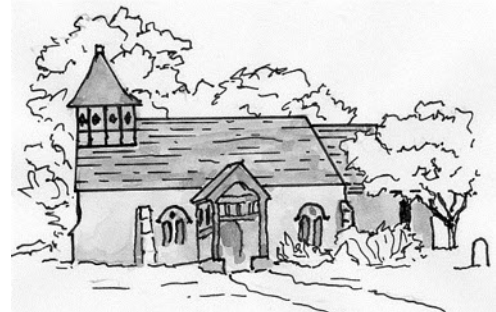
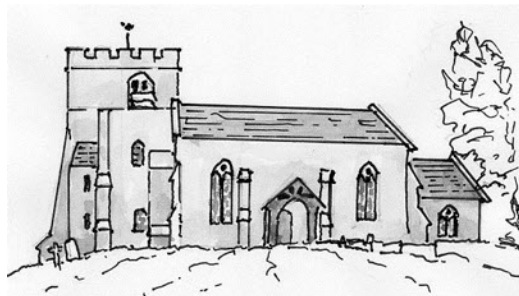
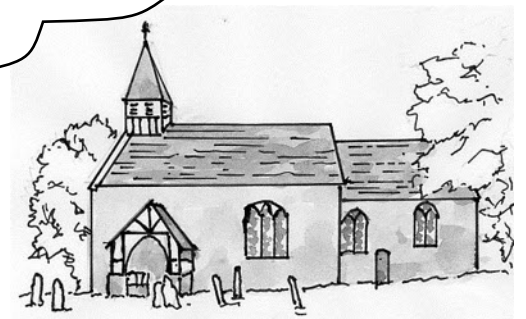


# **FROME VALLEY NEWS**

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



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### Editorial:

Lots of events and news - thank you to everyone who contributed. 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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Sarah (oldholbans@hotmail.com)

### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS:

I would like to thank you for your support in 2019/20 so far. As you know the advertisements are important to us as they offer an Information service to over 500 homes in the area.

Thank you for advertising with us. The fee for your advert is based on the table to the right

**The Newsletter year runs from May to April and has 10 editions.**

I will send invoice emails to you all - now not before June.

Sarah

### *FROME VALLEY NEWS COLLECTION DAY FOR THE May 2020 ISSUE*

Could volunteers from all churches kindly collect their new batch of issues from the Parish Office during the morning of **Friday 24th April 2020** If this time is not convenient please contact Eleanor at the office to arrange an alternative time.

### **This advertising space could be yours!**

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## Vicar's Letters

As I write we have begun our Lenten Pilgrimage as we journey in faith towards the cross and eventually Easter Day and the hope it brings us. Many of us will have decided to give things up for Lent as part of that journey, or do something different such as reading a Lent book or attending our Lent course, appropriately named the 'Pilgrim Course'. It's interesting to note that the Christian faith has traditionally been seen as a journey, one in which we only arrive at our destination when this life ends and the next begins.

Pilgrimage seems to be the dominant theme again this year and there are three pilgrimages I want to mention.

Firstly 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May is our benefice pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. If anyone else would like to join this pilgrimage please let me know as soon as possible. The cost is £202.50 inclusive of all meals. We will arrange to car share when we know how many people are coming.

The second Pilgrimage I want to mention is on Pentecost Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. This year we are going to hold a joint Deanery Service in St Peter's Church Bromyard at 11.30am. The reason for this late start time is so that those who are fit and able can walk from various points around the Deanery to Bromyard. One such group will be leaving from the car park in Bishops Frome at 9am. Please feel free to organise more local walks into Bromyard from around the benefice or travel by car if you are unable to walk. Refreshments will be available in St Peter's for weary pilgrims on arrival at the Church.

The service on the day will be a Eucharist led by myself and assisted by the other Deanery clergy. The theme will be based around the Cathedral's celebration of St. Thomas Cantilupe and the miraculous healings that happened to pilgrims who visited his shrine following his death. The service will involve local church choirs (including Bishops Frome) and an opportunity to receive the ministry of healing. Please feel free to bring a picnic and stay after the service.

And finally the last pilgrimage I want to tell you about is a short 15km Camino walk that I have set up from St James Stanford Bishop to St James Ocle Pychard via Bishops Frome and Much Cowarne called the Way of St James. This walk will be launched on the feast day of St James, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. I have put together a web site for this walk to try and encourage veteran Camino enthusiasts to take part and have advertised it on a Camino walker's online forum. I had over 150 visits to the site in the first 24 hours and many people have messaged me to say they are coming on the day. Check out the web page for further details <http://caminofromevalley.simplesite.com>

Blessings

Steven

**\*\* See extra help available re Covid19 added to back page\*\***

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**PLEASE CHECK ON THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.**

**OTHER UPDATES RE HELPING THOSE IN VULNERABLE GROUPS WILL ALSO BE ON THE WEBSITE**

**[www.fromealleychurches.org.uk](http://www.fromealleychurches.org.uk)**

### ***Pastoral Group***

The Group consists of Judy Orgee, Angela Lewis, Richard Allaway and myself. If you would like a pastoral visit please contact one of the group.

All visits are confidential.

**Rev Steven Baggs: 01885 490582**  
**Judy Orgee: 01531 640525**

**Rev Richard Allaway 07969 699270**  
**Angela Lewis: 01885 490203**



## Conquest Theatre

### Coronavirus Covid -19

In view of advice from Government regarding public gatherings during the Coronavirus pandemic, we have reluctantly decided to **CANCEL ALL SHOWS and THE SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** until the situation changes

We will post any updates through our website and on social media in due course

For full programme details visit [www.conquest-theatre.co.uk](http://www.conquest-theatre.co.uk)

### **BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE**

*Are you planning a party or a meeting?*

Don't forget your Village Hall.

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For smaller events the Conference Room can seat about 40 people, a few less at tables.

More details and hiring charges online at

[www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk)

To have a look or to book, contact

Wendy in the Shop or  
on 01885 490496 or 490327

email: [bishopsfromecentre@aol.com](mailto:bishopsfromecentre@aol.com)  
& find us on facebook

### Friends of Frome churches Lottery

#### March 2020

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Seller
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£20.	90	John Oliver	HP
£15.	507	Greg Davies	MH
£10.	502	Chris Bandfield	BH
£10.	128	P & S Johnson	MB
£10.	160	John Poyner	MB
£10.	82	Robert Partridge	HP
£10.	278	Mrs J Davies	Julie
£10.	398	Lee/Amanda Gaugman	JO
£10.	240	R Ward	JO

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans 116 123

Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247

Mind 0300 123 3393

Age UK 0800 169 6565

## LENT COURSE 2020

A six week course on the Eucharist following the Pilgrim course series. **Six consecutive Wednesdays starting on**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Bishops Frome Village Centre.

Session 5 1st April 'Do this to remember me'.

Session 6 8th April 'I am the bread of life'.

### FROME VALLEY LENT LUNCHES

**We are holding several frugal lunches in aid of charitable causes this Lent. They will take place on the following Fridays between 12 and 2pm.**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Hosted By: Susanna Morel  
Venue: Firlands, Bishops Frome  
Charity: RNLI

**All these charities are worthy causes. Please support them during the Lenten season. Many thanks to all who provide the lunches and venues.**

In aid of St Marys Church,  
Bishop Frome

Monday 6th April 2020  
Bishops frome village centre



EASTER

**BINGO**

**Door open 7.30pm, Eyes down 8pm**

Any donations of prizes gratefully received,  
Yvonne Berry & Angela Lewis



# Castle Frome April 2020 News, Views & Muse



## EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
8.30am



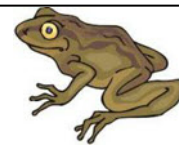
## Family Service

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
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.



## Hilary's Nature Diary



Create a garden for dragons

While gardening the other day, I inadvertently disturbed a common toad under a pile of logs. This natural pest controller is always a welcome visitor. The animal barely moved and I quickly reassembled its hideaway. The Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust is asking gardeners to take simple steps to help Britain's frogs, toads, newts, snakes and lizards - many of which are declining in the wider countryside.

Find out how to create a 'garden for dragons' here:

[www.arc-trust.org/dragons-in-your-garden](http://www.arc-trust.org/dragons-in-your-garden).



## Maundy Thursday Agape Supper

At

Castle Frome Church

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 6pm

This is a Bring & Share Supper,  
and a Small Service



There will be NO  
Quiet Evening In April



## Famous People born in April

Leonard Da Vinci was born on 15th April 1452  
William Shakespeare was born on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1564  
William Wordsworth was born April 7<sup>th</sup> 1770  
Charlotte Bronte was born on April 21<sup>st</sup> 1816  
Adolf Hitler was born on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1889  
Charlie Chaplin was born on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1889  
Billie Holiday was born on April 7<sup>th</sup> 1915

Like our Facebook Page St Michaels Church, Castle Frome



# SPRING LUNCH

Sunday 19 April 2020, 12.30 for 1.00pm

At Burley Gate Village Hall

Adults £12 children £6

To book please contact: Jill Cooksley 01432 820264

Email: [jjcooksley@hotmail.com](mailto:jjcooksley@hotmail.com) or

Jean Parkes 01432 820412

Email: [jeanparkes@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanparkes@btinternet.com)

Please join us for this special lunch -

delicious homemade dishes, Quiz, Auction of Promises, Raffle

**POSTPONED**



## BISHOP'S FROME LUNCH CLUB SPECIAL EVENT

on

TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2020

Charly Perkins will be talking at lunch club on behalf of  
HEREFORDSHIRE FIRE SERVICES

About safety in the home and  
the opportunity to have smoke alarms / carbon monoxide monitors  
fitted or checked for free for those who are eligible.

If you would like to hear Charly speak or have questions you would like to ask her  
(and you are at least 60 years old)  
please come and join us for lunch for free on this occasion.

Charly's talk 12.30pm  
Lunch served 1.00pm  
Question time 1.30pm - 1.45pm

If you would like to come to this event PLEASE  
let Joan Rose know by Friday 3rd April  
Telephone 01531 640587

Essential ! - as it would be sad if you came but could not share in the meal because we did not  
know you were coming and we had not cooked enough food !!!

# TRUMPET & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## **TRACTOR RUN**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

10:00am Start

Leaving from Baddy Marsh Farm,  
Lower Eggleton Ledbury HR8 2UH  
(Proof of insurance required)



Contact

June 01531 670608

Janet 01531 640309



## Ocle Pychard Church News

Dear Friends,

At the present moment we are going through a period of, particularly, extreme weather conditions and our thoughts are with all those people who are (or have been) affected by them. The sadness of those whose homes have been left so badly water damaged is hard to bear. However after sadness comes stoicism and the need to get on with life and put everything right, perhaps even making things better than before. Let's hope that the weather will now improve with the coming of the lighter evenings.

Despite the weather the birds are certainly looking forwards to the spring months as many of them have begun their courtships and we are beginning to see lambs gambolling in the fields. New life is emerging everywhere as the spring flowers begin to blossom and our thoughts turn to warmer, sunnier days ahead.

Here at Ocle Pychard Church the emergence of the primroses and the daffodils in the churchyard signalled Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. This is, of course, the run-up to Easter and this year the service at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The Ocle Pychard Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting will be at Ocle Pychard Church on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. This is a chance for all the people in the parish to come and find out how the PCC has been caring for your church over the past 12 months and what their future plans are for its care and upkeep plus any events that the events committee have lined up for the coming months. Please come along and find out how everything functions.

Advance Notice: There will be a special event taking place on St. James' Day, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July that is not to be missed! More details in the next Frome Valley News.

Ocle Pychard PCC

## *Stanford Bishop News*

Dear All,

Spring is here, warmer temperatures along with light showers, this is April! Several shrubs and perennials are flowering this month including winter hazel, auriculas and cowslips these all bring colour to the garden. Ransoms (wild garlic) adds aroma and colour to the woodland, along with the vibrant blue nodding flowers of the bluebells. Butterflies start to emerge, and maybe you'll see a stoat or weasel darting across your path! The hedge rows and trees are bursting into leaf showing off a tapestry of colour. Spring lambs hop, skip and have running races in the open space of the lush green grass fields. Organic fertilizer is applied in readiness for spring planting to commence.



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Blossom & Bluebell walk starting from St James' Stanford Bishop at 2pm for a walk-through stunning countryside. Tea/coffee, cakes, raffle & produce available in the church for all. (See main poster)

**Our regular services are fourth Sunday of each month at 8.30am.**

# BRING & BUY PLANT SALE



**SATURDAY AFTERNOON 16 MAY 2019 from 2.00pm  
in St Mary's Church, Much Cowarne**

**All welcome - entrance is free, tea & homemade cakes available**

**Ring Marlene on 01432 820282 for further information**

**Proceeds to Much Cowarne Church**

## **COFFEE MORNING &**

## **BOOK SALE**

**Saturday 4 April,  
10.00am – Noon**



**St Mary's Church, Much Cowarne  
Proceeds to the Eric Bayliss Nurses Fund  
for St Michael's Hospice**

**Everyone welcome - please come to browse the  
selection of second-hand books  
&  
have a chat over coffee/tea and homemade cakes**

## **ST. GILES' CHURCH - ACTON BEAUCHAMP**

### **DATES FOR THE 2020 FUND RAISING YEAR.**

#### **EASTER SERVICE AT ST. GILES' CHURCH**

The Easter Family Communion Service starts at 11.30am.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for our younger member's of the community.

Bring your Easter Basket to collect the egg's.

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME.

#### **SPRING PLANT AND PRODUCE MARKET.**

Saturday 2nd May 10am until Noon.

BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE.

**Please note different venue.**

Wonderful Plant's at wonderful prices.

Homemade produce and cake's.

Coffee and tea also available, a chance to sit a while and chat with friend's and neighbour's.

#### **DOG SHOW AND SUMMER FETE.**

Saturday 4th July 6.30pm.

SEVINGTON MANOR.

By very kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. David Best.

More detail's nearer the time.

#### **AUTUMN PLANT AND PRODUCE MARKET.**

Saturday 5th September 10am until Noon.

Venue to be arranged.

#### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.**

Sunday 4th October 11.30am.

St. Giles' Church.

Harvest Charity Auction to follow service.

#### **HARVEST LUNCH.**

Sunday 25th October 12.30pm for 1pm.

Further detail's nearer the time.

#### **CAROL'S BY CANDLELIGHT.**

Friday 11th December 7pm.

Sherry and Mince Pies to follow the service.

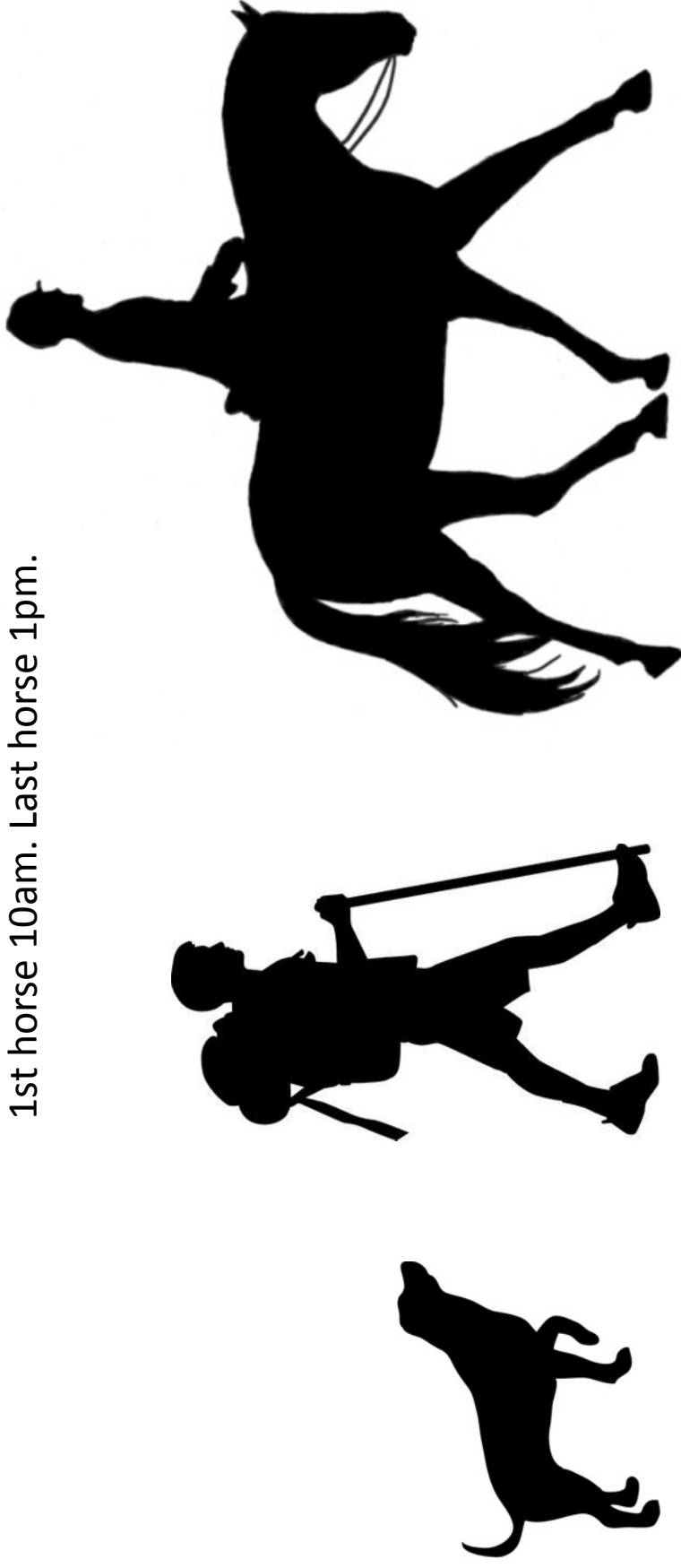
More details nearer the time.

Other fund raising event's, to be added to our calendar, as the year progresses.

# Fun Ride

At Hungry Hill, Stoke Lacy, HR7 4HD on Sunday 31st of May 2020

1st horse 10am. Last horse 1pm.



Adult with horse £20, Walker £5, children under 15 free, well behaved dogs welcome – must remain on lead

Range of distances for walkers.

Refreshments also available

Trumpet Agricultural Society

Further Enquiries: **Sue McGuffie 01885 490616** or **Janet Pudge 01531 640309**





# Blossom & Bluebell Walk

## St James' Stanford Bishop

### On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### at 2pm

You are invited to join us at 2pm  
for the start of a walk through stunning countryside.

On arrival back at the church you can enjoy tea/coffee  
with homemade cakes.

Everyone is welcome including non walkers  
at the church from 2.00pm  
to enjoy the above.

There will be a raffle and produce table  
consisting of delicious homemade cakes,  
and treats you can buy to enjoy at home.

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH, MUCH COWARNE**

The first of our social and fundraising events for this year was the Race Night held on Friday 6 March at The Plough Inn, Stoke Lacy. This was again a really enjoyable evening with the usual lively audience participation. Pre-event planning by Barry Bufton and Ted Parkes ensured that there were ten races sponsored by local businesses and each race had eight horses chosen by people who had agreed to "own" a horse for the night; betting on the races was brisk and horses cheered on with enthusiasm. The racehorse winning "owners" who each received winnings of £30 were: Jean Parkes with Go Girl Guiding, Stamford Cartwright with Flash Harry, Paul Barber with Hedge Layer's Lad, David Brown with Gas Tank, Kevin Hewison with Canary Bird, Andrew McFarlane with A Lama, Bumble Bayliss with The Sting and Hillend Barns with Hillend Barn Stormer. Many thanks to Tim and Pete for managing the tote so efficiently, to all those race sponsors and horse owners who contributed and to Simon and Nadia and their staff for welcoming us to The Plough and serving the delicious hot pork rolls at half time. £1,118 was raised for St Mary's Church Funds – a very successful event which we hope was enjoyed by those who came to support us.

Our next event is a **COFFEE MORNING & BOOK SALE** on Saturday April 4, from 10am to noon, in St Mary's Church. Donations are asked for any books which are purchased and also for tea, coffee and homemade cakes which will be available. All proceeds from this, our second such event, will go to the Eric Bayliss Nurses Fund for St Michael's Hospice, a fund started in 1985 by Much Cowarne resident Eric Bayliss, who died last year and five of his friends, to provide continuing funding for one nurse at the Hospice.

**SPRING LUNCH** - Regretfully we have decided to postpone the Spring Lunch because of the increasing concern about the spread of coronavirus and the possibility that future advice will be that such events should not take place. It is our intention to hold a similar lunch in the autumn when we hope the situation will have improved. Watch this space!

**PLANT SALE – Saturday May 16, from 2pm in St Mary's Church.**

**"CHURCH CRAWL" – Saturday June 6. Organised by Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and beginning at St Mary's Church.**

**CONCERT – Midsummer Music from Octavo. Saturday 13 June 7pm in St Mary's Church. Organised by Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust.**

**CHURCH FETE – Saturday July 11, from 2pm at Tan House Farm, Much Cowarne (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Davies).**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend – this is your opportunity to find out more about how the church is maintained throughout the year, to ask questions and offer suggestions about services, the maintenance of the church and churchyard or any other aspect of the Church's role in our community.

## Parish Update, 8 March 2020

### There's lots to update you on this month!

First, ward matters: road defects and repairs. On Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March I did a 'ward tour' with our locality steward, Paul Hunter, looking specifically at issues local people had flagged up. Lack of space means I can't go into detail here but there is a full update on my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CllrEllieChowns/>.

#### A few general points:

- There's been a lot of extra damage caused by the floods. The Bellwin scheme provides extra financial assistance to deal with the aftermath of floods, and the Council is applying for this funding to fix as much as possible of the damage.
- Urgent flood response work has inevitably had a knock-on effect, leading to some less urgent repairs unfortunately being delayed.
- Drainage is a big issue – and it's often landowners that are responsible, not the Council. Keeping your ditches clear is good neighbourliness ☺.
- If you can help by clearing mud off the tops of drains with a shovel, that is very much appreciated – often that is all that is needed to keep the drains working.
- Please keep reporting road defects as soon as you see them! Either via the website [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/190/report\\_problems\\_on\\_the\\_road](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/190/report_problems_on_the_road) or phone: 01432 261800

Second: the council's budget. On 14 February we held a marathon all-day Full Council meeting to set the Council's budget for the coming year. This included agreeing to raise Council Tax by 3.9% this year – of which more than half (2%) is specifically earmarked for social care. Some Conservatives complained about this, which strikes me as a little odd since a) central government have slashed Herefordshire Council's funding by ~£60 million per year compared with 2010, and have now removed ALL of our revenue support grant, leaving us reliant on Council Tax; and b) the previous Conservative administration in Herefordshire raised Council Tax by even more, 4.9%! While we are conscious that people rarely enjoy tax increases, we also know that we face increasing demands on our services (for example, more older people needing care, more young people needing care, and more incidence of flooding) and so we need to balance the books. Also, our consultation showed a majority of respondents supported a rise of 3.9%.

I wonder, would any residents be interested in me doing an in-depth briefing on the Council's budget – where the money comes from, what it is spent on, etc? I would be very happy to do such a session, either at a Parish Council meeting, or some other time. Please let me know if you'd be interested in this.

Third, some personal news: I have a new role on the Council. I am now the Cabinet Member for Environment, Economy and Skills. I am really honoured to be given this responsibility, and very excited about the potential to help Herefordshire move forward economically and environmentally. As you can probably imagine, it's incredibly busy time as I take up this new portfolio – just today, for example, I launched the 2020 Climate Challenge Team (see [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200249/Climate\\_and\\_ecological\\_emergency](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200249/Climate_and_ecological_emergency)), and then visited the Ross Enterprise Park site, and the Hereford Enterprise Zone. But as you also know, I enjoy being busy! I hope to have space to tell you more about this role in a future update.

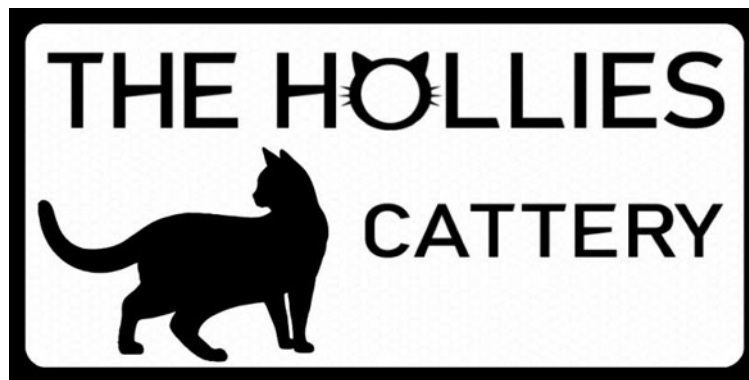
Finally: Coronavirus. The Council's website is being regularly updated with the latest guidance so please check <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/> for the latest info. As I write, we've just heard that the first case in Herefordshire has been confirmed. By the time you read this, things will no doubt have changed considerably, so all I can really say here is: take good care of yourselves and each other, and keep well. I know the NHS will do a great job of looking after any of us who fall ill.

#### Take care and all the best, Ellie

Feel free to contact me about any local issues: [ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk);  
tel: 01531 670729 / 07792 882053.

Quick update on specific sites: can be found on the facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CllrEllieChowns/>





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[www.theholliescattery.com](http://www.theholliescattery.com)

### **THE FROME VALLEY EASTER WEEK SERVICES**

#### **Palm Sunday**

- 8.30am Holy Communion Ocle Pychard
- 10.00am High Mass Bishops Frome
- 10.00am Holy Communion Much Cowarne

#### **Maundy Thursday**

- 7.00pm High Mass Bishops Frome
- 6.00pm Agape Castle Frome

#### **Good Friday**

- 6.30pm The Story of Easter Evesbatch
- 7.00pm Good Friday Service Frome's Hill

#### **Easter Sunday**

- 8.30am Holy Communion Castle Frome
- 10.00am Holy Communion Bishops Frome
- 10.00am Holy Communion Ocle Pychard
- 10.00am Communion by Extension Frome's Hill
- 11.30am Holy Communion Acton Beauchamp
- 11.30am Holy Communion Much Cowarne



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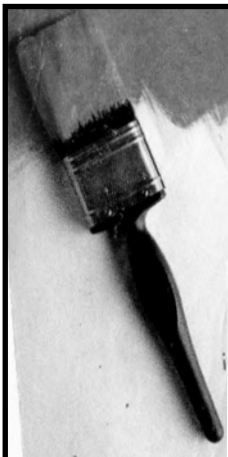
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#### Caption Competition

One of the regulars leaves the new Gents. What's his reaction?

- "It's true...you don't buy beer, you just rent it".
- "What – leave my pint at the bar? Not with those thieving so-and-so's about".
- "Why's there a smile on my face? You'll have to come and see for yourself!"

(and prepare yourself for a surprise....)

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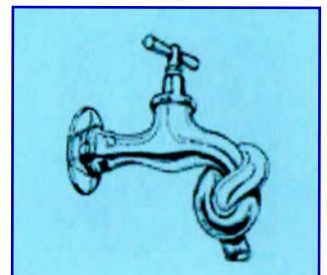
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The vehicle has a number of monthly locations it visits which are listed below. Other dates can be found by visiting [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/informationpoint](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/informationpoint)

If you would like the Information Point to visit your community, call Michelle Havard on 01432 852 621 or email [mhavard@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:mhavard@smhospicehereford.org)

## Monthly venues:

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Hop Pocket Shopping Village: Second Friday of the Month

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Asda Hereford: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (2019), Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (2020)



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## Striders & Strollers and Care for a Walk

Two walking groups led by St Michael's Hospice continue to break new ground.

Striders & Strollers is a monthly walk for people who have been bereaved.

Care for a Walk, meanwhile, is a chance to meet with others who are caring for loved ones with a terminal illness, again while enjoying a woodland stroll.

Both groups meet monthly at Queenswood Country Park between Hereford and Leominster.

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For full details, including dates, visit [st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://st-michaels-hospice.org.uk) and search 'Striders and Strollers' or 'Care for a Walk'.

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The full list is as follows:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Whitfield Estate

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Ledbury

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Hampton Bishop

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Little Marcle & Putley

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Brinsop Court

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Lower Hope

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April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Angela	TBA
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Liz	TBA
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen	Liz
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila	TBA
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike C.	TBA

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Date	Day	Time	Reader	Sidesman	Flowers/Cleaning
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday				G Hicks
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday				J Ridler Everyone please
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2				G Hicks M Evans

Date	Day	Time	Service	Reader	Sidesman	Flowers/Cleaning
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday		Communion	S Cartwright	B & P Bowler	J & T Parkes
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3		Communion	A MacFarlane	Jill Cooksley	

ST JAMES THE GREATER, STANFORD BISHOP

Date	Day	Time	Service	Reader	Sidesman	Flowers & Cleaning
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3	8.30am	Holy Communion	Rachel & Jetta	Hawkins	

**Coronavirus**

Many people will be understandable concerned about the spread of the Coronavirus. Please be assured that the Church of England are carefully following the public health guidelines and we are responding to the advise given locally. With this in mind I have drawn up a few guidelines to help us through this challenging time.

**At Church services In the Frome Valley benefice we will be;**

- refraining from shaking hands at the peace.
- Suspending the administration of the chalice and only receiving communion in one kind (i.e. the consecrated wafer) with the priest alone taking the wine.
- Suspending direct contact as part of a blessing

Priests and lay people involved in administering communion should use anti-bacterial gel before doing so. Anti-bacterial gel should be available on the credence table.

**Rev'd Steven Baggs**  
**Vicar**

# The Frome Valley Group

## APRIL 2020

	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Acton Beauchamp		11.30am Holy Communion SB			
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00 am High SB/RA		High
Castle Frome		8.30am Holy Communion RA		Family	
Evesbatch		Good Th 6.30			
Fromes Hill	10.00am Matins Lay Led JS/JR				10.00am Matins Lay Led JS/JR
Much Cowarne				10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard			6.00pm Evensong RA		8.30am Holy Communion SB
Stanf				8.30am Holy Communion SB	
	Red 16* Acts 2.5-11 Lew 27.11-54	Easter Day Gold or White Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18	Easter 2 White Psalm 16 Acts 2.14a,22-32 John 20.19-31	Easter 3 White Acts 2.14a,36-41 Luke 24.13-35	White Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 23 John 10.1-10

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## WHAT'S ON AT BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE

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and find us on [Facebook](#)

<b>Mon</b>	10.00 – 12.00	<b>Internet Café</b>	Drop in or call 01531 640981 All welcome, help available
	14.00 – 16.30	<b>Board Games</b>	Susanna 01885 490440 First Mondays, next 6 April
	19.30 for 20.00	<b>BINGO</b>	6 April only for St Mary's Church, Bishops Frome
<b>Tues</b>	09.30	<b>Pilates Body Design</b>	Sally 01886 880956 Prior booking essential
	12.30 for 13.00	<b>Over 60s Lunch Club NOT EVERY WEEK</b>	Joan 01531 640587 Advance booking is essential
	19.30 to 20.30	<b>Zumba</b> Have fun and get fit.	Bev Hughes 07900 640467
<b>Weds</b>	10.00 to 10.45	<b>Circuit Training</b> Fitness-building sessions, all abilities	Dominic 07906 203388
	14.00	<b>Needlecraft Group</b>	Beryl 01531 640359
<b>Post Office Outreach Service</b> in the small office by the main entrance			Monday 13.45 to 16.45 Tuesday 13.00 to 14.30 Wednesday 9.00 to 12.00 Thursday 9.00 to 12.00
<b>Is your class or club looking for a venue?</b>		<p><b>Our Main Hall is a great space for clubs, games or fitness activities, and don't forget the Conference Room for smaller groups.</b> We try to keep Friday and Saturday evenings free for one- off events and private parties. See our charges on <a href="http://www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk">www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk</a></p>	

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**LAST COPY DAY for the May 2020 issue of**

**THE FROME VALLEY NEWS is: Monday 6 th April '20**

**And the collection date will be : Friday 24th April '20**

## Bishops Frome Local Support Group



Just formed, to help those unable to get out because of illness or self-isolation during the Coronavirus emergency.

### We can help with things like

- Shopping
- Collecting prescription medication



AND the Group will provide a telephone contact for those concerned about their safety or just needing someone to talk to. All conversations will be private. The contact won't be able to give advice but will try to guide you to the appropriate resources or agency. No personal information will be kept other than that which is needed to provide the help requested.

Shopping will be sourced as locally as possible and shortly we will be able to offer a menu of chilled ready meals provided by the Hop Pocket. Payment for deliveries can be made by cheque, cash or BACS.

If you think this Local Support Group can help you, please call

**01905 691 373**

Keep in touch by email too – [bishfromecentre@aol.com](mailto:bishfromecentre@aol.com)  
– this account is checked frequently.

And log onto the Bishops Frome Village Centre Facebook page to see what's going on.

And of course, if you are still out and about, please think about volunteering to help with the Group, and keep up the good work checking on your neighbours.

## During the COVID-19 pandemic Bromyard Community Transport are remaining open.

We are providing a very much reduced transport service and only carrying out very essential journeys, plus we are also providing a shopping service, pickup of prescriptions and medication and also offer a listening ear if our customers need to chat.

**Cathy Marsh (Manager) Bromyard Community Transport Tel: 01885 488452**

### LEGGES OF BROMYARD

We are now offering free local delivery (within 10 miles) of our shops and free nationwide delivery on all orders over £20 (UK mainland only)

We have made up some weekly hampers, to make life a little easier, during these strange times.

We are delivering. If you would rather stay at home just give us a call. Homemade pies, sausages, bacon, eggs, butter, cheese, potatoes, ham, spatchcock chicken

Just call the shop 01885 482417 to place your order

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## Information from Matthew Pudge at the HOP POCKET.

Total Produce, our wholesale grocery supplier, have been putting together a Community box that has a good supply of essential foods. The box costs £20. We can order these before 11am for delivery to The Hop Pocket the following day (not Sundays), usually by about 9am although that might change.

Waller butchers in Ledbury are happy to continue delivering to us twice a week, or more if needed, which means we can add in some meat if required, ideally we'd get about 3 days' notice on this.

Frozen ready meals made at the Hop Pocket are available - at the moment beef lasagne, veg lasagne, Chicken casserole, Cauli cheese, and soups

The Foodhall will remain open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and at the moment 11am until 4pm Sunday. We of course also offer cakes, biscuits, chocolate, beer, cider, wine, gin, maybe not essential, but we all need a treat!

Orders can go straight to The Hop Pocket 01531 640 323, or through the Bishops Frome Local Support Group 01905 691 373, perhaps better if the Bishops Frome Local Support Group could take the orders for the deliveries to those who cannot leave the house, and the Hop Pocket handles those who are happy to collect. We can do payment over the phone, contactless in store and we will take cheques (we do need a name, phone number and any card guarantee details on the back) or cash.

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**7am to 2pm Mon - Sat & 9am to 2pm Sundays**