident within the boundaries of the said chapelry of Preston Wynne, a good and warm great coat, made of stout coarse cloth, but no such poor man to have such coat 2 years successively and should also yearly on the day aforesaid provide for every poor women belonging to or resident within the boundaries of the said chapelry a gown made of warm dark brown stuff and no such poor woman to receive such gown for 2 or more years successively ... and if after the distribution of the articles aforesaid there should be any surplus remaining....then the same should be laid out in warm and comfortable clothing to be distributed among the children of such poor persons as aforesaid.”*

If there were insufficient funds then the minister of the chapelry would decide priorities. There are memorials to Henrietta Pugh and the purposes of the trust in Holy Trinity Church, Preston Wynne.

The land was later sold and the interest from the capital was used to distribute to the poor. In 1994 the objectives of the charity were changed: *“in relieving generally or individually persons resident in the parish of Preston Wynne who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money, or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship and distress of such persons.”*

The objectives were also changed to include making donations or subscriptions to institutions or organisations which promote or which undertake in return to provide such items, servicing or facilities for such persons, within Preston Wynne.

Latterly, and since the financial crisis of 2007, the investment has not provided sufficient return for distribution and there are no residents in hardship or need. Consequently, there have been few requests and it has been more difficult to dispose of the income in line with the objectives of the fund.

Recently the Charity Commissioners have been actively looking at small charities with limited capital (in this case around £13,000) so that due to inactivity the charity was automatically closed by the Charity Commissioners during lockdown.

In view of this the trustees of the fund, in the light of the purposes of the trust, passed a special resolution to distribute the capital and income remaining equally between the Felton and Preston Wynne Memorial Hall and Holy Trinity Church, Preston Wynne as the only two organisations in the village able to support the vulnerable and needy should an individual in the village meet hard times.

It is sad that after 208 years this small charity should close but the memory of Henrietta Pugh lives on in our newly repaired church in the village. Go and have a look! Indeed, one of the provisions in the original trust was that the memorials to Henrietta Pugh should be kept in good condition.

Andrew Marson (former Chair of Trustees, Henrietta Pugh Charity).

Notices

Plans for 46 homes dismissed at appeal

Plans to build 46 new homes on the edge of a Herefordshire village will not go ahead after a planning inspector dismissed an appeal.

Dozens of objections were registered after Land Allocations submitted new plans to develop 7.33 acres of field on land north of Southbank in Withington in January 2020. Previous plans to build up to 52 houses on the field were rejected because the site lies outside the village boundary and would have poor transport connections. But permission was again refused after a report confirmed the homes would be outside the settlement boundary and have poor access.

The developers appealed the decision but in a decision on May 11, Planning Inspector JP Sargent dismissed the appeal. 'The proposed housing lies immediately adjacent to but outside of the settlement boundary,' his report said. 'What is before me does not accord with any of the permitted circumstances for housing given in Core Strategy Policy RA3. Therefore, on principle, housing is unacceptable here and contrary to neighbourhood plan policy.'

The Inspector also found the new development would affect the surrounding landscape, and had concerns about the impact of work to provide access to the site from the C1130, which would require the removal of an extensive length of embankment. 'The scale and nature of these changes would significantly undermine and harm the rural character of the lane by removing the apparently natural wooded embankment and replacing it with a heavily engineered feature,' the Inspector wrote.

The Inspector also raised concerns about barriers to walking and cycling to village amenities, such as a lack of pavements and lighting, and concluded this would result in an over-reliance on cars. Further concerns were raised about the impact of the development on the Wye Special Area of Conservation, with the potential to result in an increase of foul sewage in the river in the event of sewer overflows.

[Charlotte Moreau, The Hereford Times]

Thank you everyone for your part in successfully getting this dismissed!

FRENCH TUITION

BONJOUR!

Do you require or wish to have some French tuition during the summer? Look no further! Learn French with me, Owain, as a hobby or academically.

ABOUT ME. Experienced end of 3rd Year student at the University of Birmingham, studying BA French & English Language. Just completed a Year Abroad in Toulouse, France as a teaching assistant in two high schools.

WHAT I'M OFFERING. French language tuition classes for ALL AGES. Conversation up to and including A-Level, grammar and written tuition up to AS-Level.

RATES. French conversation only – £20 per hour (or 6 lessons for £90)

Full language tuition (grammar + conversation) – £25 per hour (or 6 lessons for £110)

WORRIED ABOUT COVID-19? Fear not. Students can opt for virtual classes on Zoom or in-person classes outdoors (weather-permitting) or indoors. Received my first Covid vaccine in late February and my next one is due in late May.

Contact me, Owain Denning, on: 07587182287 or email: owain.denning@outlook.com

The Courtyard

July

Friday 2, 7pm & Saturday 3, 2.30pm & 7pm High School Musical

LG Drama presents Disney's "High School Musical", a winner of a show for all ages that explores the importance of friendship, being true to yourself and cheering one another on in reaching for our goals!

Friday 16, 8pm The Hey Yabs

Bringing you a host of new numbers from great festival acts like Elbow, Du Lipa and even Oasis, as well as your all time favourite hits from legendary live performers such as Queen, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson and more.

Tuesday 20 – Saturday 24 Hopeless Romantics

In an age of internet dating, speed dating, blind dating and Tinder, isn't it harder not to find someone these days? Alan doesn't think so. And he should know, he's spent his entire life as a "non-elective celibate." Or to put it another way, he's single. Very, very single. Not that that's a problem – lots of people are happy in their own company, but when your sisters are all living romantic dreams and everyone's on your back to know when you'll be bringing someone home, the pressure tends to mount somewhat.

August

Tuesday 3 – Saturday 7 Marry Me A Little

A tale of love, loneliness and survival. A charming and bittersweet musical revue that features songs by Stephen Sondheim, the undisputed master of the contemporary Broadway musical.

Tuesday 10, 7.30pm Francis Rossi – I Talk Too Much

Legendary Status Quo lead singer Francis Rossi will share the extraordinary secrets of his 50-plus years in rock'n'roll when he takes to the stage for an intimate evening of chat and music. In Francis Rossi: I Talk Too Much, the founder, lead singer and lead guitarist of Status Quo will talk about his mishaps and adventures of life on the road with one of the biggest and most loved bands ever. Francis is a true member of British Rock Royalty.

Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 XEntricity present Kinky Boots

We are thrilled to announce that X-Entricity are back with the dazzling, fabulously sassy and uplifting Kinky Boots; strutting their stuff with sparkles, stilettos and a whole lot of heart. Winner of every major Best Musical award, and with songs by pop legend Cyndi Lauper, Kinky Boots is inspired by a true story.

Monday 23, 7.30pm Circus of Horrors

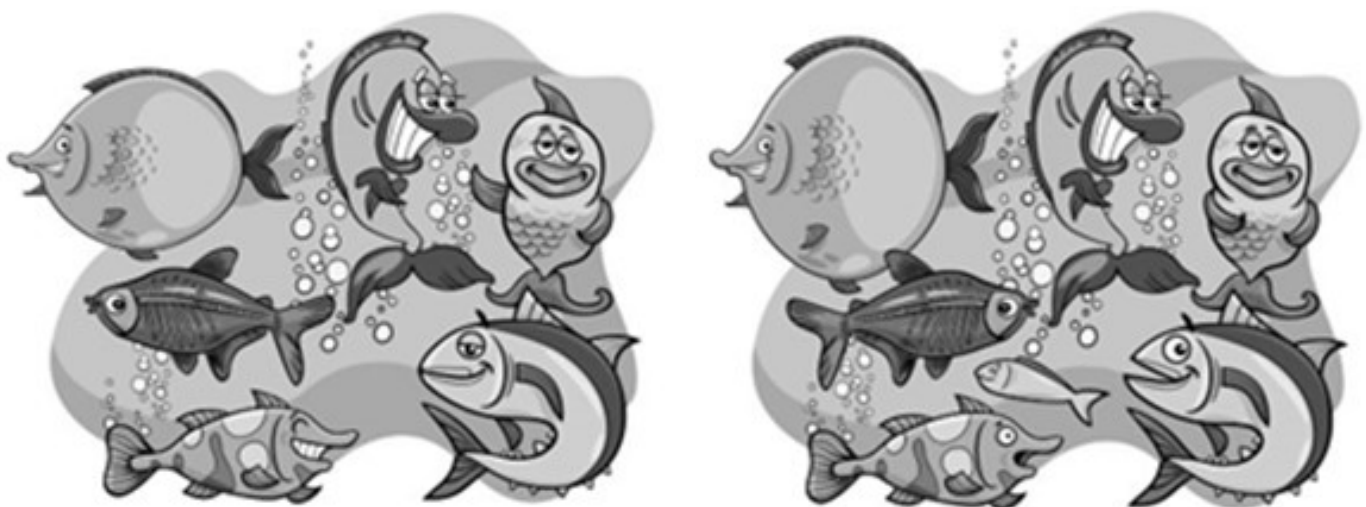
The new Circus of Horrors show will be a celebration of the 25 years and will include an amazing phantasmaglorious amalgamation of acts, driven by a rock n roll sound scape, a show that will have you sat on the edge of your seat when not falling off it with laughter. in each cheek. If Quentin Tarantino had directed Cirque Du Soleil you would be half way there.

Contact Names and Telephone Numbers

<u>Byworth Trust Clerk:</u>	Margaret Soutar	850448
<u>Police:</u>	Safer Neighbourhood Team PC Bart McDonagh	101
<u>St. Peters Church:</u>	Rector	Simon Tarlton 01432 507986
	Church Warden	Kevin Hewison 850074
	PCC Secretary	Margaret Soutar 850448
	Bell Ringing	Kevin Hewison 850074
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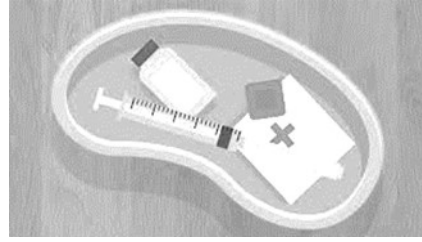
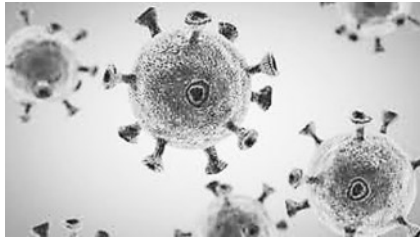
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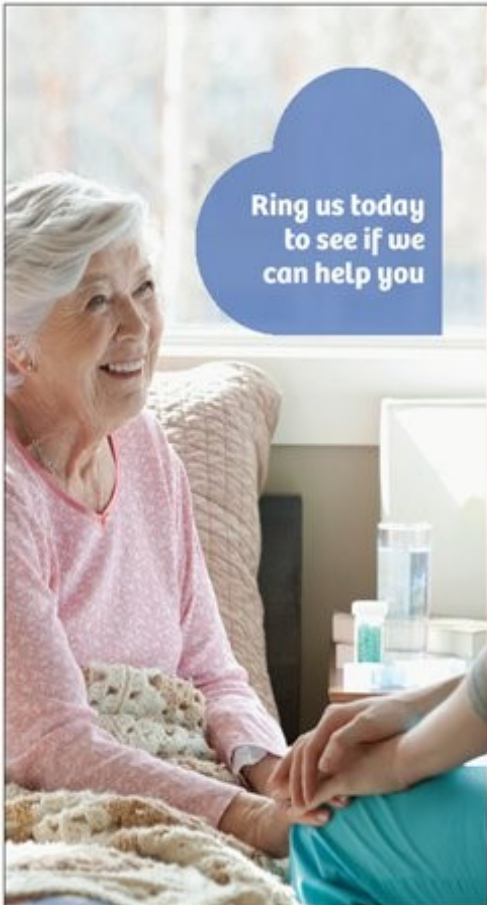
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