Frome Valley News

The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome, Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



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Editorial:

If you lose your paper copy of the newsletter It's always available on the website where it can be seen in full colour. It can also be emailed to you.

I always acknowledge receipt of emails - if I don't please send to Parish office as I have had some email issues.

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OR contact the Parish Office for more information.

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PIANO FOR SALE

J & J Hopkinson upright Grand Piano for Sale, currently located in St Marys Church, Bishops Frome. It has recently been checked and reported

to need a considerable amount of work to retune.

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Diane on
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Vicar's Letter May 2024

As I write the seasons struggle on with hints of spring quickly quashed by torrents of rain and cold windy weather. I hope that by the time you read this the weather has turned and that our farmers can finally get out into the fields and prepare the ground as they work towards the next harvest. We all rely on the changing seasons and each has their place and purpose throughout the year.

Our church seasons are very similar with each having it's place within the life of our church and it's worship throughout the liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Easter season we have two special services to look forward to. Firstly, Ascension Day on Thursday 9th May at 7pm in Bishops Frome where we remember Our Lord's Ascension into heaven and secondly, Pentecost Sunday.



Ascension Day is officially celebrated on the 40th day of Easter. In many countries it is a public holiday and Ascension Day is a free day for many workers. Many people take a long weekend off because the day falls on a Thursday. The Friday in between is usually quiet, particularly in shops and offices. Sadly, not for us in England.

In our own culture, Ascension Day is associated with various water festivals ranging from Well Dressing in Derbyshire to the Planting of the "Penny Hedge" at Whitby, a small town in Yorkshire. Other customs may include "beating the bounds". This involves people in the locality walking around their farm, church or civil boundaries pausing as they pass certain trees, walls and hedges that denote the extent of the boundary to exclaim, pray and ritually 'beat' particular landmarks with sticks.

Ten days after Ascension Day at the feast of Pentecost we remember the day when the disciples received the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised and were empowered to go out and preach the Gospel to the world. This year at the 10am High Mass service in Bishops Frome, The Bishop of Hereford will be presiding at our service so please do come along and join us.

Blessings Steven

Some of our ladies at St Mary's Church, Bishop's Frome,

arranged a very dramatic portrayal of the crucifiction on a raised platform for Easter Sunday. They made green hills, with moss etc., interspersed with flowers, with large rocks from the old quarry to the left, and three wooden crosses set at different levels on the right hand side. The long platform was encased with

sack cloth reaching to the floor on all sides, with brightly



coloured primulas around the edges. Thought it deserved a place in our magazine for everyone to see. Thanks to the ladies who portrayed this scene with flowers.



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HELP IS STILL AT HAND

There is a Bromyard Support Group number - 07824 660480

is there to help anyone who is isolating or just feel like some support during these exceptional times.

Frome Valley Pastoral Group

The Pastoral Group are all very actively engaged in emailing and telephoning people through out this difficult time. If you have any concerns or would just like to speak to someone please call one of the group;

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May 3rd The Father 7.30pm 12A May 17th One Life 7.30pm 12

Live on Stage

May 10th Folk in the Fover Mice in a Matchbox 7.30pm Local artists Sally Stamford and Jim Rolt with supporting act The Lost Notes

May 23/24/25 Conquest Productions **Cheshire Cats** 7.30pm A comedic story of ladies preparing to run the the London Moonwalk in aid of Cancer Thirteen miles of aching feet and heaving bosoms, lots of laughs and a few tears

Cinema Events

May 1st	ROH Carmen	7.15pm
May 11th	NY Met Opera Madam Butterfly	5.55pm
May 19th	42nd Street	7pm
May 22nd	ROH The Winters Tale	7.15pm
May 30th	ROH Message in a Bottle	7.15pm

For full programme details go to www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or call into the box office Wednesday or Saturday

10.30am-12.30. Check out our new exhibition or join us for coffee. Always a warm welcome

What a lovely Easter Service on Sunday and the church looked wonderful - as always a huge thank you to all my 'flower ladies'. **Romey Cassidy**





Bishops Frome Village Centre

Notice of Annual General Meetting at Bishops Frome Village Centre Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 6.30pm

You are invited to the Bishops Frome Village Centre AGM when the annual accounts will be presented, and the Management Committee of Trustees will be elected. The agenda items are:

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 18 May 2023
- 3. Chairman's report
- 4. Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts
- 5. Election of Trustees
- 6. AOB

The Village Centre really needs new Trustees to help share the responsibility of running the village hall for all of us living in and around Bishops Frome.

Trustees meet every couple of months, take part/help out in 2-3 village centre events a year, and take responsibility for maintaining the centre as a facility for all of us to use.

We invite nominations from people who have expertise/skills/energy/enthusiasm to offer, to help us manage the charity for the community.

The Village Centre is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Unlike the previous constitution which involved unlimited personal liability for trustees, the CIO limits personal liability to £1!

Anyone over 18 living in Bishops Frome and surrounding areas may put their names forward and the vote will take place at the AGM. Please send nominations to bishfromecentre@aol.com or hand in a letter at The Community Shop.

The Village Centre particularly needs a new Secretary to keep us on track with our commitments and responsibilities! If you think you might have the right skills for this essential role please get in touch for more information.

The last date for nominations is 14 May 2024.

Jeanie Falconer

Chair of Trustees

Bishop's Frome and Fromes Hill Parish Council

80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings Celebrations





THURSDAY JUNE 6th 2024

The Parish Council is organising the celebrations for the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings with a community event on Ward Hill. (courtesy of Maurice Herbert and Bud Morris)

We will be burning a strawman as part of the beacons being lite to commemorate the landings.

The Parish Council will support the event which we believe should be a noncharged on entry event.

There will be buckets for donations on the evening.

As well as the Strawman this year there will be food outlets, a bar and music.

Come and have a picnic the gates will open at approx. 7 pm

Tribute 9.00, Strawman 9.15 and followed by Firework display.

Funding the event Bishops Frome and Fromes Hill Parih Council and I have requested help from Stretton Grandison Group of Parishes (Castle Frome) and Acton Beauchamp Group of Parishes (Evesbatch, Acton Beauchamp and Stanford Bishop) as a community event it is hoped these Parish Councils will contribute towards the costs on behalf of their Parishioners.

Main Sponsors: I have been out and about asking Individuals, community groups and businesses to become main Sponsors a donation of £500 or more.

So far: The Halmonds Frome Ferret racing, Bishops Frome Tractor Run, Celtic Marches Cider, Maurice Herbert and Family, Edward Lewis and family, B C Partridge, Sheila Pinches and family, Pudge family and one anonymous donor. Thank you to these for stepping forward.

I have a number of families and businesses still to contact and thinking about donations

Please contact me if you are able and would like to be a main sponsor.

We are a still not at our cost target of £9,000. Please help.

I have been asked what happens in the event of any surplus after the function is paid for.

I am minded that any surplus should be split between the local British Legion Branches.

If you wish to donate a smaller sum towards the event and please bring donations John Pudge at the Hop Pocket either cash or cheques (Bishops Frome Parish Council).

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Please contact me john@thehoppocket.com or 01531 640323 let me know how you can help

John Pudge





ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MUCH COWARNE

A reminder that we shall be holding our usual Plant Sale at 2.00pm on Saturday May 11th, at Panksbridge Farm, Much Cowarne. A variety of perennial and bedding plants, both vegetables and flowers and possibly some garden implements, will be available and you are welcome to bring as well as buy. Please see the advert on page 7 for more information.

The **AGM** of our **Parochial Church Council** will be held in the church at 7.15pm on Wednesday May 15. All parishioners are most welcome to come to this meeting when there is the opportunity to hear reports of all aspects of the work of the PCC including: maintenance work carried out on the church and churchyard and work required in the future; conduction of services and the increasing role played by lay members of the congregation; the current financial situation and fundraising events. This meeting is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in the work of the PCC to find out what is involved and, if they wish, to consider becoming a member. Tere will be **Two Special services** this summer:

The first will be another **Hymns & Pimms** to be held on Saturday June 28th. This will follow the pattern of those held in the last two years and consist of readings interspersed with hymns and music, all related to a common theme. A glass of Pimms will be served, hopefully outside in the churchyard, before the service and light refreshments will be available. Full details will be in the next issues of the Frome Valley News. Everyone is welcome to join us for this popular occasion.

The second will be a **Pet Service** to be held on Saturday August 3rd when we hope to welcome a variety of pets and their owners. We plan to hold the service in the churchyard for the sake of those more mobile pets but full details will be available later.

Both these special services will be taken by Rev Richard Allaway.

We also hope to hold at least one coffee morning in the church during the summer giving people the chance to meet together and chat whilst enjoying home made cakes and drinks in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Remember there's also our collection of Books, CDs and DVDs to browse. Please watch the notice boards for posters.

Frome Valley Group Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2024

We are planning a benefice trip to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham next June. Places are limited so please contact Lucy Cranmore on 01432 882275 or at lucyanne@mygarden.org.uk as soon as possible so we can arrange accommodation.

St James Church Stanford Bishop

Dates For Diary 2024

Sunday 30th June Group Service Holy Communion @ 8.30

Friday 5th July. A evening of Shantys and Sea Songs

by the Fishmongers Friends followed by Pimms & Puddings

More information to follow next month

Sunday 28th July St James Day Service @ 8.30 with Coffee & Croissants





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Could bin lorries help fix our pothole woes?

<u>I</u>'ve been lobbying inside the council for over a year on this. Let me explain! Bin lorries travel pretty much every single mile of our roads, every single week, don't they. Wouldn't it be amazing if they were fitted with technology to scan the road surface and automatically detect, map and report potholes? This would mean that every single pothole would be reported within one week of it appearing – and could be fixed straightaway before getting any worse. I think this would be brilliant and I'm pushing to get the



council to try this. I first started lobbying internally more than a year ago, speaking to the Head of Waste and Recycling about this. At the most recent council meeting, I asked the current Leader of the council to support the idea.

I didn't know it when I first started campaigning for this (it was just an idea that popped into my head when I was cycling near Cradley!) but this is already being doing in some other countries! Apparently local authorities in parts of Australia, Norway and Denmark are doing it. So the technology clearly already exists.

There are of course two stages to getting potholes fixed: 1) getting them logged on the system, and 2) getting the hole repaired. At the moment, stage 1 (logging) gets done either by a Balfour Beatty locality steward driving round and visually inspecting the road, or by a local resident reporting it online. Balfour Beatty inspects main roads every month, but many of the rural roads only get inspected once a year. Clearly, lots of potholes appear in the gaps between inspections!

The other way they get logged is by residents going online here https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-problem and reporting the issue. process is quite quick - you put a pin in an online map to show the location, and type a quick description of the issue. You can also upload a photo. It takes less than a minute to log a pothole this way, and it gets automatically fed straight into the system that the locality stewards use. This means they get an alert about it to prompt them to go and inspect it and decide whether it 'reaches the intervention level' i.e. whether it's big enough to qualify for being fixed. However, as a driver (or cyclist or pedestrian) it's not always convenient to stop and log a pothole each time you see one; and frankly in some places there are so many in a short stretch that it would be impossible! (In these cases, I log one, and add a note to tell Balfour Beatty that there are lots more in the area).

My bin lorry road-scanning idea would eliminate the need for any of these approaches to logging potholes as it would be done automatically every week. Perhaps the tech could even work out which are the most urgent ones! And the data would help inform decisions about which roads are a priority for resurfacing, too – as well as spotting drainage problems etc.

What do you think? Let me know your thoughts, and I will keep campaigning for this in the council!

And I will also keep campaigning strongly for local authorities to be properly funded by central government, so that councils have the money required to do the road repairs we so urgently need!

If you'd like to contact me about a local issue, please phone 01531 670729 (landline) or 07950 714947 (mobile), or email ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk. You are very welcome to come and see me at one of my ward surgeries on the third Monday of each month: in Cradley Village Hall from 11.30am to 1.00pm, and in Bishops Frome Village Centre from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. With very best wishes, Ellie

ST. GILES' CHURCH, ACTON BEAUCHAMP

EASTER at ST. GILES'

Family Communion was celebrated on Easter Day.

Many Thanks to all who came to share this special day with us.

The next significant date for St. Giles' Church is :

THE FUN DOG SHOW and SUMMER FETE.

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REMEMBER THE NEW DATE FOR THE FUN DOG SHOW and SUMMER FETE IS THE 22nd of JUNE.

Summerpool Garden Update

Upkeep and work on the Summerpool Garden continues this year, thanks to a number of volunteers who care for it; keeping the garden tidy and welcoming for visitors.

Access through the garden has been improved for families and everyone with the addition of pathway matting, which we are hoping will mean less mud and easier navigation.

Growing and ensuring that fresh produce is available for those who come to the garden will continue in 2024. There will be a variety of seasonal vegetables and fruit for people to select and enjoy – completely free and easily found.

We are very grateful to be supported by the Parish Council. In addition, money raised by customers and staff at the Majors Arms was used to purchase the pathway matting.

It would be really great to welcome further volunteers. You don't have to be an expert gardener to help. We meet on the second Saturday of the month between 11 am and 1 pm at the garden. So, can you find time in your diary this year on the following dates please?

11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December.

We are also hoping to host a community event at the garden in October, so any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. Or please just show your support by coming along. We will publish further details nearer the time.

Please just turn up. Come for a chat or get involved from the outset.

Our email address is summerpoolgarden@gmail.com. Happy gardening!





Communion Service
Sunday 12th May

11.30am

Family Service

Sunday 26th May 10.00am

This is a reverent and informal service for the family of the Church. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and squash served at the close of the service, offering a time to socialise.





Castle Frome May 2024 News, Views & Muse



Hilary's Nature Diary

Kites steal the show



More than two years ago, I wrote here about the return of the red kite to the skies over the church. I now have a hunch that *Milvus milvus*, I love that name, may be breeding in the woods close by. Its presence is constant. The buzzards seem to tolerate the kites but not so the rooks and crows, somewhat grumpy at the arrival of this interloper taking over their air space and nesting real estate.

The kite's return is a result of a successful reintroduction programme that has brought it back from the brink of extinction. This largely carrion eating bird looks to be a permanent fixture in our skies. How lucky we are.

Hílary

Castle Frome Agape Service

Maundy Thursday

We had a very successful and well attended Agape Supper at Castle Frome Church on the evening of Maundy Thursday. The Agape Service is a Lay Led Service with a bring and share supper, re-enacting the Last Supper passing bread and Juice around the tablet during the service.

A congregation of 22 really enjoyed the evening and a very special visitor attended. The newest member of the Castle Frome Family, Ellowynn, Jack and Hayley's new baby made her first visit to the Church. Everyone was eager for a cuddle and were not disappointed, Meg especially! It was the first time some of the congregation had attended an Agape Service. A very new experience. It is one of the highlights of the Castle Frome Church Year, so usually do a similar style service in the Summer.





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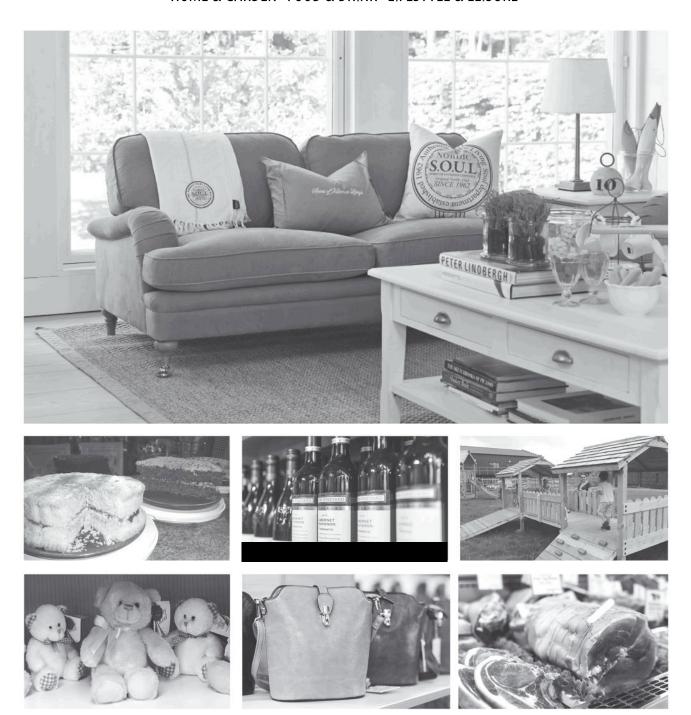
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THE CLOSET PHILATELIST

You may be wondering what the title of this article means, well I will tell you. Philatelists are people who collect the Stamps, and Postal History of any and all countries they are interested in and by nature tend to keep to themselves what they collect. Let me start by explaining who these people are:

THE STAMP COLLECTOR

These are people who collect any stamps which take their fancy from whatever country they choose

THE THEMATICIST

These are people who collect stamps on a specific theme, it may be Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Cathedrals, Coats of Arms, Weapons, Chateaus, Castles etc. for example I know someone who has a collection of over 1000 stamps and Post Cards and Stationery solely concerning Golf and another one whose collection covers Parrots

THE PHILATELIST

This is someone who collects from a specific country or a period in that countries history ands by nature is extremely knowledgeable about their subject

POSTAL HISTORY

Envelopes, Pre Stamped Post Cards, Air Letters etc

As for me I am a Philatelist and I collect only from a country called Burma (now since 1989 called Myanmar- (which in Burmese script means Land of the Peacock) When I was a lad some 60 years ago Stamp collecting was a popular hobby which I indulged in as many of my mates did, sadly this hobby is now an 'old persons' domain due to the advent of social media and other more modern interests, I belong to a Society in Worcester where at 74 years of age I am pretty much the same age as all the other members.

I got started on Burma because of my Grand Father Ernie, he was by trade a Wheelwright and Carpenter who served an apprenticeship with Mr. Preston at Ridgeway Cross, In 1912 he joined the Royal Artillery and was charged with repairing and maintaining Gun Carriages and coaches, as in those days most carriages and also other transportation in the Military were horse drawn. My Grand Father was posted to Burma where he spent some 4 years and his correspondence to my Grandmother Annie form the basis of my collection. When my Grand parents passed away this correspondence was given to my father Charlie as no other member of the family was interested, when my father passed away in 1985 I was given these letters and was frankly fascinated by them so this started my rejuvenated collecting interest which I have continued off and on to this day.

I have pen friends in Burma who send me material, one of whom is a retired Minister of Agriculture, another one is a Tour Guide and my third pen friend is a lady Veterinary Surgeon who looks after working Elephants in the Hard Wood forests of Burma. It has transpired that I know a lot about Burma without ever having visited that country, it is on my Bucket List but who knows we, none of us can predict what the future holds, but I intend to hang on in there as long as possible. What will happen to my collection I do not know but I have enjoyed working on it which in lockdown was a godsend. I intend a Part two to this article wherein I can show some of the stuff in my collection

Godfrey (Geoff) Norman

THE FROME VALLEY GROUP					
MAY 2024					
	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	2 nd June
Acton Beauchamp	11.30am Holy Communion SB				11.30am Holy Communion SB
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	Easter 6 White Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 John 15.9-17	Easter 7 White Acts 1.15- 17,21-26 Psalm 1 John 17.6-19	Pentecost Red Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.26- 36,37b John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Trinity Sunday Gold or White Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29 John 3.1-17	Trinity 1 Green 1 Samuel 3.1- 10 Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 Mark 2.23-3.6

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DATE	READER	PRAYERS		
May 5 th	Sarah	Moyra		
May 12 th	Tony W.	John		
May 19 th	Susie	TBA		
May 26th	Lucy	Maureen		
June 2 nd	Sarah	Moyra		

From The Registers

Baptisms

The Baptism of Owen Jon Milson Watkins took place on 7th April 2024 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishop's Frome.

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- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Internet Café, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981
- Board Games, 2- 4pm, first Mondays (13th May) Susanna 01885 490 440
- Ward Surgery, 10.30 to 12 Third Mondays, 2-3.30pm Cllr Ellie Chowns, 07950 714 947
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

Tuesday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Stretch & Extend, 2.30-3.30pm, Angie Box, 07530 420 554 Stretching and mobility
- Zumba with Laura, 7.30pm, 07411 765272

Wednesday

- Needlecraft, 2-4pm, Judy 01531 640 358
- Kazuko Kick Boxing, 7pm, 07495 427 993

Thursday

Coffee morning, 10 - 12

First Thursdays Just turn up

Bingo with Jo, for various good causes. 16th & 30th. Eyes down 7.30pm 07804 045366

Friday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Shanties, 2 4 pm Richard 01531 640768
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13.45 to 16.45 Mon Tues 13.00 to 14.30 Wed 9.00 to 12.00 Thurs 9.00 to 12.00

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