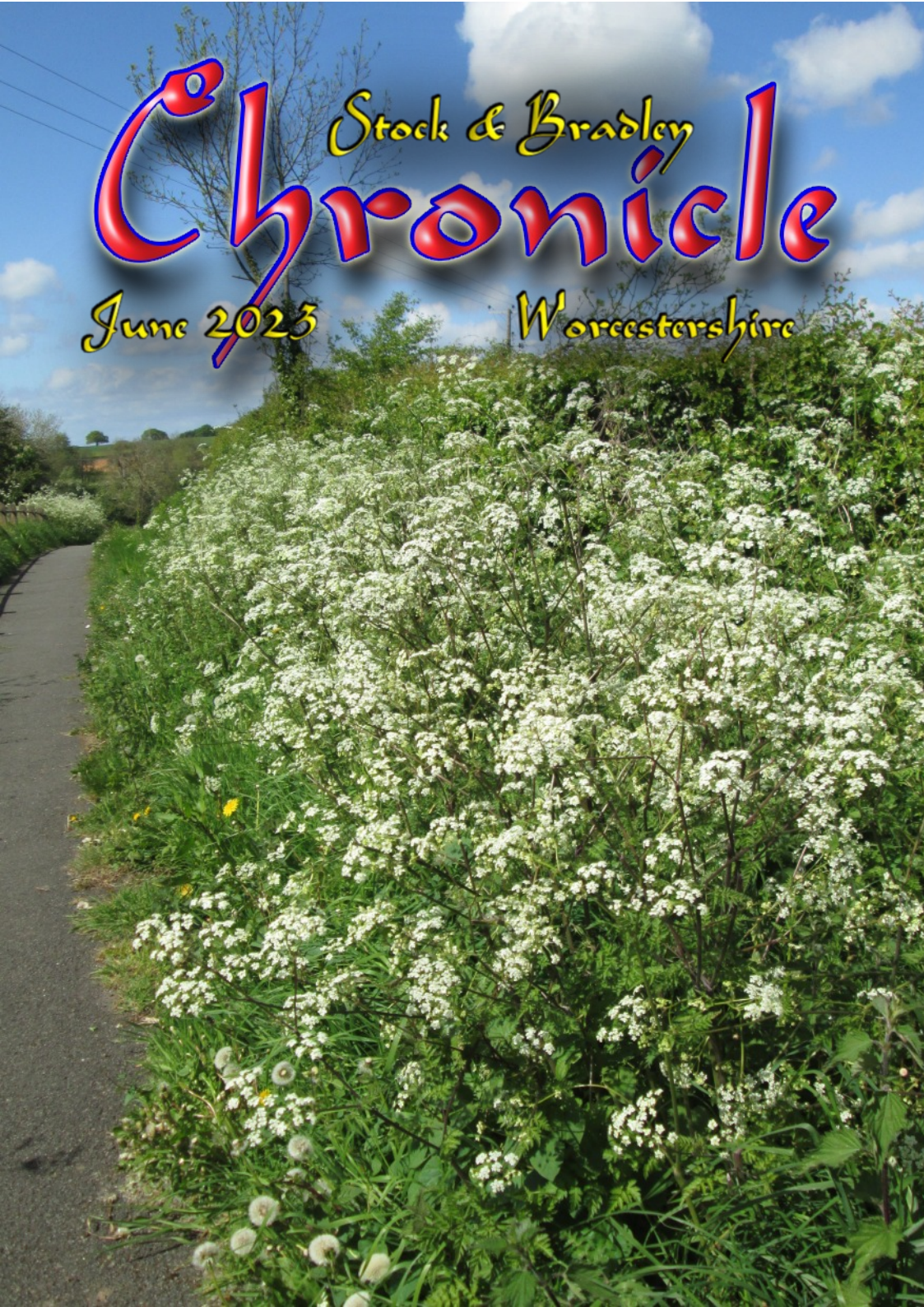


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Hello Everyone

Summer seems to have finally arrived and even though it was late the cow parsley has given us all a good show with some blue skies as a welcome back drop.

I hope those who joined the Coronation Party at the Village Hall enjoyed the amazing spread and a glass or two of fizz, generously provided by the Parish Council. Huge thanks to the organisers.

If you are not a member of the villages 100 Club then please join in time as the Annual Draw will take place at the Summer Party on 24th June in the Village Hall. And in July afternoon tea at the Church to celebrate a year of the new facilities. Everyone is welcome at all events, please do come if you can.

Enjoy the long Summer evenings, especially the Solstice on June 21st

Kate

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(raising funds for the maintenance of our Parish Church and Churchyard).

Refreshments available	Parking	Admission: £6.00	Children: Free
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JUNE 11th 10.30am Morning Service.

25th 9.00am Communion Service



Dear All,

There's a phrase that seems to be used in common parlance these days that I find strange. Very often you'll hear someone saying that something is "quite unique" which seems an odd way to use a superlative. Either something is unique or it's not – it's almost like saying "slightly pregnant" which clearly would make no sense. I suspect it's because in life there are not too many things which are unique so things that are infrequent become "quite unique". Using this presumption, I can't say that I've experienced too many things which were unique but West Berlin was one of them. In the middle 1980's Kerry spent her year out from University working there so I visited as often as possible. I can safely say that it was a unique experience.

If you flew to West Berlin there were only certain air corridors that could be used. There was nothing special about this, it is how all air travel works, but in West Berlin's case the plane had to slow down and fly at a relatively low altitude (10-12,000ft). If you travelled by train, the doors would be locked at the first station in East Germany and then unlocked again at the last station. If you drove there, there were certain transit corridors which often had "false speed limits" which the East Germans ignored but if you were from the West had to be obeyed as there were potentially unlimited fines. The lowest one I saw was near Magdeburg when it was dropped to 10 km/h – I could have run quicker but you were advised not to get out of your car anywhere in the East!

The thing that I noticed the most though was crossing the border into East Berlin and simply walking around. We tended to take the S-bahn to Friedrichstraße which put you straight in the centre of East Berlin. On one occasion I was wearing yellow espadrilles (it was summer and they were fashionable at the time) and everyone kept looking at my shoes. Given that they only cost a couple of Deutschmarks it was surprising until you realised that there was very little colour in the East and these shoes stood out. We walked a little way from the station to Alexanderplatz and went up the Fernsehturm (the television tower) as it had a restaurant at the top that slowly revolved round. And as we looked out enjoying our mushrooms (there was nothing else on the menu that day) it was obvious that there was simply a lack of colour everywhere – it was quite saddening. On returning to the West, colours were vibrant again – it was an amazing juxtaposition.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and filled their lives beyond measure – bringing life in its fullness – filling their lives with true colour if you like. When we accept Jesus, we accept the Holy Spirit as well and our lives can be vibrant. We need to embrace this with all our beings as it's a unique gift from God. And if this new found, or newly re-discovered joy, makes you want to buy a pair of Espadrilles, they're available at M & S from £22 (which is some inflation!) but I'm afraid it looks like yellow ones were purely an 80's thing!

God bless, DM.



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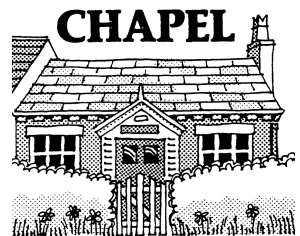
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ALL WELCOME



STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our May 3rd meeting was a talk by Paul Green entitled 'Plants of the Season'. Paul brought along plants to describe and discuss from his Greens Leaves nursery in Gloucestershire where he grows a very wide range of shrubs, bulbs and perennials. His talk featured many plants which look good at this time of year and sales were brisk!



PLANT SALE - at Bradley Green Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green

Our annual Plant Sale was held on Saturday 13th May 2023 from 10am to 12 noon and proved to be an enormous success. The plants for sale were all raised by our members, and our visiting nursery and plant supports table both did equally brisk trade. We opened at 10am, entry queues formed, and by 10:30am the majority of the large number of plants on display had been sold! Our visitors enjoyed tea/coffee and cake and went away with boxes crammed with keenly priced plants. Provisional figures recorded a total income of £967.35 for the Gardening Club - an all time record.

NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7:30pm

Our next meeting is a talk by Bob Brown entitled 'So Many Plants, So Little Space'. Bob is the founder of Cotswold Garden Flowers nursery, not far away in Badsey, and is renowned as a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

The subject for the monthly competition is 'My Favourite June Plant - Flowers and/or Foliage'.

Membership of the Gardening Club is currently by £5.00 annual subscription which becomes due on 1st January each year, so please come prepared to renew if you haven't already done so. Please make cheques payable to 'Stock and Bradley Gardening Club'. We welcome new members to join us at any time throughout the year.

Club meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £5.00 for 2023. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.

If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 07544 832052.

Village Hall Matters



The Coronation Celebrations -

around 100 people enjoying freshly made sandwiches, cakes and other goodies. A good turnout with a glass of fizz to lubricate the socializing!



Ros prepares for retirement and with a bunch of flowers from the village as a big thank-you for her years of sterling service. Now a real member of the S&B community with her WhatsApp postings on traffic, missing parcels and 'anything to help' attitude. And—What an artist!!

Next at the Village Hall—sbvh.org.uk/Whatson

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Nikki Davis was presented with flowers at the Parish Council AGM to thank her for representing the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.



100+ Club News—Lucky Winners—Feb Cash Draw

1st Prize—£30 Stella Wallis (185)

2nd £20 David Farquharson (118): 3rd £15 David Bolton (10)

Drawn by Mrs Anne Benbow

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I have realised that I have been a bit remiss in not keeping you updated with the progress of my Atlantic rowing challenge later this year. So here goes...

The first bit of big news is that we have managed to buy our boat! We held a large fundraising event in Worcester at the end of last year and with the proceeds, together with some badly needed sponsorship, were able to procure Pegasus – our 23 foot rowing boat. She arrived back into the UK last month (from crossing the Atlantic in December 2022) and I am pleased to report that she is now safely in Chichester harbour from where my colleague Matt and I have started to become acquainted with her. A few facts about the boat

- There is a cabin at each end – so my partner and I aren't cheek by jowl 24 hours a day; this will primarily be our sleeping quarters.
- It has a parachute anchor which acts like a parachute in the sea if we need to deploy it. This is really useful as if the wind is blowing the wrong way it will stop us being blown backwards quite so much, which would undo all our hard earned progress.
- It has an autopilot to keep us on the right heading, as well as hand and foot steering.

There are four rowing gates which means both Matt and I can row together, although realistically one of us will be resting while the other is rowing as our two hours on, two hours off routine, 24 hours a days means we will want to rest as much as possible.

Post arrival of the boat the first weekend we spent hours sorting out the equipment and getting to look in every nook and cranny – not that there are many of those. We have to spend 120 hours on the water before December to qualify for the race so with that in mind we spent our first visit down in Chichester cosely acquainting ourselves with her to the extent of sleeping in the

cabins on the boat... albeit on the trailer! The next day we put it in the water at Itchenor, it is a remarkably gentle slipway and all went smoothly until we realised we had forgotten to take the electric board off the trailer before backing her in. Oops, but all a learning experience.

Since then we have been out on the water for three consecutive weekends and on one of those weekends we over-nighted on the boat in the middle of Chichester estuary. An interesting experience where it is very important that you understand the tidal range as otherwise you could ground or alternatively pull your anchor and drift. We almost did both but managed to rescue the situation with 2am and 5.30am rowing to reposition ourselves and make sure everything was OK. On the plus side I'm not sure we are going to be using the anchor too much in the Middle of the Atlantic!

Cooking on the boat is going to be interesting. This will only be outside for safety reasons and will solely consist of one small gas canister with one ring on which we will boil whatever is needed. Our water requirements will be met by a water-maker which will take sea water and purify it into drinking water. This is one of the most important pieces of equipment for obvious reasons and will be powered by two batteries which in turn are powered by a solar panel on each cabin. We really don't want this to break as otherwise after our personal stint of two hours rowing we would have to manually operate a pump to make water – 20 minutes of continuous pumping will make one litre of water, when our arms will already be tired and we will just want to go to bed.

Having had a fantastic start to our campaign, we are still badly in need of sponsorship and if anybody is reading this who thinks their Company may be able or willing to help, in return for branding and more – get in touch! Everything raised will be going to Acorns Children's Hospice which is the most fantastic cause we could wish to do something so stupid for. Thanks!

George Farniloe

Kington with Dormston WI

May 2023 Meeting

Twelve months on from the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee, the village hall was once more decorated in festive style. This time members marked the coronation of King Charles III with a toast to the king and special refreshments. The AGM business was conducted in the presence of WI Adviser Susan Reeve. The WI benefits from the participation of the membership in filling a wide range of roles. Financial matters are in good order. Members were reminded of the full and varied programme of the past year.

Alwyn Stanley completed a sixth year as president. Her calm and encouraging leadership has been much appreciated through that time which included the pandemic era.

Annette Gulliver was elected as the incoming president. Annette has considerable experience as a committee member. She is an enthusiastic participant in WI activities beyond Kington with Dormston.

Susan Reeve gave members the chance to express their opinions about the resolution for 2023 which concerns the importance of clean water.

Business matters concluded, the evening continued with a return visit of the Kingtones. This local group of handbell ringers entertained with music from a range of traditions. The players were dressed in patriotic style including a crown-wearing Charles.

Forthcoming events

Future meetings to be held at Kington and Dormston Village Hall.

Prospective members and visitors are most welcome.

Wednesday 14th June at **7.00pm**: Speaker Linda Harris - From Salcombe to Salop

Wednesday 12th July at **7.00pm**: Garden meeting

In addition to the monthly meetings, members are able to join a wide range of visits, courses, talks and social events.

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BREAKAWAY

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

We arrived at the hall to be greeted with festive decorations - to commemorate the forthcoming coronation of Charles III. There were Union Jack flags on the tables with Union Jack plates of biscuits and even the raffle table had a Union Jack flag with red white and blue pot plants for prizes.

Rita announced that the Chronicle on the news table held a lovely thank you letter noting all the charitable gifts that Breakaway had made over the last 40 odd years.

We were reminded to book as soon as possible for our outing to Selly Manor in June.

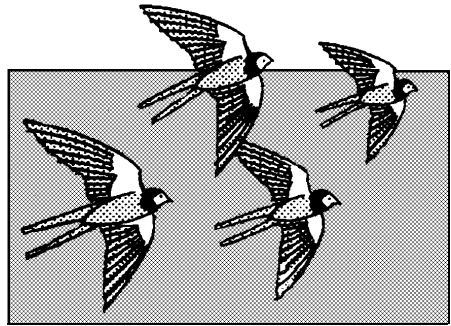
Also, menus were available for the AGM lunch in July. The price will be £27 to cover an excellent buffet, glasses of wine, hire of hall, table decorations etc.

Rita then read an amusing poem about the confusion caused by a cruise ship carrying a jazz band. Apparently a passenger took the message "a band on ship" to mean "abandon ship" and chaos ensued.

Our speaker for the day was Robert Hemming on "Trouble with Trivia".

Robert has the type of brain that retains all odd items, facts and information. He has appeared on 15 quiz shows so far.

He began his talk by telling us how his interest in quizzing began. He left school and started work in a factory. He passed the 3C's (cars, clothes and crumpet) and decided to do something more interesting and applied to join MENZA. To his surprise he passed the Aston University official test and realised that he'd got a higher score than Carol Vorderman. He started to attend MENZA meetings but found them really boring. However one night he met a



lady who told him that she had used her knowledge to win Bob Monkhouse's "Full House" of £1,000. She had also won a fridge and several holidays.

Robert then decided to enter TV quizzes himself. The first programme was Shane Ritchie's "Lucky Numbers" in 1996. The top prize was £20,000. He saw two spectacular losses when one contestant answered the question "What are the names of the Flower Pot Men?" with "Pinky and Perky". Another contestant answered the question about an 18th century killer with "the Yorkshire Ripper" instead of "Jack the Ripper".

His wife was on the Weakest Link with Ann Robinson and shared the £2550 winnings.

Robert decided to have a go and was selected for a pilot show. In theory he won £4400 but, because it was never shown, he got just £40 expenses.

Two years later he appeared on the Weakest Link and became the most hated contestant because he was so determined to win - he lost!

After this Robert decided to try Mastermind. He recommended that revision for the trivia round includes, present day news, football, politicians, members of the cabinet, and capital cities. The contestants' specialist subjects were The Old Testament, Dylan Thomas, a French poet Guillaume Apollinaire, and Robert's Clint Eastwood. Robert ignored the buffet in the Green

Room because he wanted to remain "sharp". He had watched 60 Clint Eastwood films and got 12 points. His final total was 22 points. The winner, on the French poet, got 23 points. Robert then returned to the buffet and demolished the red wine. He couldn't remember much after that!

Robert has also appeared on The Chase. His chaser was Sean Wallace and proved to be a really nice person who had a job to keep a straight face. Robert was offered £28,000 but could not answer a question on Pop Music - he was out. The other contestants won £7,000 each.

After this Robert tried Mastermind again in 2012. His specialist subject was the African big 5 (lion, leopard, black rhino, elephant, buffalo). He came 3rd with 23 points and the winner was Mark Steel with 26 points on "Tin Tin".

He then appeared on Brain of Britain, Two Tribes, and H&W £1000 quiz.

In Mastermind 2016. Robert's specialist subject was the Human Body. He got 22 total points with 3 passes.

However the most nail biting and exciting game was the Mastermind semi

final. For this, Robert chose Al Capone as his specialist subject. He was up against two men called Daniel Adler and Alan Morgan. They all got the same score 21 with no passes. Each had to answer the same 5 questions separately, as a decider. Robert got 4 right answers and came 2nd. He didn't tell us the name of the winner!

He is still gathering trivia and is still quizzing. We might be lucky enough to see him on Millionaire or The 1% Show".

Rita gave the vote of thanks. She said it was most entertaining, enjoyable and fascinating to have a peek behind the scenes of these shows.

It was then time to draw the raffle and, to my surprise, I won a lovely white geranium off the Celebration table.

Future meetings

7th June 2023 - 11.30a.m. - Outing to Selly Manor, Bournville, £22. Bookings to Pam Welsh 01386 792117 or 0758 0712 976

5th July 2023 - 11.30a.m. - AGM and Buffet Lunch - £27. Bookings to Judy Brevitt. 0781 436 7276

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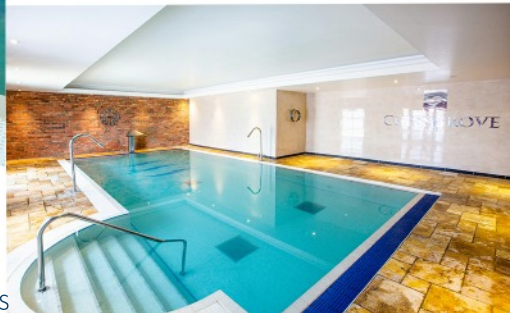
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