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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Sarah (oldholbans@hotmail.com)

I am still doing the FVN so please use my email - oldholbans@hotmail.com

OR contact the Parish Office for more information.



My pup Magnus and I had a fab day @ Crufts on Thursday - His 1st really big show and his 1st birthday too. Sarah Childline:0800 1111Samaritans116 123Domestic Violence :0808 2000 247Mind0300 123 3393Age UK0800 169 6565

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May 2022 ISSUE

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Vicar's Letter

As I write the entire world is watching the crisis continue to unfold in Ukraine. The horrors of war come to us via our televisions and social media 24/7. We hear reports from the ground, see videos of the action, and listen to journalists interpreting the war. How should we think about this war from a Christian perspective?

One key question for every war is simply is, it a just war? Well you don't have to be a theological genius to work out that Russia's war against Ukraine is most certainly not a just war. The old saying is true: Absolute power corrupts absolutely. In the



book of Genesis, given the potential for the evil of all sinners working together in unity on one project at Babel, the Lord dispersed them into different lands and with different languages. That way the power would be divided.

Every war is a reminder of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. In Revelation 6 John sees four horses with their horsemen: a white horse with a horseman that represents conquering tyranny; a red horse with a horseman that represents war; a black horse with a horseman that represents famine; and a pale horse with a horseman that represents death. But the victorious Lamb is the Lord over all, the crucified, risen, and exalted Lord who reigns over human history and the four horsemen, and all to the ultimate benefit of his church. The war in eastern Europe shows us again the evils of war.

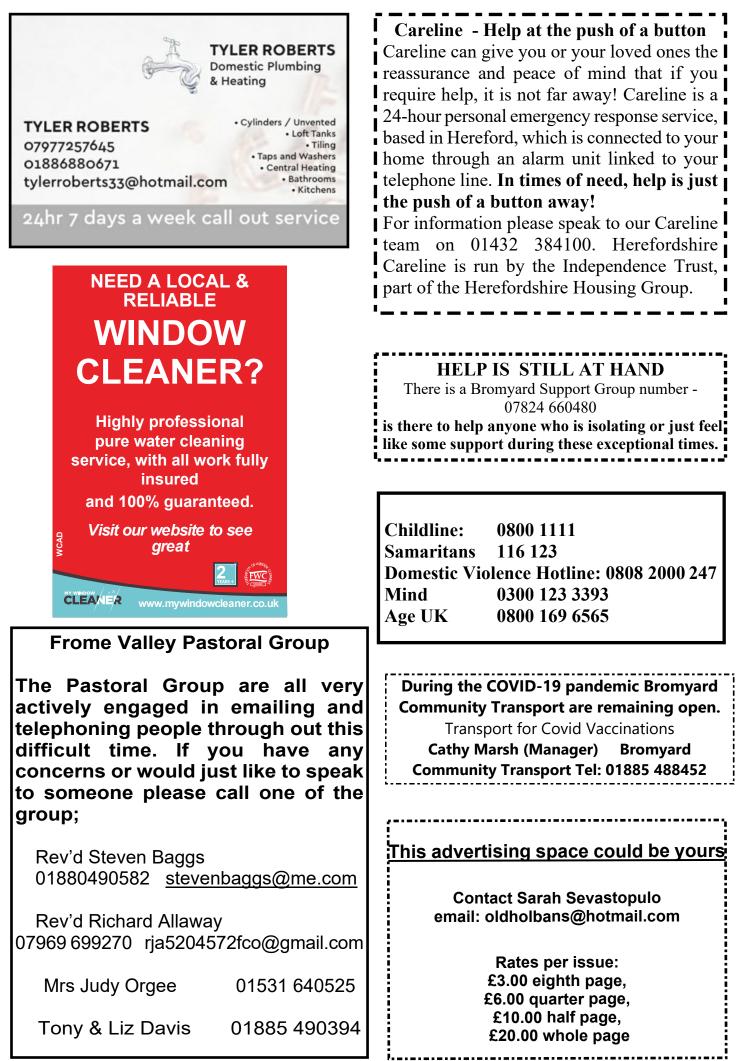
Yet we take confidence in the exaltation of Jesus of Nazareth, who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. And we pray that God would restrain the forces of tyranny, war, famine, and death. That he would establish peace in eastern Europe and Russia and let the good news of the Gospel be heard everywhere.

As many of you know I will be taking the remainder of my Sabbatical after Easter and will be back in time for the Queens Jubilee celebrations on 1st June. This year for my Sabbatical I am planning to walk the Camino de Santiago, via de la plata route, almost 1,000km from Seville to Santiago de Compostela. I hope to come back from this journey spiritually refreshed and having spent much time in prayer following what has been a very stressful 2 years of ministry during the pandemic.

I have now moved my website to a new host site and will be blogging along the way on <u>https://wanderingpriest.blogspot.com</u> for those who wish to follow my journey. All my other Camino journeys are now archived here as well. If you have any prayers that you wish me to take along on my journey please do let me know. Walking and praying seem to go well together for me!

Blessings

Steven



Ocle Pychard Ramblings

At this time of world uncertainty it is good to know that there some things that remain constant. The arrival of spring is gathering pace and soon all the hedgerows and trees will be bursting with showy, fresh lime green young leaves. The birds are already gearing up and pairing off as they start to look for nest sites in which to care for their young offspring. There is an almost tangible feeling in the atmosphere that life is on the move again! With this in mind we people are also thinking about warmer days ahead meeting up with friends and family, and making plans for holidays.

Communities are planning their annual events and here in Ocle Pychard we are looking ahead to the Camino Walk that will take probably take place around 24th July (more information about that next month). The details will be firmed up soon and can also be seen on the Camino website.

<u>Services at St. James the Great, Ocle Pychard are as follows:</u> April 3rd – Holy Communion @ 8.30am April 17th – Easter Day Holy Communion @ 8.30am May 1st – Holy Communion @ 8.30am

I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Easter.

Conquest Theatre

Live on Stage

April 16th Neil Maya Quartet, delivering high quality jazz for all ages to enjoy but with a light hearted approach. 7.30pm April 3rd Bromyard Choral Society: Happy and Glorious - Songs for a Royal Celebration 2pm

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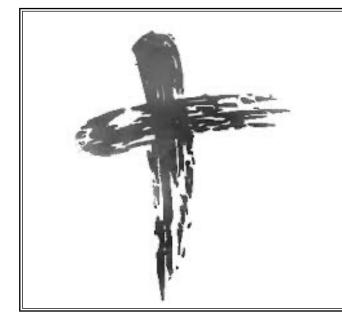
Films 7.30pm

April 1stWestside Story12AApril 15thHouse of Gucci15May datesTBC Belfast & The Duke

Event Cinema

April 5th Exhibition on Screen Easter in Art 7.30pm April 21st NT Live Henry V Captured live from the Donmar Warehouse in London featuring Kit Harington (15) 7pm April 24th Northern Ballet "Merlin" Northern Ballet's Merlin will take you on a sweeping epic adventure of heartbreak & hope 2.30pm April 27th ROH La Traviata 7pm

Saturday morning coffee shop 10.30-12.30 everyone welcome, good coffee...good chat For full programme details go to www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or call the box office01885 488575



St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne

Stations of the Cross Service

Thursday 14th April at 7pm

ST JAMES CHURCH STANFORD BISHOP

At the moment we have a beautiful array of Daffodils out here at St. James Church, please feel free to come up and have a look if time allows.

Dates for the Diary

March 27th 2022 Mothering Sunday March 27th @ 8.30am This will be our first service of 2022. We will be giving out posies of Spring Flowers in appreciation of our Mums So please come and join us

June 2nd 2022

In recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June from 2.30 pm onwards we will be hosting Afternoon Cream Teas. Hopefully it will be a lovely Summer's Day and more details will follow next month.

June 26th 2022

Pet Service is planned for Sunday 26th June at 11.30am

Bishops Frome & Fromes Hill PLATINUM JUBIL TEA PARTY SATURDAY 4 JUNE 3pm to 5pm **Bishops Frome Village Green** There's lots of planning to doplease come along to offer your help and ideas on Wednesday 6 April 7pm Bishops Frome Village Centre More information from

Susanna 07742 715769



Bishop's Frome and Fromes Hill Parish Council Jubilee Celebrations







Over the long Weekend Thursday June 2nd to June 5th there will be Jubilee Celebrations throughout the country.

Our Celebrations will centre on a party on <u>Ward Hill</u> including picnic area, a bar available provided by Village centre, please contact us if anyone knows of a company who would provide food on the day, sports and other competitions egg throwing etc, a 25ft Straw Man Beacon and fireworks on Thursday June 2nd 2022. On Friday June 3rd a Songs of Praise in <u>St Mary's Church</u> where the painting competition display of entries will be on show.

On Saturday June 4th a Village Tea Party on the <u>Village Green</u> 3 pm onwards all sorts of activities, can you help. Please bring food and there will be a slip to fill in letting us know you are attending to gauge Nos.

We need a volunteer or two to organise the competitions (I have details of what happened 10 years ago but need help) We will want volunteers on the day to put up tents etc and steward the event. Also volunteers to fence the Green and help at the Tea party.

This is a community event we have some sponsorship offered if you would like to donate or ask your employer to donate or offer to help in way with the events. Please Contact John Pudge 01531 640323.

We will be giving out Jubilee Mugs to those under 16 years of age on the day. (The mugs will have "Bishops Frome & Fromes Hill" printed on them) If anyone would like an extra mug or you live outside the Parish, they can be purchased for £7.50 if ordered by the end of April.

If you have any other ideas how to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, please contact me. John Pudge BFPC.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, MUCH COWARNE

Changes in our Conduction of Services

The changes in the way our Matins services are presented, described in the last Newsletter, began in late February and we have now had two services where the lead was taken by one of the Churchwardens and all readings, a meditation and the intercessions were taken by a Churchwarden, and the readings, meditation and the prayers were taken by other members of the congregation. The changes have been well received and the increased participation by the congregation is felt to be a positive step. In March we welcomed members of the Bishops Frome congregation to some services, whilst the builders were working in their church, giving us the opportunity to experience the High Mass and the opportunity to welcome some near neighbours at other services. **Book Stall**

The books for sale, previously overflowing three tables have now been put into two bookcases just inside the church and are much easier to see and browse through. Many thanks to Martin & Don who acquired them and fixed them to the wall in a very short time. There is no set price for books taken but donations should be put into the box in the wall to the left of the bookcases **Jubilee Celebrations**

In recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Thursday June 2nd** we will be holding a **"Hymns & Pimms" celebration at 6pm.** If fine, we shall gather in the churchyard (if wet in the church), to enjoy a glass of Pimms before going into the church for a service of celebration conducted by Rev Richard Allaway and comprising 7 popular hymns interspersed with readings and prayers. There will be the opportunity for further Pimms after the service.

For this year we have also agreed to join the event planned by the Burley Gate Jubilee Committee

on **Saturday June 4**th by moving the stalls and attractions which usually form our Church Fete to the playing field at Burley Gate School where other events will also be taking place. If you are able to offer help with setting up stalls and/or manning them the Churchwardens would be very pleased to hear from you.

Other events being planned

The Annual Plant Sale at Panks Bridge Farm on Saturday May 7th from 2.00pm. As always good selection of annual and perennial flowers, shrubs and vegetables will be for sale, plus some garden objects (Anyone wishing to bring items to sell please contact Marlene Hewitt on 01432 820282).

On Wednesday June 29th there will be a Concert by the Hereford Cathedral School Chamber Choir, arranged by the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Full details will be in the next Newsletter.

A Lead Rein Fun Ride for junior riders will be held on September 4th, further details will be available later.

We are also hoping to have a Race Night in the Autumn.

Further details of all the above will be on posters and in the newsletters in the next few months.

DO YOU HAVE AN UNWANTED BOOKCASE?

Much Cowarne church are looking for bookcases to house their growing collection of second hand books for sale by donation in the church as the present tables are becoming overloaded and are not ideal for this purpose. If you have a bookcase which you no longer need and would like to donate please email with a photo to Jill Cooksley jjcooksley@hotmail.com.



Communion Service

Sunday 10th April 11.30 am



Family Service Sunday 24th 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.

> Easter Service Sunday 17th April 10am Holy Communion



Castle Frome April 2022 News, Views & Muse

Hilary's Nature Diary

Harbingers of spring

The first of this year's primroses appeared in my garden in mid February. What a delight. From one gallant flower, others followed hesitantly until, by early March, large clumps filled an uncultivated corner. As this particularly long and grey winter is left behind, the cheerful primrose flowers have lifted my spirits – new life, new beginnings, hope. Spring will have arrived when the churchyard and hedge banks become cowslip country and our woodlands are brimming with the quintessentially British bluebell - almost half the world's bluebells are found in Britain. How lucky we are.



Hilary x



Earth Day April

Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22nd dedicated to the environmental protection of our planet.

The first ever Earth Day was held on April 22nd 1970. More than 20 million people marched for the environment, and to this day it's still the largest single-day protest in American history. Looking after the Earth was important then, and it's even more important now. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 in the United States and on either April 22 or the day the spring equinox occurs throughout the rest of the world. If you want to get involved or learn more about Earth Day, then visit the website. There www.earthday.org









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I can't start this column without reflecting on the terrible war in Ukraine. I'm sure that like me you've all been horrified by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the unfolding tragedy there. If any of you reading this have friends or family there, my heart goes out to you; I hope the people you love are safe. I've been moved to see how people here have rallied to support the refugees with donations and offers of accommodation. I feel sorry that the UK government was not quicker and more flexible in its response, but I do hope that now we will start to enable people fleeing violence to find safety here.



Close to home, I'm continuing to chase Balfour Beatty regularly re the road safety concerns at the B4214 / A4103 junction. I'm really disappointed they are taking so long to fix the signage; they have assured me again today that they are working on it but I simply don't understand why it is taking so long. Please continue to alert me to further accidents / near misses at this site so that I can continue to use this info to press for action ASAP.

You may recall that I tried to get a Community Speed Watch group going in Bishops Frome a couple of years ago, but unfortunately at that time we couldn't find enough volunteers. Residents have recently raised concerns with me about several very sad incidents of cats being run over in the village, and so I am keen to try again to see if we can get enough volunteers to start a community speed watch scheme. If you are interested in volunteering, please could you let me know? We need six volunteers to start the scheme. <u>https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/community-speed-watch-empowering-our-communities/</u>

Unfortunately we are not permitted by the police to run such a scheme in a 40mph area, so for Fromes Hill and Munderfield I am continuing to support the local campaigns for speed limit reduction.

I have arranged to do a 'ward tour' next week with our Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, Mike Brookes. I have a long list of issues to look at with him; please feel free to let me know if there is anything you would like me to add to this list. I'm going to try to do these ward tours regularly from now on.

One issue that I am often asked about is how do highways issues get prioritised by the council and Balfour Beatty – how is it decided which roads are resurfaced, which potholes are filled, etc? The short answer is that there is a thing called the 'prioritisation matrix' which looks at the type of road, volume of traffic etc. This is used to decide what works to prioritise – so, for example, A roads are proactively inspected much more frequently than U roads, and potholes on A roads are fixed much more quickly than those on U roads (roads are classified as A, B, C, and U for unclassified). I have asked for a quick guide to this process to be produced for the council website, as I think it would help reduce misunderstandings; I'll let you know when it's done.

Please do remember to report any road defects – potholes, blocked drains, flytipping, flooding etc – to the council via the website <u>https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it</u> or by phone to 01432 261800 as quickly as you can. This is really very helpful indeed. The quicker an issue is reported, the quicker the council can get it fixed!

I'm still doing monthly 'Sunday Service' clean-ups (most recently in Acton Green last Sunday). My next one will be on Sunday 3rd April – do let me know if you'd like to join in!

If you would like to organise your own community litterpicking, you can get a free kit from the council – details here: <u>https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-problem/litter/4</u>. It contains half a dozen very useful 'grabbers' plus heavy duty sacks and hoops.

Now for a couple of quick reminders about broader council-related things:

- The council has been able to top up all of the Shop Local cards with an extra £10, so please do remember to spend this before 31st March to support the local economy!
- And the council is currently consulting on our proposed new supplementary planning guidance on environmental building standards. The consultation is open until 13 April 2022. Info is here: <u>https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations</u> where you can also sign up for alerts about future consultations on any topic.

And finally, as always, please do get in touch if there's anything you'd like my help with. If you'd like to talk to me in person, please do come along to one of my surgeries (drop in, no appointment needed):

- Bishops Frome Village Centre, 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1.00-2.30pm
- Cradley Village Hall, 3rd Thursday of each month, 1.00-2.30pm.

Alternatively you can phone me on 01531 670729 (landline) or 07950 714947 (mobile) or email me at <u>ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk</u>.

I'm always happy to hear from you! Ellie.

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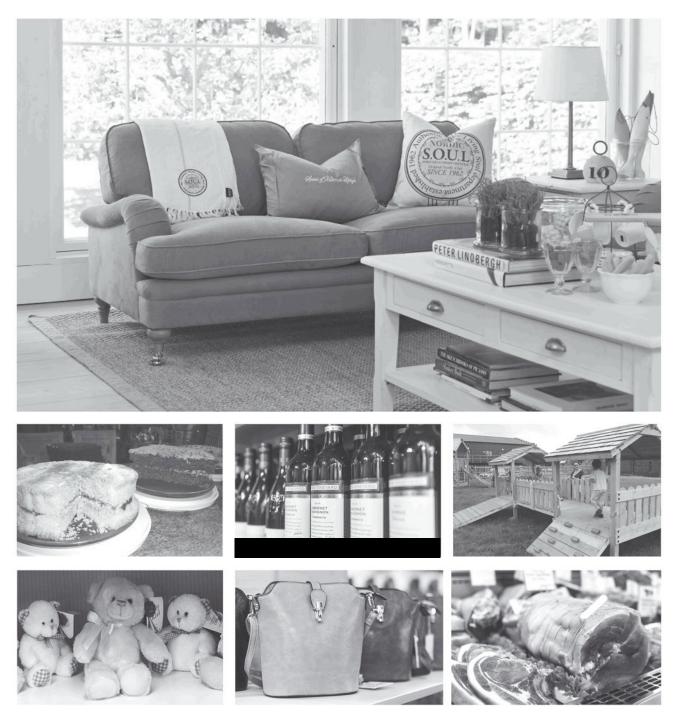
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12.50pm Flamenco
2pm Adult Ballet
3pm Pilates

THURSDAYS

10am FitSteps 11.15am Silver Swans Ballet for over 55's 2pm New Silver Swans Ballet for over 55's 8pm New Zumba class TBC

FRIDAYS

9.30am Dance Mix Gold10.30am Silver Swans Ballet for over 55's11.45am FitSteps2.45pm New Zumba class TBC

SATURDAYS

8.45am New Zumba class TBC

SUNDAYS

8.45am Pilates 10am FitSteps

Classes held in Great Malvern.

Pre-book as social distancing still in operation.

Children's classes also available.

THE CHASE INN BISHOPS FROME



TO BOOK A TABLE, AND OR A ROOM PLEASE CONTACT US ON : 01885 490358.

EMAIL: THECHASEINN.4@GMAIL.COM

OR

FIND US ON FACE BOOK.

POP IN AND SAY HI.....!

THE CHASE INN

Mike, Maureen, Jason and Amelia welcome you to THE CHASE INN that overlooks the Village Green

Our bar is open at 4pm Monday to Saturday and 12 noon on Sundays, Come and join us for good ale, lagers and good food

Our restaurant is open from 6pm Monday to Saturday and 12noon on Sundays.

On Sundays our joker is played around 5pm come and join us and find out about it.

OUR POOL ROOM has been revamped come and have look! and have a game

We have 6 letting rooms, single, twins , double, double deluxe and a large family room all en-suite.

We look forward to seeing you.







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	APRIL 2022				
	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	1 st May
Acton Beauchamp	11.30am Holy Communion SB				11.30am Holy Communion Fr David West
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am High Mass	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am High Mass
	SB	SB	SB	Fr David West	Fr David West
Castle Frome		11.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Family Service Lay Led	
Evesbatch		SB	Fr David West		
Fromes Hill	10.00am Matins		11.30am Holy Communion		10.00am Matins Lay Led
	Ewan Gillings		SB		
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins		10.00am Holy Communion	
		Sue Williams		Rev Anthony Ellis	
Ocle Pychard	8.30am Holy Communion		8.30am Holy Communion		8.30am Holy Communion
Stanford Bishop	SB		SB	8.30am Holy Communion Rev Anthony Ellis	RA
	Lent 5 Purple Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8	Palm Sunday Red Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5- 11 Luke 23.1-49	Easter Day Gold or White Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12	Easter 2 White Psalm 150 Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-31	Easter 3 White Psalm 30 Acts 9.1-6 John 21.1-19

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

The Funeral of Robert Meredith who died on 29th January 2022, aged 74, took place on 25th February 2022 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

The Funeral of Michael Cross who died on 28th January 2022, aged 84, took place on 1st March 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Funeral of Reginald Booton who died on 5th February 2022, aged 82, took place on 5th March 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

May They Rest in Peace.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BISHOPS FROME

DATE	READER	PRAYERS
Apr 3 rd	Sarah	TBA
Apr 10 th	Martin	TBA
Apr 17 th	Maureen	Liz
Apr 24 th	Angela	TBA
May 1 st	Sarah	TBA

ST JAMES THE GREAT, OCLE PYCHARD

Date	Day Ti	ime Se	rvice	Reader	Sidesman	Flowers/Cleaning
3 rd April	Lent 5	8.30am	Holy Com	munion	J Ridler	S Ridler
17 th April	Easter	8.30am	Holy Comr	nunion		R Winn





BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE



bishopsfromecentre.co.uk for much more information and hiring charges

PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA PARTY

There will be an another open meeting in the Conference Room on **WEDNESDAY 6 April at 7pm** to plan the tea party for Bishops Frome and Fromes Hill which will take place on **SATURDAY 4 JUNE**, 3 to 5pm. Please contact Susanna Morel on 07742 715769 for more information, and please come along on 6 April with your ideas and offers of help.

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY

Monday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30am, 07909 754 039
- Internet Café, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981
- Board Games, 2pm to 4pm, first Mondays, Susanna 01885 490 440
- Tai Kwon Do with White Phoenix, 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

Tuesday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30am 07909 754 039
- Ward Surgery, 1 to 2.30, third Tuesdays, Cllr Ellie Chowns, 07950 714 947
- Fit for Life, 3pm to 4pm, Angie Box, 07530 420554
- Zumba with Bev, 7pm, 07900 640 467 exercise at your own pace Wednesday
- Needlecraft, 2pm to 4pm, Beryl 01531 640 359
- Kick Boxing with White Lotus, 7pm, 07495 427 993

Thursday

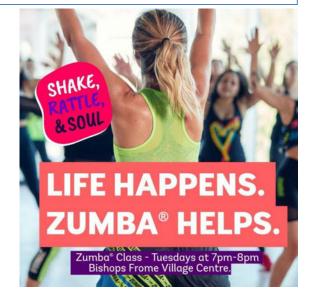
- Coffee morning, Tony 07764 578 410 Friday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30am, 07909 754 039
- Shanty Singing with Richard, 2pm to 4pm, first Fridays, 01531 640 768
- Tai Kwon Do with White Phoenix, 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

To arrange to have a look, or to book, contact Wendy Roberts on 01885 490327 or email <u>bishfromecentre@aol.com</u>



Mon13.45 to 16.45Tues13.00 to 14.30Wed9.00 to 12.00Thurs9.00 to 12.00



Please contact group leaders before attending exercise classes

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