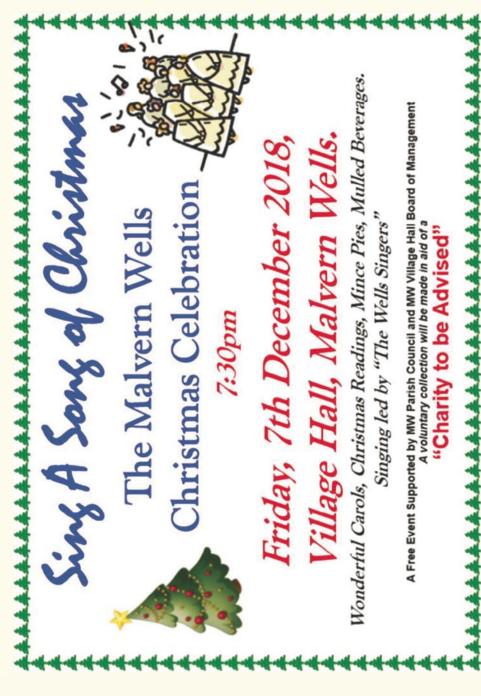
WELLS NEWS

WINTER 2018



PEACHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE



WELCOME TO THE WINTER 2018 EDITION OF 'THE WELLS NEWS'

By Cllr Neil Chatten - Chairman of the Council

As usual, I would firstly like to extend my thanks to all of our Parish Councillors who have worked diligently throughout the year discharging their responsibilities and in particular I should mention our Vice Chair, Cllr Jackie Smethurst for her support. Our new Councillors, Ben, Mark and Julie have settled in well to the routines of the parish council. As it's been another full year in the council we've kept our Clerk, David Taverner busy over this period, so I should also extend our warmest thanks to him.

Though the first snow of the year has fallen as I write this at the very end of October, it was a classic British summer that lingered long into the year and our Summer Fete in September this year was blessed with good weather. The event was very well attended and we enjoyed new attractions, such as horse riding and a dog show, in addition to all of the other more established activities, such as the ever popular tug of war and the classic car show. Thank you to all of you who attended and to all those on the Events Committee and volunteers, our Parish Lengthsman, Steve Maund, and the wider supporters, such as the W.I., Messy Church and the other stalls holders and entertainment providers, as well as Howard Allen et al who brought their classic cars to the show.

I'm never quite sure where to put in my biannual whinge, or whether to leave it out entirely and only ever write in glowing and positive terms. Anyway, here goes - the connection here being cars. Looking at the Vehicle [speed] Activated Sign data, average driving speeds are commonly in the mid 30's throughout the parish. That means for every car driving at 30 mph there is another driving at 40 mph. One has to conclude also that given the numbers, these are not all accounted for by thoughtless motorists from outside of the parish. We all lead busy lives and it is easy to become swept along by other driver's behaviours or become momentarily forgetful, but it is at precisely these times when accidents occur. Personally I tend to use the cruise control setting on long stretches such as the Wells Road to regulate my speed, and in a manual car '3rd [gear] at 30' works very well too. With dark mornings and afternoons now upon us we should remind

ourselves that there are cyclists on the road and children walking to school, for example our Chase pupils crossing Peachfield Road by the railway bridge where the view of the road ahead is restricted. Our centenarian Frank, who we have read about in Wells News before, is a keen walker but would struggle to leap out of the way of a speeding car! Many of our road junctions in Malvern Wells are difficult to negotiate and civility and care as well as lower driving speeds are necessary to be able to get about in safety. May I therefore ask us all to be continually mindful of how we drive.

As I've mentioned in previous issues of the Wells News, the Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan which provides us with the opportunity to set local planning policies to guide development within the parish. We've engaged an external planning consultant now to assist with the process and so this is now gathering pace with a formative draft document that includes the area 'characterisation' – important scene setting from which policies will seek to preserve and enhance the built and natural environment. We have yet to determine the detailed policies within the Plan but they are likely to complement the existing AONB design guidance for example since the Parish lies wholly within the AONB. For those of you with a keen interest in these matters you will know that the AONB's management plan has just undergone a 5 year review at the time of writing.

Talking of landscape and heritage it is with some sadness that I report our Heritage Lottery Fund bid to reinstate the 'missing' gas lamps has been unsuccessful. The criteria are, maybe necessarily, biased towards the preservation of the existing and the concept of reinstating a historic ambience, mood and lighting effect in the street scene was perhaps too much of a stretch for the assessors. Given the cost of the scheme it is hard for me to see an alternative way of progressing what was always an ambitious and somewhat technically difficult plan.

On Sunday 11th November we marked Remembrance Sunday with a service at the War Memorial on Wells Road marking the hundredth anniversary of the Armistice, with veterans, members of the community and Malvern Wells School. Whilst laying a wreath, I always find this a particularly poignant time in which we look both backwards at what has been and the incredible selfless sacrifice of others and forwards in the hope of a better world for our children that is free from strife. At times it seems like an

uncertain and daunting world for the younger generations but strong and caring communities no doubt play their part in laying the groundwork for their bright futures.

Ahead of us now are the Christmas celebrations with the installation of lights at the Christmas tree on Fruitlands and the cut tree at the Jubilee Fountain Garden, as well as our Carol Concert in the Village Hall: you will find more details within the Newsletter. Events like these are always great fun and help to cement community bonds so please come along.

No review of the Parish Council's activities would be complete without recording our thanks for the time and support given by our County Councillor, Lucy Hodgson and our District Councillors Chris O'Donnell and Jill Campbell who have carried out a great deal of work on behalf of the parish within their respective local authorities. Lucy and Chris in particular have supported our initiatives from their Councillor funds. The local policing team, including PC Susan Parr, should also get a mention for their continued support.

This edition of the Wells News has been produced, as ever, by the magazine's editor Carolyn Aynsworth. Thank you Carolyn for undertaking the role with so much commitment and I'm sure you'll all agree it looks wonderful. Thank you also to all of the contributors to this edition who have devoted considerable time and effort into making it an informative and worthwhile read. I hope you all enjoy this edition of the Wells News and we look forward to seeing you at forthcoming events throughout the year.



Neil Chatten

Mr Neil Chatten – Chairman, Malvern Wells Parish Council

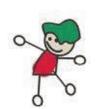
November 2018

From the Parish Clerk's Desk

Not sure where the time goes but Christmas is just around the corner again as I write this, and it only seems a very short time ago that we were all basking in that lovely summer weather!

Since the last edition of this magazine was produced the Parish Council has been as active as ever in trying to coordinate various schemes and projects which are aimed at benefiting the whole of Malvern Wells.

The management of these schemes continues to be looked after by various working groups and Committees which each have their own specific terms of reference and report back to the Parish Council at its monthly meetings. The following review of the last few months activities will attempt to highlight the work undertaken by those working groups.



Play and Open Spaces Group. The upgrade of the Assarts Road playground a couples of years ago has continued to prove very popular with local children who are thoroughly enjoying the new pieces of play equipment which have been installed there. During the summer school holidays, it was pleasing to see such good use being made of the play

area and its adjoining field with many family picnics in evidence during the lovely long summer days. We are continuing to look at the feasibility of the establishment of new children's play facilities in other areas of the Parish in the All Saints Ward of the Parish – preferably near to, or on, Peachfield Road Common. We are unfortunately restricted by the fact that we are not allowed to erect any permanent structures on the Common, and so we are endeavouring to find alternative suitable locations.

During the forthcoming Christmas period, the Council will again be sponsoring schemes to illuminate Christmas Trees in the centre of the parish in the Jubilee Fountain garden, and on the Fruitlands green.

Thanks to a team of volunteers led by Ian Burrage and members of the Women's Institute, the Jubilee Garden was awarded further recognition in

the Royal Horticultural Society's "It's your Neighbourhood" competition increasing its RHS award level status from "Improving" to "Thriving".

We are looking at the feasibility of restoring the Jubilee Fountain Tap so that spring water might be able to be drawn In addition work has been is continuing through the Autumn ongoing to foster further improvements to the natural beauty of the garden. If you are interested in helping to work on this project, then please let me know.

This summer we also extended the wildflower meadow at St Wulstans Village Green. This project proved to be very successful in seeing the expansion of natural flora and fauna at the site and we shall be repeating the exercise during the spring and early summer of next year.

Our two part-time outdoor contractors, Steve Maund and Martin Thomas, continue to work exceptionally hard to maintain the Parish Cemetery, the Assarts Road Playing Field and St Wulstans village Green to a very high standard and we receive many the many compliments for the excellent work which they have undertaken.

Our volunteer team of assistant parish paths wardens, ably led by Norman Nimmo -Smith, have continued to ensure that all the various footpaths and bridleways within the Parish have continued to be well maintained and easy to access.

You can find more information about local rights of way and footpath maps at the following web link www.malvernhills.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way. We are looking for additional volunteer footpath wardens to join the group. If you are interested in helping, then please let me know.



We are also continuing to work closely with both the District and County Councils on all issues relating to the local street scene and if there are any issues in your locality then again please let me know and we will do what we can to address them.

Gas Lamps working group -Ever since the successful completion of the Gas Lamps renovation project we have been working closely with our contractor - Sight Designs Ltd — to maintain the lamps to ensure their ongoing functionality and reliability. We have also been working on a project which would see an additional eleven gas lanterns installed along the Wells road enhancing the attractiveness of the "ring of light" running through the parish.

Unfortunately, our initial application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for grant help with this project does not appear to have been successful so we shall need to see if we can lever in an alternative source of funding to see if we can continue with the scheme. The Council has already previously pledged that there will be no additional call on you as the local Council tax payers to fund the project.

Our Contractor has recently completed a new cycle of maintenance on each of the 48 lamps under our ownership. This has involved adjustments to the lamps internal mechanisms and the replacement of batteries and gas mantles where appropriate. The lanterns have also each been given a deep clean and further work has been undertaken to cut back any foliage that has been obscuring the light emanating from the lamps

The terms of our current maintenance contract have meant that that the Council has continued to make considerable financial savings, over the last eight years, against the maintenance charges that were being levied by the District Council prior to the renovation project being undertaken. Gas consumption costs have also been substantially reduced and costs have also been held at the same level since 2011.



Community events group- The Parish Fête and Classic Car show, which was so well enjoyed by all who attended last year, will this year be staged again on **Sunday 8th September 2019** at St Wulstans Green. As well as the usual stalls, games and musical entertainment, it is anticipated that we shall have as many as fifty classic cars on display.

We do need community support help to build on the success of previous years events and if you would like to be involved with either the pre-event planning, or if you are available to help on the day then please get in touch with either me or any Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council is also helping to support various other events from its **Community Grants budget**. The Community grants budget is available for local groups and organisations to call on if they are organising or staging events which are open to and benefit the whole community. This budget is limited so it must be allocated on a priority ranking basis.

Applications are vetted by the Parish Council to ensure that they are in line with their grant award criteria. If you are involved with a Community Group and would like further details of how to apply, then again please let me or any Parish Councillor know.

Community events group- The Parish Fête and Classic Car Show which was held in early September was again a great success and with the benefit of some new stalls and attractions, coupled with excellent weather, footfall at the event was again increased and was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

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As ever the success of events such as these need community support and if you would like to be involved with either the pre-event planning or you are available to help on the day then please get in touch with either me or any Parish Councillor.

The ever-popular Christmas carol concert takes place this year on **Friday 7th December,2018** in the Village Hall and is always a lovely start to the Christmas celebrations period.



Planning Committee -During the period since the production of the last edition of this magazine the Council's Planning committee has continued to be involved with the consideration of various planning applications within Malvern Wells. We have recently appointed planning

consultants who are now working on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's approach to give local people more say about how their area is developed. Neighbourhood plans are intended to give communities, such as Malvern Wells, more control over the type, location, size, pace and design of development in their area.

The Malvern Wells Neighbourhood Plan (MWNP) aims to capture the views of our local community as well as the evidence on the village's housing, natural environment, landscape setting, heritage assets, economy, and community facilities. It comprises part of the Development Plan for the area, and so planning application decisions will be made considering the policies set out in the MWNP which will eventually cover a time span running from now until 2040

The Parish Council's key objectives are to continue to defend the character of the Malvern Hills AONB and the Conservation area and those will be the overriding considerations that will be continuing to be given to any formal planning applications that come before us.

We will always aim to take a pro-active approach to working with potential developers to ensure that any building which might occur is undertaken in a manner which enhances the character of the area and compliments the Council's over-arching wish to secure improvements within the Parish in general.

Finance and General Purposes Committee -The Parish Council remains acutely aware of the need to provide value for the money it receives local Council tax payers.

We have thoroughly reviewed all our budgets prior to the start of each financial year so that we can set the parish precept for to provide a balanced budget. In setting our budgets for this year we have again taken measures to absorb the effects of inflation and we have identified some further savings against the Council's operating costs. In each of the last eight years we have restricted any increase in the level of the local council tax to below the prevailing rate of CPI inflation. We are already looking at the 2019/20 budget forecasts and we shall certainly at least continue with that policy over the medium term



Parish Council Elections 3rd May 2019 Throughout the UK Parish Council elections are held every 4 years, the last one being in May 2015. In our parish there is a total of 13 councillor places available. If fewer than 13 nominations are received, then those who submitted nomination

papers will be elected unopposed as no ballot is required. The next full election will be in $3^{\rm rd}$ May 2019. To be eligible to stand for election as a councillor you must:

- ✓ be aged 18 or over and be a British or EU citizen in addition you must fulfil one or more additional conditions such as:
 - ✓ be a registered elector for this area
 - ✓ be the owner or tenant of land/premises within the parish for at least 12 months beforehand
 - ✓ live within the parish boundary or within 3 miles of it

If you would like to find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please visit the following web link: www.malvernhills.gov.uk/elections

It would be remiss of me if I did not conclude by thanking our Chairman Neil Chatten for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Parish, not only in his position as Chairman of the Parish Council, but also as the Chairman of the busy Planning Committee. The parish is also fortunate in having an

enthusiastic team of Councillors who all give freely of their time in helping to manage all the Council's functions.

We are also given welcome support by County Councillor Lucy Hodgson and our District Councillors Chris O' Donnell and Gill Campbell.

There is a wealth of local information on our parish website which can be viewed at www.malvernwells-pc.gov.uk where there are also direct links to our Facebook and Twitter pages

If I can help with any aspect of the Parish Council's activities my contact details are: -

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Contributions, ideas and suggestions for the 2019
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the time. If you would like to be added to the
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carolynaynsworth@gmail.com

The One Show's Rickshaw Challenge travels through Malvern Wells

By Cllr Chris O'Donnell



Residents are being urged to turnout in force to welcome the BBC Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge to Great Malvern. Malvern Hills District Council has been working with the fundraising challenge, which will see a team of six young people who have been supported by BBC Children in Need funded projects, pedal 423 miles across the UK to raise money for the charity. On **Tuesday 13 November**, **day four of the challenge**, the team will leave Royal Wootton Bassett in the morning and travel through the district, crossing Eldersfield, Pendock, Castlemorton, Welland and **Malvern Wells** before arriving at Belle Vue Terrace island at approximately 7pm. We're delighted to welcome the Rickshaw Challenge to Malvern District and I am sure they will receive a warm reception from our residents."

This year's all-new team of six young riders has been supported by BBC Children in Need funded projects. Now keen to give back, Team Rickshaw will take on the epic ride to Glasgow to raise money for the charity and help make a difference to young lives.

ST WULSTAN'S

By Martin Barnett Countryside Sites Officer for Worcestershire County Council.

Following on from the introduction to St Wulstan's Local Nature Reserve this is an opportunity for me to describe what we do with regards to funding and daily management.

St. Wulstan's is a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). For those who do not know what an LNR is, I will explain. Land can be declared as LNR by application to Natural England and the land must be owned or leased by the local authority. Ideally the land is open to the public but this is not a formal requirement. As no statutory access rights exist at St. Wulstan's, access is granted by permission and we intend to always allow the majority of the site to be open to public assess if it is safe to do so. LNRs are chosen to protect wildlife and or geology; they can offer education opportunities and are there to be enjoyed without disturbing wildlife. It is possible to de-declare an LNR through a consultation process with Natural England but a very good reason would be required and we have no plans to change the status of St Wulstan's in the near future.

St Wulstans is owned and managed by Worcestershire County Council and the team responsible for the majority of what goes on there is made up of four people; Rachel Datlen (Countryside Greenspace Manager), Martin Barnett (Countryside Sites Officer), David Shepherd (Assistant Countryside Sites Officer) and John Clarke (Countryside Sites Custodian). Our work is supported by Local County Cllr, Lucy Hodgson.

On a day to day basis the Sites Team, made up of David, John and Martin deal with most enquires, tasks and duties. We visit the site once a week to check the site is safe for use and a more in-depth safety inspection is completed each quarter. These checks create non-scheduled tasks and alongside these we deliver the many scheduled tasks set out in our management plan. An example of a non-scheduled task might be a gate repair where as a scheduled task will be the annual hay cut.

The majority of the scheduled tasks are a reflection of criteria for the Green Flag awards and requirements of our grant funding agreement through Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) from Natural England. By far the most effective of tasks is the grazing of the site by cattle to improve the grassland and keep scrub controlled. Matt Gardner, a Local Farmer, supplies the rare breed Dexter cattle to us and this service is funded through the grant. The breed is purposefully picked for its robust

and docile nature and we are always careful to notify visitors using signage to indicate the presence of cattle. Parts of the Reserve are always free from the presence of cattle.

The second largest of tasks is to manage the woodland, trees and scrub. Fortunately the Sites Team are all qualified and/or have extensive experience in conservation and woodland management and hold suitable safety competences required to deliver the tasks. The HLS agreement sets out the targets required and I plan how we will meet them and this can be by thinning the woodland canopies, planting new hedges, brush cutting scrub and so on.

Another source of funding is from the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Team. Landscape improvements funding has recently helped to develop our pond feature and past works include the undergrounding of overhead power lines.

Malvern Hills District Council's continued support is evident through the emptying of bins and positive enforcement of their Public Place Protection Order. This helps to remind visitors with dogs to treat the site and others with the respect it so very much deserves.



I would like to mention that there are many people who put much of their time and passion into making the Reserve what it is today and most importantly I would like to thank them all.



Malvern Wells Village Fete & Classic Car Show Sunday 9th September 2018

By Cllr Helen Burrage hburrage@malvernwells-pc.gov.uk



After 2018's long and blisteringly hot summer, we were feeling confident for our traditional sunny Fete Sunday, but after the chill winds and rain finally blew in at the end of August were became a little worried. Needlessly, it turned

out, because the sun shone out between the dark clouds, and the crowds turned out to enjoy our biggest and best Fete yet. County Councillor Lucy Hodgson opened the Fete at 1pm and, the fun commenced with live music, colourful stalls, fresh foods and arena games.



The food stalls did a very good trade, there were queues for the Malvern Wells & Wyche WI's tea & scones, the local barbecue burgers & hot dogs (sold out in an hour and a half!), Malvern's own Friday Beer Company's beer stall and the delicious Bennetts Ice Creams.



The Classic Car Show attracted forty-six absolutely wonderful Classic cars from the 20th and 21st Centuries and there were four vehicle age-categories to compete in. The Prizes were donated by Daniels Garage in Wells Road and each winner received a silver cup.



Other bright stalls attracting a

lot of attention were the ever popular Messy Church, All Saints Church where you could have a chat with the rector and be invited '#TryChurch', the Wells Club with its ever popular 'Play Your Cards Right' game, the Parish Council stall presenting 'Saving the Jubilee Fountain Garden', Guide Dogs for the Blind, the excellent Face Painter and a there was a long queue for that stalwart of all Village Fetes, the Tombola.

For the children there were games galore including Splat the Rat, Quoits, Darts, Skittles and the Bouncy Castle -as popular as ever. This year we had a children's Fancy Dress competition and our very first Dog Show. There were warm congratulations (handshakes) for the dog show winner's owners from the youthful judge looking for "The Dog the Judge Would Most Like to Take Home". Next year we promise there will be prizes! Later in the afternoon there were activity games in the Arena,

with several loudly cheered tug-of-war battles, sack races, three legged races and egg & spoon races for children and adults. The big new attraction this year was Pony Rides with three beautiful ponies and lots of interest from of excited youngsters.

All afternoon there was live entertainment in the marquee by local talents The Wells Singers, The Club Men and The Worcester Ukulele Band who all kept up the tempo as everyone outside the tent relaxed in their seats to listen in the sunshine.

The non-commercial stalls were fund-raising for their individual charities or their own organisation funds. The fundraising stall for a Fruitland's Defibrillator did very well and collected 'quite a lot' of money. The 1st Malvern Wells Scouts did well with the games on their stall and ran a very popular Coconut Shy. The Classic Car Show was supporting Cancer Research this year and collected more than £200 for which they will apply for matching private funding to increase their donation. The Worcester Ukulele Band was fundraising for Headway, the Brain Injury Association which the Parish Council will be supporting with a donation.

The Fete and The Classic Car Show wouldn't take place without the team of hard-working people on the Parish Council's Events Working Group and particularly, our Fete coordinating Clerk, David Taverner and Howard





Allen for the Classic Cars. County Councillor Lucy Hodgson and District Councillors Chris O'Donnell & Jill Campbell all supported the fete this year ensuring its success Parish Council Chair, Cllr Neil Chatten closed the Fete at 4pm.

We would love to see even more local organisations taking stalls to promote themselves and collect for their own charities. We'd also love to have more local crafts and foods for sale as well. If you think you might like a stall for the 2019 Fete, please contact the Clerk to the Council, David Taverner (see contact details on the Parish Council page) or the Chairman of the Events Working Group, Ian Burrage (ianburrage62@gmail.com)

Thank you everyone who's helped, ALL of you - you've given everyone another wonderful day. Thank you also to our residents and their friends who turned out in record numbers on to give us another successful Fete. Please enjoy the rest of the photos of the 2018 Fete in this Wells News (photos by Helen Burrage & Jean Williams). See you all next September!

The next Malvern Wells Village Fete and Classic Car Show:

Sunday 8th September 2019 at St Wulstan's Village Green, Malvern Wells.



Malvern Wells Village Hall

Ian Burrage Vice Chairman, MW Village Hall Board of Management

As a community hub the Village Hall continues to host a variety of different activities from the Wells Club to the WI, the Wells Players to the Parish Council, keep fit and yoga to birthday parties. The Hall has the facilities to ensure that all such events can be successfully held. In line with its aim of seeking to improve facilities the Management Board has recently had a hearing loop installed which has met with the appreciation of those needing assistance to hear more clearly. The Board is now considering how the lighting in the Hall may be improved.



After fourteen years the tenant of the flat at the Hall had to leave due to family commitments. The opportunity has been taken to refurbish the flat. It has been completely redecorated, re carpeted and new flooring laid in the kitchen and bathroom. A shower has been installed over the bath. This one-bedroom flat is now for rent and the income is an essential element of the finances of the Hall.

MEMBRANCE SUNDA

unday 11th November 2018 12.00pm

(perade leaves the Village Hall at 11.50am) eshments served in the Village Hall after the service



Lest We Forget



The Hall is for the benefit of and use by the community. Please do use it. If you would like to hire the Hall please contact the Bookings Manager, Mrs Doreen Graham. There are further details in the advertising section of this issue.

The Hall is looking forward to hosting the Remembrance Day parade refreshments on 11th November and the Sing a Song of Christmas on 7th December. We hope that both events will be very well supported, do come along with all the family. The Christmas Hall Decorating will be taking place on Tuesday 4th December.



To Book the Hall please email Mrs Doreen Graham (Booking Manager)

mwvhbookings@yahoo.co.uk

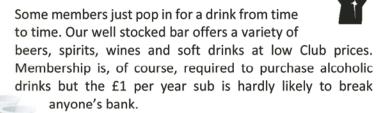
THE WELLS CLUB

Located on the lower ground floor of the Village Hall, the Club continues to thrive.

As ever, we have more members than would fit in the Club if they all came at the same time but this is unlikely to happen, as the variety of our events and activities appeals to different sections of our membership.



The fortnightly Quizzes are our best attended evenings but not everyone likes quizzes; the regular Bingo evenings are popular but not everybody likes bingo. Our charity race nights appeal to some members; our music and karaoke evenings appeal to others.



We continue to provide the home venue for two snooker teams that play in the local league and our full size snooker table is available for all Club members to use on non-match nights, unless another event or activity has been arranged.

The week before Christmas will see the Club's two biggest events of the year. The Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 19th December and the Christmas Music Night on Friday 21st December.



The Music Night arrangements are yet to be finalised but will include a Christmas Singalong led by one or more of the Club's resident guitarists. The charity Christmas Hamper raffle will also be drawn that evening.

Last year, the Club Christmas Hamper raffle raised £175, which, at the request of the winners was donated to The British Legion. This year the Hamper will contain the usual £80 worth of food and drink and, once again, the winner will be able to choose the charity to which the profit will be given.

The Club is open from 8pm to 11pm Monday to Saturday and at other times by arrangement or for specific events. Details can also be found in the telephone kiosk or by visiting our website www.thewellsclub.co.uk.

To join, simply turn up at the bar, pay the £1 sub and give us your email address so we can send you our monthly newsletter.





Malvern Wells Players



By Mike Jackson



There is not much to report on this time, as I write this, we have just given the last of four charity performances of a Murder Mystery.

'A Taste for Murder' by Lynda Yearsley. Two performances were given in the Wells Hall, one in Hallow Village Hall, and one in Holy Trinity Church Hall. From the feed-back I have had everyone seems to have enjoyed the evenings. The charities all raised money for their respective causes.

I expect that we will be mounting a pantomime for production in the February half term in 2019. This will take place in the Wells Village Hall.

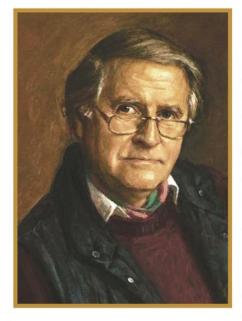
We have not yet made a decision as to which pantomime, it could even be 'one wot I wrote'. We shall have to see. Keep you eyes open for the banner outside the Hall and for other posters scattered around the town.



I would like to thank our audiences in The Wells for their continued support, without which we are unlikely to survive. Please continue with this support.

Finally, we are always pleased to see new faces, so if there are any of you out there who would like to 'tread the boards', please contact me on 01684 563824. You will be made very welcome.

Michael Noakes (1933 - 2018)



Portrait Artist 'By Appointment to Her Majesty the Queen'!

by GLYNIS DRAY

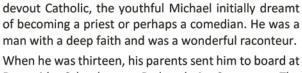
It might seem strange to start an article with an Acknowledgement but I am indebted to Michael's Daughter, Anya who, at very short notice, agreed to allow me to write an article on her Late Father so that his 'story' could be shared with those who live in the village of Malvern Wells, where he spent the last decade of his life. With my research and Anya's poignant input, we have produced the following article in memory of her Late Father. I am also extremely grateful to her for permission to publish the 'selfportraits' of Michael Noakes and examples of his great works. Thank-you Anya.

I never met Michael Noakes but had seen him in Malvern Wells with his wife Vivien on several occasions. Sadly, she died in 2011 (the day after her 74th birthday) whilst Michael died on 30th May this year at the age of 84, leaving behind his lovely daughter Anya and sons Jonathan and Benedict. But behind this dapper and unassuming Gentleman, there was a trail of remarkable and very recognisable oil paintings of a huge range of illustrious sitters ranging from Her Majesty the Queen, the Queen Mother, Prince Charles, Pope Benedict XVI and Margaret Thatcher to numerous actors, politicians and many more. When Michael Noakes died, lengthy obituaries appeared in The Times, The Telegraph and The Guardian as well as in The Catholic Herald and the local 'Malvern Gazette'. There was also an article in 'All About Malvern' about the sad demise of this talented artist who, with his wife Vivien, chose to move up to Malvern Wells some ten years ago to live on the 'dawn' side of the Malvern Hills.



Each morning from his studio window, Michael could look out across the extensive Severn Valley towards The Cotswold Hills via the iconic Bredon Hill which dominates the eastern sky from this viewpoint. On summer evenings he could only guess that there might be a spectacular sunset by the pink and peach reflections in the clouds as the sun sets on the western side of the hills.

<u>Michael's Early Days</u> Michael John Noakes was born in Brighton, Sussex on October 28th 1933 to Basil Henry and Mary Josephine (nee Gerard) Noakes. Brought up as a



When he was thirteen, his parents sent him to board at Downside School near Radstock in Somerset. The school is attached to Downside Monastery and is run by Benedictine Monks as an Independent School. However, much to his parents' initial alarm, Michael announced that he was leaving school at the age of just 15 to train as an art student - so clearly his aspirations had changed!

<u>Michael's Art Education</u> From the age of 15, Michael attended Reigate School of Art in Surrey and in 1954 (aged 21) he was awarded a National Diploma in Design.

He was then called up to do 'National Service' (1954 to 1956) and enjoyed recounting the tale of how his disastrous sense of direction saw him meet head on a number of tanks he had been leading.

In 1957, aged 24, he painted the BBC TV Presenter Cliff Michelmore, the actor Robert Morley and the infamous

television presenter Gilbert Harding. This set him firmly on the path towards painting countless successful and famous people in the years that followed. He went on to gain his National Certificate at the prestigious Royal Academy Schools in London (1960). This 'focussed' education of around 8 years at Art Schools led to a hugely acclaimed career as a portrait and landscape painter.

Marriage and Family Life

Michael was in his 20s when he met Vivien Mary Langley (born 16th February 1937) who moved in next door to him and his family in Reigate, Surrey. She was training to be a nurse at St Thomas' hospital in London. They got engaged then married on July 9th 1960 when she was just 23 years of age and he was 26. Between 1961 and 1965, they had three children Anya, Jonathan and Benedict who they clearly adored, just as Michael did his wife. In an interview he once spoke affectionately of her many gifts. She was, he declared, 'an inventive cook, incredible hostess and generous spirit."



As the children grew up, Vivien began a career as a writer and researcher, with her acclaimed biography 'Edward Lear – The Life of a Wanderer' published in 1968.

It was in 1972 that Michael's career as a Portrait Artist really took off when the Corporation of London commissioned a group portrait of seven members of The Royal Family. Throughout his long career, Michael painted the Queen more than any other artist and noted that he had spent more than 20 hours in her company making preliminary sketches and working on several portraits of her. However, the initial sittings were a nerve-racking experience for the 28 year old artist, suddenly in such great demand. Michael clearly needed a larger, more centrally placed studio. In 1974 the family left Surrey and moved to St. John's Wood in north west London. The painting below is of that house where they lived from 1974 until 2007 (33 years).



House in St. John's Wood, London

This is where Michael and Vivien lived with their children and it was where he produced many of his great works of art.

The house is now adorned with a blue plaque in recognition of the couple's contribution to painting and writing.

Michael's Chief Portraits

Her Majesty the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, H.R.H.Prince of Wales (and design for 50th birthday coin). He recently selected two of Michael's portraits – of the Queen and Queen Mother – to be shown at the Prince and Patron exhibition at Buckingham Palace to celebrate his 70th birthday.

The Princess Royal as Princess Anne Princess Margaret

The Earl of Snowdon

The Lord Mayor of London 1972 (which hangs in London's Guildhall) Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister). Michael painted the Prime Minister on four occasions including one ambitious, life size portrait standing



some four metres high of her standing on the steps of No. 10 Downing Street in 1993. It was the last portrait painted of her in office and was unveiled to the public at a show at Christies in London for the first time in 2015 having spent much of its life in storage in Malvern.

The list of his accomplishments is impressive to say the least and you can only marvel at the number of hours that Michael must have worked away close to his subject matter or in his studio after collecting his material 'live' in the form of sketches and photographs. Pope Benedict XVI, President Clinton, Lord Boothby, Sir Alec Guiness, J.B.Priestley, Archbishop Runcie of Canterbury, Cardinal Basil Hulme, Sir Frank Whittle, Malcolm Muggeridge, Dame Margaret Rutherford, Lord Denning, Airey Neave, Cliff Michelmore,

Dame Judi Dench, Sir Tim Hunt (Nobel Peace Prize winner), Melvyn Bragg, Sir Donald Sinden, Archbishop of Birmingham, Sir Roger and Lady Bannister and many others, both famous and lesser known – yes, the list is extensive.

Art Society Memberships and Exhibitions

Graduate of the 'Royal Academy'.

Member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters including serving as President between 1972 and 1978.

Member of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, including serving on their Council for 12 years.



The Royal Society of British Artists.

Member of the Society of Catholic Artists, Member of the Royal Society of Marine Artists.

Member of the Contemporary Portrait Society

Michael held three solo exhibitions of his work in London 2000-2003 including a one-man show at Christies. He exhibited on numerous occasions including at The

Royal Academy, The Mall Galleries, Grosvenor and Upper Grosvenor Galleries and New Grafton Gallery and also exhibited widely abroad.

<u>Art Awards Portraits</u> In 1977, Michael was commissioned to paint Frank Sinatra for an album cover 'Portrait of Sinatra' and was later awarded a Platinum Disc for his 'record-sleeve' portrait of this famous singer, the only painter to have received such an accolade.

Other Distinguished Awards etc.

Michael was awarded 'Freeman of the City of London' in acknowledgment of the number of commissioned works exhibited there.

He was included in the listings of 'Who's Who'? and the 'Who's Who in Art' Annual Book for many years as well as being listed in David Buckman's book 'The Dictionary of Artists in Britain since 1945'.

Member of The Garrick Club. Michael Noakes was an enthusiastic member of this Gentleman's Club in Garrick Street, London and was often seen wearing their distinctive salmon and pistachio striped tie. Founded in 1831, the Garrick is one of the oldest clubs of its kind in the world. It is affiliated to The Arts, particularly to the Theatre, catering to illustrious members like Laurence Olivier and was frequented by artists and people from the literary world too including Charles Dickens, A.A.Milne and H.G.Wells to name but a few.

Author of Books/Magazine articles

Michael published 'A Professional Approach to Oil Painting' and contributed articles to many art journals during his long career including 'The Artist' and 'Leisure Painter' Magazines. His portraits have also been used on the covers of numerous book jackets and biographies.

Meanwhile Michael's wife Vivien flourished as a writer, biographer and world expert not just on Edward Lear but also on Isaac Rosenberg and the First War Poets. When she was in her mid-50s, the children having 'flown the nest', she surprised everyone by deciding to take up her studies again, this time pursuing a Master's Degree in English at Oxford University which led to her becoming a senior scholar, a Doctor of Literature and English Tutor at Somerville College. She was also elected to the Royal Society of Literature. In 1984, Vivien curated a major exhibition on Edward Lear at the Royal Academy of Arts. She was frequently a guest lecturer at Art Galleries around the world including Harvard and Yale Universities: art was a strong bond for the couple.

In 1999 Michael and Vivien undertook an ambitious project together. For twelve months the artist and his wife were permitted unprecedented access to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family as they undertook engagements around Britain, Africa and Asia. Michael was amazed at the scale of the Queen's engagements, her tenacity and her popularity around the World. The resulting book, 'The Daily Life of the Queen — an Artist's Diary' was the culmination of her notes and hundreds of his sketches and was published in September 2000.

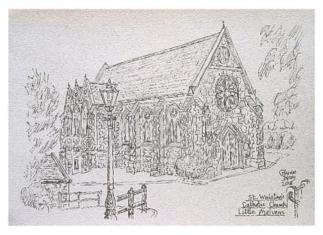
Michael was always busy with commissions and Vivien with her writings and there was family life too. With seven grandchildren of his own, he particularly enjoyed drawing families and young children.

<u>Family Life Continues</u> On a hot Saturday afternoon in July 2010, Michael and Vivien Noakes celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary surrounded by family and friends. Vivien cooked all the food in Malvern Wells, wrapped it in foil and packed it in ice then took it down to the gathering at Eton in Berkshire, where their son, Jonathan, was a housemaster.

Sadly, life was cut short for Vivien when she was struck down by cancer and died on 17th February 2011, the day after her 74th birthday, leaving Michael, their three grown-up children and six grandchildren to continue life without her. Vivien was fated never to meet her smallest grandchild, Elethea, now seven years old.

TV and Radio Programmes Michael broadcast and appeared on television and radio from time to time – always on the subject of Art. Between 1964 and 1968, he was Art Correspondent for the BBC TV Programme 'Town and Around'. He also took part in a TV documentary called 'Changing Places' broadcast on the evening of June 20th 1989. Michael, who was described as "one of Britain's most distinguished Portrait Painters", swapped jobs with 'JAK' – the Evening Standard's renowned topical cartoonist. For the programme Michael was challenged to produce a publishable cartoon for London's evening newspaper whilst Jak undertook a portrait in oils of the Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine MP!

Michael's 'Retirement' Michael had no plans to retire – he loved painting, and his daughter Anya told the Worcester News that her father was painting right up until the week before he fell ill: he had just completed four paintings for the Royal Society of Portrait Painters annual exhibition in the Mall Galleries - including portraits of the Queen, Dame Judi Dench and the Archbishop of Birmingham - and was attending the Private View on May 9th 2018 when he felt a little unwell. He was taken to St. Thomas's Hospital for observation but sadly suffered a major stroke early the following morning from which he did not recover. He died in Worcester on 30th May 2018.



Michael's Funeral This took place at the Catholic Church of St. Wulstan's at Little Malvern at 3pm on Thursday June 21st Midsummer's 2018. Day was a appropriate choice for such a renowned artist who made the most of daylight hours for a large part of his life to produce the fine landscapes and

portraits that came from his gifted hands. The funeral was attended by local friends and family — and was officiated over by an Archbishop, some Bishops and several priests, who all sang a glorious Gregorian chant at the end of the service. Michael's coffin passed a restored 'Wells' gas-lamp and his last outing took him within yards of the Great Composer Sir Edward Elgar, whose music he and Vivien loved and who is buried at St. Wulstan's - so this 'grand' farewell was very fitting for someone who will, through his paintings, continue to put a smile on the faces of all who see his masterpieces!

<u>Lady Margaret Thatcher</u> Interestingly, Michael was invited to attend the funeral of Lady Margaret Thatcher at St. Paul's Cathedral in London on 17th April 2013. He had painted separate Portraits of her and her husband Dennis and had dined with them on six occasions, one of which was at 'The Cottage in the Wood' in Malvern Wells!

'Blue Plaque' Recognition

The St John's Wood Society put up a blue plaque to commemorate the artist Michael Noakes and his wife, writer and biographer Vivien. This was unveiled in a private ceremony by family friend Sir David Attenborough, who shared Vivien's passion for Edward Lear, and in particular for his exquisite paintings of birds. The plaque can be seen on their former home, 146 Hamilton Terrace, London NW8 where they lived from 1974 until 2007.



Michael's Legacies Apart from his paintings in The National Portrait Gallery, The British Museum, Royal Residences, The Vatican, The White House, The House of Commons and other such grand locations along with art galleries and private collections across the world, Michael has left other legacies. He was a member of the 'Petre Society' connected with Downside Abbey near Radstock in Somerset where he went to school. As a former pupil at Downside School he was dubbed an 'Old Gregorian' and maintained his close ties with the school throughout his life, enjoying annual Easter retreats there. Someone once said of Michael that he had 'an independent streak as a portrait painter' so that could be why he stood out and was up there with the very best!

The Royal Society of Portrait Painters said in 2014 that....'Subjects cede to the painter that 'window into the soul' that makes a great portrait.'





Farewell Michael! Then there were those who lived nearby, his friends and acquaintances from Malvern Wells. Michael was well known in Waitrose and in the local art shop where he bought some of his materials and was described as a very generous man who was keen to encourage younger generations. He even set up an art competition in a local junior to school encourage budding young artists

Michael Noakes

Self Portrait but Economising With the Frame

Gone but Not Forgotten!

Michael Noakes was clearly well thought of at St. Wulstan's Catholic Church in Little Malvern as, when I visited to sketch and paint the Church, there was a weekly notice on the door asking for prayers to be said for Michael Noakes and that is 5 months after he died – gone but clearly not forgotten. Then there are his children and seven grandchildren for whom his loss is keenly felt and our thoughts are with them. Farewell Michael and thank you for choosing Malvern Wells as a place for you and your lovely wife to spend the twilight years of your life. You will be remembered amongst the great contemporary artists for your skill, your passion for your subjects, the sheer output of your high-quality portraits and as a generous gentleman!

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VILLA NUOVA, MALVERN WELLS a house history by Paul Ferris



PART ONE - 1820's to 1865

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When the property was put up for sale on the 7th September 1839, it was depicted as "a modern-built, tasty, and elegant edifice... in perfect repair", positioned on sloping lawns with the "majestic Malvern Hills" behind and picturesque views of the Severn Valley in front. The advertisement, which was in the 'Hereford Journal', described the accommodation as comprising: six bedrooms, spacious drawing and dining rooms, butler's pantry, servants' hall, cooking and back kitchen, as well as stable and coach-house with servants' bedrooms. The property would, apparently, have appealed to a

Susanna's nieces, Mary and Catherine Fowler, were born in Clun in Shropshire to Richard's brother George Fowler and his wife Mary (nee Blood) in 1858 and 1860 respectively. Their mother Mary died in 1861 when the girls were very young. Even before George's demise thirteen years later Catherine was living with their grandmother at Lichfield Road, Gravelly Hill and Mary was boarding not very far away at 'Stratford House School' in Aston. In 1881, the Census shows Susanna and her niece Catherine living with Susanna's sister, Frances, at the comparatively modest 'Milverton Villas' at Knowle, Solihull. Frances died only three years later in 1884.

Susanna and her two nieces lived together at 'Villa Nuova' for more than twenty years, each of the three women described in the Census returns as "living on own means". There were no servants listed in the 1891 return and only one thereafter, which seems quite surprising considering the substantial nature of the property: the main house had "Outer and Inner Halls, Drawing and Dining-rooms... four Best Bedrooms and four Attic Bedrooms"; there were also Domestic Offices and Outbuildings comprising "Enclosed Yard, Three-Stall Stable, Coachhouse with loft and man's room over", as well as picturesque and tastefully arranged Pleasure Grounds.

On 5 July 1911 Mary Fowler was knocked down and killed on Belle Vue Terrace by a motor car driven by George Gilby of Handsworth. The Coroner's Inquiry at The Malvern Wells Institute heard that Mary crossed the busy road outside W H Smith's to the public service vehicle opposite, but paused and then stepped back, the mudguard of the car struck her and she fell. Mary was taken home in a taxi but died of internal haemorrhage the following afternoon. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death" and the Coroner exonerated the driver of any blame. The jury expressed the opinion that it would be better if the public service vehicle drew up at the south end of Belle Vue Terrace and that there should be a shelter for intending passengers.

Susanna and Catherine continued to live at Malvern Wells until the former died 1 November 1918, her estate valued at £11,881 [£472,016 in 2018]. One gets some idea of the source of her wealth by looking at records held by the Birmingham Archives which show the sale of Dunslade Field, Erdington by Susanna to the Aston Board of Guardians in 1875, and "letters, plans and other papers concerning the sale of land... forming part of the Hunton Hills estate belonging to Susanna Fowler" in 1914.

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been having over 60 children and parents gather recently for a fun time of craft, stories, prayers, songs and of course 'Messy tea.' It is a very special gathering and one grandmother said to me this week, 'I so look forward to Messy church each month - It is like a family to me!' If you have never tried Messy Church then do come along and meet Messy Helen and Messy Margaret and check us out!

Christmas

Christmas will soon be here again and this year we are joining with Church of England Churches across the country to #FollowTheStar. Look out for our

Christmas leaflet which will be delivered to each house shortly. In the meantime, you can find the large list of events that will be happening at All Saints this year on the next page.

New this year is **Carols on the Common** which we are in the middle of planning and will be at 6pm on Friday 14th December on Peachfield Common by the football pitch. We'll be singing carols with the Chase Brass Band, there will be refreshments, telling the Christmas story (children are invited to dress up as a character and come and join in) and lots of fun had. Do come along with your lanterns and make it a very special event.

We've also got the fantastic 4Front Theatre company (fresh from performing at the Edinburgh Fringe) coming to perform their **'Christmas Castaway'** production - a fun and fast moving Christmas production for all the family on Wednesday 5th December. Tickets can be booked through our church office. Lots of events – please see our programme & come along!



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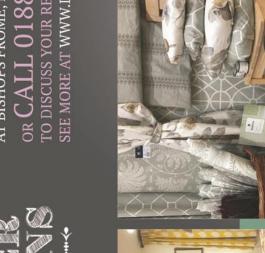
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Tuesday, 4th December 2018 Village Hall,



12 noon- 3pm (approx)

Bring your own secateurs, scissors etc and, if available, any evergreen foliage —including ivy & holly

Contact

Lois Lawler or Helen Burrage Tel: 572994 (Lois); 578238 (Helen)

Malvern Wells Village Hall You can hire the hall for £6 per hour

Children's parties Club meetings Music rehearsals Community events Fitness classes Business activities Public performances Family gatherings Training sessions

And many more possible uses.

The hire charge includes the use of our fully equipped kitchen; crockery and cutlery for up to 100 users; tables and chairs and the stage.

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capitalist who should realise "a good percentage", or to a sportsman as it was "situate midway between two packs of excellent Fox Hounds".

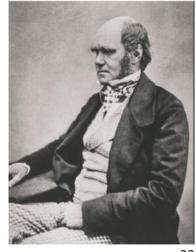
It is unclear who owned 'VILLA NUOVA' between 1840 and 1855. The 'Post Office Directory for Worcestershire 1850' lists MRS ROSS, boarding and lodging-house keeper, both at 'Villa Nuova' and nearby 'Warkworth', which may mean that the house was a boarding or lodging house at this time. The 1841 Census lists in this order: Mary Waldron (housekeeper), Jane Hayes (servant); Thomas Charles (shoemaker), his wife Elizabeth and three children; Mary Newbegging (50 years old & of independent means) and Mary Woodward (possibly her maid). The diversity of residents in age and background also suggests that it may have been a lodging or boarding-house.

IN 1855 forty-five year-old bachelor CECIL TURNOR moved into 'Villa Nuova' having previously lived with his mother and younger sister, Charlotte, at 'Victoria Cottage', Portland Place, Leamington Priors. His widowed

mother, Dorothea, was the second wife of the eminent antiquary, landowner and philanthropist Edmund Turnor of Stoke Hall and Panton House, both in the county of Lincoln. There were seven members of the domestic staff at 'Victoria Cottage', one of whom was Cecil's valet, Thomas Stacy, who moved to Malvern Wells with him and remained with him for the next two decades.

There was an interlude in the 1860's, during which time Cecil was presumably travelling or staying with relatives, when CHARLES DARWIN took up residence at 'Villa Nuova', an arrangement made by his wife, Emma, prior to his arrival. In 1849 Darwin had resided at "The Lodge" [now Hill House] in Great Malvern for four months, as he wished to find out "whether there is any truth in Gully and the water cure". It was obviously a success as, after some early reservations, he considered himself "absolutely cured" and referred to the water cure as "a great discovery". He was to return in March 1851, after his









daughter Anne became seriously ill. The family resided at 'Montreal House', where she was to be treated by Dr James Manby Gully; but despite his close attention Anne died on 23 April and was buried in Malvern Priory churchyard.

In September 1863, during a period of bad health. Charles decided to return to Malvern to be treated by Dr Gully. This turned out not to be possible as the doctor was himself unwell so, despite some reservations, he chose to be treated by an associate of Gully's, Dr James Smith Ayerst, a surgeon and homeopathic physician who practised at 'Wells House', only a short distance from 'Villa Nuova'. Darwin's wife Emma wrote to Charles's cousin William Darwin Fox: "We like Dr. Ayerst, tho' he has not the influence of Dr. Gully. Dr. G. it is hopeless to try to see tho' I must say he has been to see Ch. twice & he guite approves of his treatment. He takes 2 or 3 wet rubbings in the day & small walks in the garden".

A few days after their arrival in Malvern Wells. Charles wrote to William Darwin Fox on a "painful subject": Emma had gone to the churchyard to see their daughter's gravestone but found that it had "disappeared", possibly stolen. This confusion is not as surprising as it might seem as Charles and Emma had not attended the burial: he could not face it and his wife was pregnant with Horace. In his reply William describes the gravestone and its position saying that he or his wife could find it "blindfolded". Emma

replied on her husband's behalf explaining that with his help and that of Eliza

Partington (the lodging house keeper at 'Montreal House') they found the tombstone "very much covered in trees".

PART TWO - 1865 to 1883

Cecil Turnor seems to have lived a life of two halves. After attending Eton, but still a teenager, he was expelled from the Royal Military College at Sandhurst for instigating a "mutiny or row" which led to him being precluded from ever getting a commission. He continued his education with a private tutor at Northill in Bedfordshire where he met close friend George Duckett. who would later write about him in 'Anecdotal Reminiscences of an Octononogenarian', describing him as "one of the handsomest men about town, and a great roué, universally popular, and beloved by many". They were also at Oxford University together.

When George visited Cecil at Malvern Wells in 1874 he was forced to arrange a convenient hour with Cecil's faithful servant, Thomas Stacy. When he did get to see him he was surprised that his old friend wore the outmoded "high collar and dress" which made him "an object of some curiosity". He had apparently become a happy recluse who, when they drove out on a pony cart, recalled "a celebrated run with the Quorn [Hunt] in Leicestershire, going into all the details of a good gallop across country" before suddenly becoming

taciturn. His eccentric behaviour is hinted at on the Census returns where he listed Exeter as his place of birth (a place he appears to have no connection with) and describes himself as a "preacher of Christ". He had, in fact, published a religious pamphlet in French entitled "Que pensez-vous de Christ?" not long after moving to Malvern Wells.

In 1877 Cecil sold his "superior household furniture" which included "Wheatstone's English Concertina" and "Square Pianoforte" and moved to 7 Queen's-parade in Cheltenham from where he attended the Providence Baptist Chapel. He died at his home on 18 April 1889 leaving a personal estate of £60,500 (£5,43) million in 2018) which, as he had been living with his mother until her demise in 1854, suggests most of his wealth was inherited from her.

MALVERN WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE. MESSRS. SANDOE & SON Are instructed

TO SELL BY AUCTION. At the Hornyold Arms Hotel, Malvern Wells, on Thursday, May 24th, 1883, at 5.30 p.m.. A LL that attractive FREEHOLD VILLA RESIDENCE, known as

"VILLA NUOVA," situated in the CENTRE of MALVERN WELLS. situated in the CENTRE of MALVEEN WELLS, comprising an excellent Residence, well and substantially built, commanding unrivalled views of the Severn Valley, the Bredon and Cotswold Hills, with Coach-house. Three-Stall Stable, Lawn, and well-planted Pleasure Grounds, the whole containing 2.374 Square Yards, or thereabouts. Close to Church and Post Office, about half-a-mile from the Midland Railway Station, and three from Great Maivern. The Residence is approached by a Carriars Sweep. and contains Outer approached by a Carriars Sweep. and contains Outer and three from Great Maivern. The Residence is approached by a Carriage Sweep, and contains Outer and Inner Halls, Drawing and Dining-rooms, Butler's Pantry, and four Best Bedrooms, Dressing-room, W.C., and four Attia Bedrooms. The Domestic Offices consist of Kitchen, Scullery, Housekeeper's Room, Larder, and Wine Cellars. The Outbuildings comprise and Enclosed Yard, Three-Stall Stable, Coschhouse, with left and man's room over. The Grounds are most Enclosed Yard, Three-Stall Stable, Coachhouse, with lott and man's room over. The Grounds are most picturesque and tastefully arranged, ornamented with mature shrubs, lawns, flower borders, and winding walks. The Water Supply is of the purest description. The Property until recently was occupied by the late Mrs. E. M. Wilson, at a Rental of £125 per annum. Earl Coventry's, the Worcestrahire, and Ledbury Foxhounds frequently meet in the immediate neighbourhood. Early Possession will be given.

Particulars, with Photograph and Conditions of Sale, may be obtained on application to Messrs. Underwood, Son, and Piper. Solicitors, 13, Holles-street, Cavendish-square, London, W.; or to Messrs. Sandos and Son, Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Auctioneers, Vernon House, Great Malvern and 8, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, S.W.

Dorothea's Will shows that all her "goods chattels personal estate and effects" were left to Cecil although only after moderately sizeable bequests were made to other members of the family. He may also have received something from his elder brother, Christopher Turner MP of Stoke Rochford, who died in 1886 leaving over £80,000.

Although Cecil Turnor appears to have moved from "Villa Nuova" after the sale of his furniture, the house was not auctioned until after his death in 1883. In the interim Mrs E M Wilson lived there at a rental of £125 per annum. The advertisement for the sale in the 'Worcester Journal' (12 May), mentions the proximity of Post Office, Church and Midland Railway Station, as well as Earl Coventry's and Ledbury Foxhounds. Those interested in the particulars would also receive a photograph of the house.

PART 3 - 1883 to 1918 - MISSES FOWLER

'VILLA NUOVA' appears to have been purchased by SUSANNA FOWLER, and her two nieces MARY and CATHERINE FOWLER. The Fowler family, as 'Richard Fowler & Sons', had made their money through land, property and ownership of businesses in Birmingham. Susanna's father, Richard Fowler, was listed variously on different Censuses as land agent, farmer and employer; her brothers as surveyor, auctioneer or land agent. Her father died in 1868 and her mother Ann (who was born Ann Swanwick at Market Drayton and married Richard 17 May 1819) died just after the 1871 Census recorded her living as head of household and 'annuitant' at Lichfield Road, Gravelly Hill with Susanna listed as a "land owner". Ann was buried alongside her husband at St.Barnabas, Erdington.



Youth opportunities and Youth Church

In other news, we have recently appointed Mike 'Eddy' Edwards as our Youth Ministry Leader to particularly invest in the young people of our parishes. Eddy is, amongst other things, spending some time each week helping out at the Chase School, particularly with mentoring and is looking to support mental health issues there. We have also just started, in partnership with the Priory, a monthly **Youth Church** at All Saints on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30pm for 11-18 years olds. Any young people are very welcome to come and join us.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

One of the things we are committed to as a church, is supporting those in most need, and as part of that, St Andrew's & All Saints have been taking a leading part in setting up a Malvern branch of **Christians Against Poverty (CAP).** CAP is a national charity which featured recently on a BBC2 documentary. It



specialises in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty and also provides Job Clubs for those seeking employment and Fresh Start Courses for people looking to overcome addictions and dependencies. It works with the local church, to support people through their journey of debt and seeks to offer them emotional and (if they wish) spiritual support along the way. We are currently setting up and fundraising for the new centre and will be launching CAP Malvern on 20th January.

We have recently launched a new website with up to date information on, so if you would like to find out more about any of the above or what goes on at All Saints (and St Andrew's) on a weekly basis then do take a look at our new website: www.standrewsandallsaints.org

As always, All Saints Church is here for you, as your local church, to support you particularly in the difficult times of life, to help people explore and grow faith, and to help this community to continue to flourish. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of assistance at all.

Revd Dave Bruce

Email: rector@standrewsandallsaints.org

Tel: 01684 565490



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Christmas at AllSaintsMalvernWells&Wyche

Wednesday 5th December, 3:45pm - 'Christmas Castaways'

A fun and fast paced Christmas theatre production for all the family from our local 4Front Theatre Company. For tickets phone the church office or purchase through the schools.



Friday 14th December, 6-7:30pm - 'Carols on

the Common' (Football pitch, Peachfield Common). A festive evening of carols, refreshments and fun. Come with your lanterns and children are invited to dress up as a nativity character and join in the story.



Sunday 16th December, 9.30am - Carol Service A traditional carol service of carols and readings

Sunday 16th December, 3pm - Christingle Service

Our ever popular Christingle service for all the family. Come and make your Christingle and join in the special singing of Away in a Manger by candlelight.

Sunday 23rd December, 9.30am - 'A Reflective Christmas'

A quieter and reflective service, particularly for those who have lost someone special recently or for those who will find Christmas hard. There will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember someone special this Christmas



Monday 24th December, 3pm – Messy Christmas Crafts, songs, the Christmas story and a few Christmas nibbles. Messy Church does Christmas! Keep your little ones busy on Christmas Eve!

Monday 24th December, 10pm – Christmas Eve Communion service
A candlelit Christmas Eve Communion service

Tuesday 25th December, 9:30am - Christmas Day Communion service

Join us as we celebrate Christmas day together. A fairly traditional communion service to welcome Christmas morning.

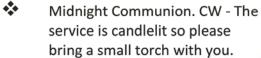




Little Malvern Priory

Here the Christmas Services taking place at Little Malvern Priory. Everyone is welcome

- Advent Sunday 2nd December Advent Service 11.00 am
- † December 23rd
 - 11.00am Matins
 - 12.00 Holy Communion. BCP
- † December 24th 11.30 pm



- † December 25th 8.00am Holy Communion CW
 - 11.00am Christmas Family Service
 - 12.00 noon Holy Communion BCP
- † December 30th 11.00am Holy Communion BCP
 - 6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This will be candlelit, please bring a small torch with you.

Everyone is welcome at any of our services

Revd. Canon Eric G. Knowles

Chaplain Little Malvern Priory (www.littlemalvernpriory.co.uk) Regional Chaplain Wales & West Region ATC Tel: 01684 567439





Wells & Wyche WI

By Mary Timms



We like to feel that we are part of the community in Malvern, so we erected our tent to join in with Civic Week's 'Bands in the Park' in July. We gave Afternoon Tea to the Blind Club at Madresfield Court in August and were at the Village Fete in September.

In combination with the Parish Council, Phyllis and her team have transformed the Jubilee Garden in the centre of the village and have acquired Level 4 (Thriving) award from the RHS Heart of England judges. Please go and see how they have transformed a rather neglected fountain and overgrown patch into something very special.

We spent a day in the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham and were given a guided tour of the Museum. We looked in all the windows full of gold,



silver and gems that were lovely, but we all have another life to live which costs money.

Talking of money, we visited the Royal Mint in Llantrisant and learned how our coins and medals are made, from the very basic beginnings to the penny in our purses. Perhaps we should have gone to the Royal Mint before we went to the Jewellery Quarter!

This year is Worcestershire WI Centenary and we will be in Worcester Cathedral to celebrate this in December.

Our speakers have included Nick Wilkes from Malvern Theatres and the 2019 programme promises Wine Tasting, Singing for Pleasure and Art.

To find out more about us, contact us on wellsandwychewimalvern@gmail.com

Or join us on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Malvern Wells Village Hall where you will be made very welcome.





1ST MALVERN WELLS SCOUT GROUP AND

PHOENIX EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

--- www.malvernwellsscouts.org.uk ---

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers thrive!

With three sections running now thanks to a dedicated team of 10 adult volunteers, approximately 70 local young people are regularly enjoying the many activities that Scouting has to offer.

And how about Beavers?

Never ones to stand still, our next aim is to get a Beaver Colony up and running so that we can serve the 6 - 8 yr olds of our community. If you can help, please contact us via the email address below.

Scouts and Explorers set for International Adventures!

The fundraising for our trip to the *International Jamborette in The Netherlands* in 2019 is going well. 23 young people from the Wells will attend this event alongside 2,500 Scouts and Explorers from all over the world. It's an amazing opportunity to expand horizons, grow in confidence and feel part of the worldwide family of Scouts. We aim to reduce the cost substantially so that anyone who wants to can attend, regardless of financial background. If you would like to donate to the fund, please contact us via the email address below.

We would like to say a **big thank you** for their generous support to:

THE PARISH COUNCIL
THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
THE COUNTY COUNCIL

and to the local community for your kind response to our appeal for goods to sell at car boot sales

To put your child's name down for Scouts or Cubs, please contact Rebecca Baxter on rmorgan@dunelm.org.uk or 01684 577 262



Guest Column by Harriett Baldwin MP

When I was first elected eight years ago, the public finances were in serious trouble. The deficit was the largest in peacetime history and many were unemployed, especially young people. Those young people deserved better and for their sake we could

not put off the difficult decisions on tax and spending that have helped to bring the budget back into balance, while giving businesses the support they needed to create over 3 million jobs. Youth unemployment has halved.

After eight years of taking tough decisions to bring the budget back into balance, November's budget felt like a turning point, with record employment and higher earnings, particularly for the low paid, giving the Chancellor room to increase public spending significantly.

There was a big 70th birthday present for our NHS with an extra £20.5 billion each year and an additional £1.7 billion to create even stronger work incentives for the new, more flexible Universal Credit.

A manifesto commitment to lift the personal tax allowance to £12,500 for every tax payer will now happen next year – one year ahead of schedule. People on the National Living Wage will see their wages rise by nearly five per cent.

The Chancellor announced a cut in business rates by one third for two years and local drivers will see fuel duty frozen for the ninth year in a row – good news for those people who drive to work or have to use a car or van for work. There is also a £675 million fund to help local councils to transform their high streets.

The Budget saw £2 billion per year for mental health, £400 million for schools, £1 billion more for defence and £160 million more for counter terror police. Social care will get £650 million of extra cash on top of the help already announced.

There was one extra bit of news for our local brewers - beer and cider duty has been frozen again.

The message is clear: the hard work of Worcestershire people is paying off and a solid economic recovery means austerity is coming to an end but we'll be continuing to take a balanced approach to get the debt down and delivering higher living standards as our economy grows.



A Message from our local County Councillor Cllr Lucy Hodgson

The latest monitoring visit to Worcestershire children's services, by Ofsted Inspectors, has found that the Council continues to make progress in improving

services for children and young people. Almost two years on from an Ofsted report that found that Children's Services in Worcestershire were inadequate; inspectors have now found evidence of improvement in each of their last five monitoring visits. Earlier this month inspectors reviewed arrangements for Worcestershire's children in care up to the age of sixteen years old.

Inspectors recognised that the Council is taking steps to improve its edge of care service which is currently under-developed. A new edge of care service is now being developed which will support our children and families to stay together. By investing more into preventing our children from coming into the care system, families can be kept together where it is safe to do so and improve the lives of our children and young people. The report goes onto say that children in Worcestershire are safe and are placed appropriately. Children's care plans are also been reviewed and updated regularly leading to positive change for many children.

Inspectors report that the Council has worked hard and successfully to recruit and retain more social workers which is improving continuity for children. Under direction from the Department for Education a wholly owned council company, Worcestershire Children First, is currently being developed to deliver Children's Social Care Services. The company is due to be launched in October of next year.

Communities from across Worcestershire are been given the opportunity to play an increasingly important role in how their local libraries are run.

Traditional services of book borrowing, computer access and family activities and events are now delivered alongside a comprehensive adult learning programme, targeted reading and literacy schemes, job clubs, job fairs, health and wellbeing services and a varied volunteering programme.

However, as the financial pressures grow on the County Council, libraries must continue to evolve in order to provide modern services for residents and ensure value for money. Services will be modernised including the introduction of Open Libraries which use self-service machines, meaning people can still access all services at their local library and they can stay

open for longer. To shape the proposals, background work has gone into looking closely at each library in Worcestershire to see what services are currently provided and exactly who is using them. Over the next 3 years around £800,000 will be removed from the full Libraries Budget. The 90-day public consultation was launched on the 29th of October to seek the views of residents and engage with key partner organisations and community groups before a final decision is made in spring 2019.

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CIIr Chris O'Donnell

District Councillor for Wells Ward & Little Malvern & Parish Cllr for Wells Ward

Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2018

Local Democracy Day on 10th October was a great success.

Over 30 students from the districts high schools visited the Council House for the day and took part in a series of challenging exercises. In the 14+ age group **Chantry High School** won the award, in the 11 to 14-year age group the award was won by **Dyson Perrins Academy** and the individual contribution award went to **Jade Martin from Tenbury High School**. The judges were Cllr David Chambers and Cllr Chris O'Donnell.

Silent Soldiers across Malvern Hills mark centenary

Have you noticed the "Silhouette Soldiers" which have been erected across the district to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War? Silhouettes can be seen in Priory Park, Belle View Terrace, the Pepperpot in Upton, and in Tenbury and Kempsey. This year, Remembrance Sunday (11 November) marks one hundred years since the end of World War One and is a time for people to come together and reflect on the millions of lives lost between 1914 and 1918. Malvern Hills District Council has placed 'Silent Soldier' figures at Priory Park, Belle Vue Terrace, the Pepperpot in Upton, Tenbury and Kempsey.

Clir Tony Baker, Vice-Chairman of Malvern Hills District Council, said: "We are proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion's 'Silent Soldier' campaign which marks the final year of the World War One

Centenary. The thought-provoking silhouettes stand across Malvern as a mark of respect to those who never made it home and are an important reminder of the sacrifices made by all who were involved in the conflict."

"Protect your Farm Event"

This event is to be held on Thursday 22nd November between 4 and 7pm at the Three Counties Showground. The open event is free and an opportunity to ask questions and receive advice on rural crime and property protection, wellbeing and farm safety, and economic influences and finance. Further details can be obtained from our Rural Champion, Cllr Barbara Williams.

Syrian Refugees Update

An update following the Leaders Board's decision in February to host up to 50 additional Syrian Refugees is below:

- In June, Refugee Action was selected as our preferred provider to deliver Refugee Integration and Independence Services for Worcestershire.
- In September a further 6 refugees were resettled, 5 people in Malvern and 1 in Bromsgrove.
- In November a further 10 refugees are scheduled to arrive, 5 people in Malvern and 5 in Bromsgrove.
- Work is taking place to bring a further 11 people to Worcestershire in January 2019.
- We are currently on target to meet our commitment by the end of May 2019.

Post a letter to Father Christmas

It's that time of the year again when children will soon be able to send their Christmas wish lists to Santa from Malvern Tourist Information Centre, whilst also raising money for charity. The Victorian Post Box will be open from Monday 12 November until Wednesday 12 December and located inside the TIC at the top of Church Street, Great Malvern. All children will then receive a personal reply and small gift from Father Christmas, straight from the North Pole. All proceeds from the letters will be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice. Last year £183 was raised. "Acorns Children's Hospice provides care and services for children, young people and their families." For more information, please contact Malvern TIC on 01684 892289.

Residents urged to become Dementia Friends

Become a Dementia Friend this week. A free session is being held to help residents and businesses discover how they can do more to help people living with dementia. Malvern Hills District Council is continually hosting the Dementia Friends session May in the Council Chamber on Avenue Road.

According to the Dementia UK report there are 1,486 people living with the condition in Malvern Hills District and that figure is set to increase dramatically over the next decade. Anyone interested in attending the Dementia Friends session can please email getactive@malvernhills.gov.uk

Cllr O'Donnell attended an old people meeting in the Theatre
What an excellent morning where anyone you needed to talk to was there.
MacMillan trust, St Richard's, Water board, Fire service, Police service,
MHDC, Fortis Living, the Splash keep fit, Dementia Friends (I can also
arrange a 'Dementia Friends' session to be held in our village hall if anyone
would like to get in touch with the clerk to the council and when we have
sufficient people we will arrange a date.) A free event at Malvern Theatres
showcased vital services available to older people in the district. The
Showcase of Services for Older People event was in support of World
Mental Health Day, Organised by Malvern Hills District Council and
Worcestershire County Council.

Call for sites launched as part of review of the SWDP

Councils are asking for information on land that could potentially be suitable for future housing and employment development in south Worcestershire. The "call for sites" is part of the official review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP), that will see the blueprint for providing jobs and homes extended to 2041, as required by the Government. Anyone who has an interest in land that could be suitable and deliverable for potential development is being asked to register it at www.swdevelopmentplan.org.

Talks start over future of Malvern TIC

Negotiations have begun to move Malvern's Tourist Information Centre to a new town centre location. Malvern Hills District Council has entered talks with Great Malvern Priory about accommodating the TIC. It is proposed the current parish office at Lyttleton Well would be the new home of the TIC and offer many of the services it does currently, although with fewer staff. Under the proposal the council would pay rent on the building and remain responsible for employing staff and promotion of the district as a tourist destination. It would still generate a significant saving for the council but how much will not be known until the negotiation is completed. If a deal is reached, then the changes would be made early in 2019. Staff at the TIC have been informed of the plans. Previous talks with Malvern Town Council about taking on the TIC came to nothing. Cllr David Chambers, Leader of Malvern Hills District Council, said: "We said we wanted to keep the TIC in the town centre area and if we can reach an agreement with Great Malvern Priory and Lyttleton Well then it will be hugely beneficial for everyone.

Latest population estimates

The mid-2017 population estimates for both the Malvern Hills and Wychavon districts have recently been released and show notable increases for both districts since the previous year's data. The latest population estimate for Malvern Hills is 77,165, which is a rise of 610 people (0.8%). For Wychavon the latest figure is 125,378, which a rise of 2,234 (1.8%). Further details including age groups, migration and trends over time can be found in the analysis of population estimates tool.

ELVES are the modern Christmas craze which is delighting children & parents in the run up to the big day.

The idea of the elf is to report back to Father Christmas whether children are being naughty or nice but in the meantime he or she gets up to all kinds of mischief. Parents have come up with more and more creative scenes for their children to discover in the morning and mums and dads in Worcester have shared some of their ideas. If you are looking for inspiration for your own Elf, here is what they have been up to in Worcester: Worcestershire has its own page of ideas at

https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/14125849.Worcester_parents_shar e their creative ideas for Elf on the Shelf readers pictures/





<u>District Council Elections May 2019</u>

Next May you will be able to vote for your District Councillors; one of the things I'm happy to help with helping to set up your 'postal voting' as I had a lot of feedback about this when canvassing. Please do ask if anyone needs any help.

Thank you all again for all your help and support. If you would like to contact me, please do and I will call round and offer help.

District Councillor Chris O'Donnell

Conservative Councillor for Malvern Wells & Little Malvern Ward Telephone 01684 565709

Ward Budget by Cllr Chris O'Donnell

Each Year District Councillors get specified £500 to spend in their ward on things for their ward but if it isn't spent then MHDC use it for general good causes around the district. I thought you would like to know where mine has been spent during the last 3 years. If you know of a good cause in Malvern Wells and Little Malvern please do contact me.

Cllr Chris O'Donnell		Malvern Wells and Wyche PCC New toddler group	New equipment for toddler group and an outing	
Ward money 2018	£250	1st Malvern Wells Scouts	Supporting overseas trip for world jamboree	
	£125	Wyche Primary School	To support bus costs to attend forest school	
Cllr Chris O'Donnell	£125		To support the Parish Fete	
Ward money 2017	£250	Malvern Wells Primary School	To buy new equipment for Red Class	
	£125	Wyche Primary School	To buy new equipment for Class 1	
Clir Chris O'Donnell £125 Malvern Wells and Wyche PCC Messy Church			New equipment for Messy Church	
Ward money 2016	£125	1st Malvern Wells Scouts	Supporting cost of using the Scout hut	
	£125	Wells & Wyche Preschool	To buy new equipment for the pre-schoolers to use	
	£125	Malvern Wells & Wyche PCC New Baby Group	Support for items for new baby and mother group	

National Save a Heart Day was Oct 16th, 2018



Do you know where your local Defibrillator is?

30 people will suffer a Cardiac Arrest in Malvern and only 10% will survive. Do you know what to do? Your local Parish council has bought 3 defibrillators and you never know when they might be needed so please make sure you know where your nearest one is and how to use it! Heartstart Malvern held an awareness day on Oct 16th and is offering free training to everyone and all businesses in and around Malvern. Interested businesses can message Heartstart Malvern via Facebook or the Heartstart Malvern website at www.heartstartmalvern.org.uk. they are also on Twitter at @HeartstartMVN

Thank you, Chris O'Donnell District Councillor for Little Malvern and Wells Ward



Richard Vakis-Lowe who set up the training and distribution of defibrillators at the meeting with Cllr Chris O'Donnell.

Taken on Oct 16th at Mount Pleasant Hotel for **Save a Heart Day** meeting.



McColl's shop at the side where the parking is and is the nearest to the middle of the Wells Ward.



Wyche Institute
where the notice
board is and is
the nearest to
Fruitlands



Malvern Wells
Primary School
next to the
parking area and
is the nearest to
All Saints Area.



Upper Welland Methodist Church which was bought by the people of the area.

Where does your recycling go?

CIIr Chris O'Donnell Malvern Hills District Council



You're working hard recycling all those items but what happens to them once we've picked them up? Well, they all go to our sorting facility at Norton near Pershore, run by Severn Waste Services, who then prepare them for processing into other products. Here is what happens next:



Food and drink cans – Steel cans go for reprocessing at Pontypool in South Wales and the recycled steel is used in anything from new cars to bridges and of course new drinks cans. Aluminium cans go to a plant in Oldbury in the West Midlands and as well as new cans end up in cars and aeroplanes amongst other things.

Mixed glass bottles and jars – are sent for reprocessing at Ellsemere Port in Cheshire and used to produce new glass bottles and aggregates for road construction.





Cardboard – gets sent to various places across the UK and Europe and is turned into a variety of new card-based products.

Paper – goes to outlets across the UK and Europe including a local business in Worcestershire. Recycled paper has many uses such as newspaper, books and boxes for board games.





Cartons – these are sent to outlets across the UK and Europe. They can be used for anything from paper towels to toilet paper and some plants even turn them into environmentally friendly building materials.

Plastic bottles and containers – different types of plastic go to different places including plants in Castleford, Liverpool, Redcar, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Dagenham. Some PET (fizzy drinks bottles) go to Spijk in Holland. Recycled plastic is used in numerous products from garden furniture to pipes and even clothing.



All this from your recycling. Thank you for making a difference.

Christmas Tree Collection

St. Richard's Hospice

11th, 12th & 13th January 2019

Leave the effort of getting rid of your tree to us!



Support St Richard's Hospice by having your real tree collected and recycled for a donation towards our care.



For more information and to register your tree with a donation www.strichards.org.uk/christmas-tree-collection

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www.strichards.org.uk St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive, Worcester WR5 2QT Registered charity number 515668 Registered company number 01850502



Raise funds for St Richard's Hospice

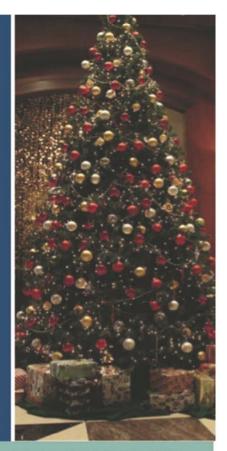
this Christmas time.

Our volunteers are collecting and recycling trees in Worcestershire on 11th, 12th & 13th January 2019.

Check online by putting in your postcode to see if we are collecting in your area. Register your real tree online with a donation to support our care.

Register your tree by 8th January 2019.

In association with Just Helping



How your donation will make a difference: £15 could pay for a specialist Day Hospice nurse for an hour. £30 could pay for three a la carte patient meals on our In-patient Unit. £66 could pay for a Healthcare Assistant for a day. (This is the full cost of employing a member of staff and all other costs)





29TH & 30TH

SEPTEMBER

2018.

Malvern Autumn



Show 2018, in association with Weston Cider Mill, welcomed more than 68,000 people through the gates of the Three Counties Showground in Malvern, Worcestershire for a record-breaking weekend.

With a staggering six new world records set in the CANNA UK National Giant Vegetables Championship, a record number of visitors to the show and a bumper crop of experts sharing their passion and knowhow, the event was nothing less than a showstopper.

With a fresh look and layout, regular visitors were delighted with the new sections that brought something for everyone to enjoy. From willow wand making and spoon carving in the rural crafts area, to mini golf and circus skills on the Family Green, giant tortoises and hairless dogs in the World of Animals there was something to keep all the family entertained. A



particularly popular new addition was the Top Dogs Arena hosted by former BBC Blue Peter presenter and dog lover, Peter Purves. This lively area showcased the wonderful ability and agility of man's best friend.



Valentine Warner and Mark Diacono headlined the Autumn Potager Kitchen whilst a bumper crop of horticultural experts including BBC Gardeners' World presenters Joe Swift, Carol Klein and Alys Fowler shared their passion, top tips and gardening know how in the Autumn Potager Theatre. Broadcasting legend, Gyles Brandreth stole the show with his 'Just a Minute – I'm in the Garden' and Tales from the Wardrobe.

Head of Show, Diana Walton, said: "This is my second year of leading Malvern Autumn Show and I wanted to refresh things to make it feel like an exciting new show. We love this event as much as our visitors, so I'm thrilled that the reaction to the new additions and layout have been so well received. The whole show has been supersized, from record breaking visitor numbers to world record breaking giant vegetables and we're already excited about our plans for next year."





The CANNA UK National Giant Vegetables Championship saw a staggering six World Records across 33 categories, with almost 600 entries in total. The growers brought their supersized submissions from the length and breadth of the country to the largest giant vegetables competition in the UK.

The first record, the World's Heaviest Celery, was broken at midday on Friday by Under Gardener, Sam Purvis from The Old Rectory in Henley. He proudly held the title for a full five minutes before it was snatched from his grasp by Estate Manager and boss, Gary Heeks with his sizeable celery weighing in at 42kg, the same as a Chimpanzee.

A giant vegetable world stalwart Ian Neale, from Newport added a further two world records to his haul: World's Heaviest Aubergine (3.06kg) and World's Heaviest Bell Pepper (0.72kg).

Tim Saint from Reading, finally saw the fruits of his labours with a world record for the World's Heaviest Red Cabbage. Previous world record holder, Cornishman David Thomas gave Tim the seed for his colossal cabbage that tipped the scales at 23.7kg.



The record for the World's Heaviest Leek was set at Malvern Autumn Show 2014 by Paul Rochester from County Durham. This year he smashed his previous record with a leek weighing in at 10.7kg.

Malvern Autumn Show hosted the last major RHS Flower Show of the season in a brand new Floral Marquee at the heart of the new Gardening Village. Fifty three award-winning nurseries showcased a dazzling array of plants, shrubs and produce with 25 receiving RHS gold medals.

For the first time a nursery from the Orchard Pavilion was awarded the coveted Best in Show title. R V Roger Ltd from Pickering, Yorkshire's traditional display of orchard fruit showcased many heritage varieties and caught the judges eye to take home the top accolade.

In the Floral Fiesta, the growers were awarded five medals in total, one gold, two silver gilt, one silver medal and one bronze medal for their displays. The area was mentored and supported by celebrity florist, Jonathan Moseley with the aim of supporting British flower growers. It provided a platform to demonstrate the wealth, beauty and diversity of flowers that can be grown in this country. Show visitors watched inspiring seasonal demonstrations including a woodland wedding showcase by former Royal florist, Sarah Champier.

The Floral Art stars were Mrs Margaret Thomas who was awarded Best In Show. Best Use of Colour went to first time exhibitor Mrs Alexandra Bolton and Best Use of Foliage went to Mrs Barbara Pullen.

Join us next year for Malvern Autumn Show 2019 which will take place on Saturday 28^{th} and Sunday 29^{th} September.





lan Burrage and Kate Brewerton accept the Jubilee Garden's Award at the RHS Award Ceremony 27th

Jubilee Garden 2018

RHS "It's Your Neighbourhood" Judging and Award.

On Friday 6th July the sun was shining, and the garden looked at its best for the visit of the judge, Laura Russell, from Heart of England In Bloom "It's Your Neighbourhood". She was

welcomed by Cllr Helen Burrage, who showed her the 2018 Jubilee Garden Portfolio and presented her with a copy. She then inspected the garden together with Phyllis Goodwin from the WI and Ian Burrage, Parish Council Liaison, and accompanied by other members of the WI. All the changes and new work were discussed with her as were the plans for the forthcoming year. Her enthusiastic response and advice were very much appreciated by everyone.

On Friday 27th September the awards ceremony for Heart of England In Bloom was held at St Mary's Church, Acocks Green. Ian Burrage and Kate Brewerton from the WI were thrilled to receive a Level 4 - Thriving award, an uplift on the previous years' Level 3 - Advancing award. They are pictured at the event holding the award. All the hard work had paid dividends, and everyone involved with the garden is delighted.

The gardening group are now preparing the garden for the winter. Some plants will be relocated, and further work will be undertaken on that part of the garden around the fountain. The remainder of the wall adjacent to the Wells Road will be repaired.

When working in the garden it is so nice to hear frequently from local passers-by how much they like the garden. It is a community garden and consideration is being given to have signage to that effect to

encourage everyone to enter and sit in the garden and enjoy its beauty.

Additional help with the garden will always be welcome. If you would like to be involved with the Jubilee Gardeners Working Group please contact either Ian Burrage or Phyllis Goodwin - WI.

If you would like to join the Jubilee Gardeners' Working Group, please contact Ian Burrage on 01684 578238 or

ianburrage62@gmail.com





Judging Day, 6th July 2018, the Fountain Garden with its new young Yew and Box planting



Jubilee Garden's 2018 Vegetables, Salads, First Crop of Soft Fruits and Apple.



Jubilee Garden's 2018 Primroses



2018 Jubilee Garden Display at the Fete



Some Jubilee Gardeners with the Judge on RHS Judging Day, 6th July 2018

Come and Celebrate CHRISTMAS 2018

at Malvern Wells Village Hall

Christmas Carols 2018

'Sing a Song at Christmas' at The Village Hall, Friday 7th December, 7:30pm.

Christmas Hall Decorating, Tuesday 4th December 12 noon – 3pm



'Sing a Song of Christmas' the Malvern Wells celebration of carols, readings and seasonal refreshments will be led once again by Sue Black and the Wells Singers. We welcome again the Choir and Staff of Malvern Wells Primary School who will be singing, performing their instruments and

reading Christmas pieces. It was wonderful to have the children with us in 2017 and we look forward to their performances again this year. The Rector, the Rev Dave Bruce, will be giving the Address and Blessing and we are honouring the Centenary of the end of the fighting in November 1918.



The Sing a Song of Christmas charity retiring collection 2018 supports the local charity Community Action who do such amazing work in our area to prevent elderly and disabled people becoming isolated and lonely.

For the Christmas Hall Decorating afternoon on Tuesday, 4th December, we welcome help from anyone who can climb ladders; donate ever-greenery from their gardens; fix things; decorate a Christmas Tree; arrange foliage & flowers (no experience needed); make tea for the workers. This is an enjoyable day with the satisfaction of seeing our Village Hall bedecked with beautiful,



sparkling and pine scented decorations. Please contact Lois Lawler.

On the Friday evening 7th December for 'Sing a Song of Christmas', we would be thrilled if you could make some mince pies to share with everyone. The homemade mince pies you so kindly donate each year are delicious and all eaten up! Christmas really is just around the corner – just after THIS edition of The Wells News has been dropped though your letterbox.

Helen Burrage Tel: 578238 or hburrage@mailvernwells-pc.gov.uk

Lois Lawler Tel: 572994

'Sing a Song of Christmas' is an annual Community Event sponsored by Malvern Wells Parish Council and the Village Hall Board of Management.



Dates for the Diary!

Christmas Hall Decorating



Malvern Wells Village Hall

Tuesday, 4th December 2018 Village Hall,



Bring your own secateurs, scissors etc and, if available, any evergreen foliage —including ivy & holly

Contact

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Sing A Song of Christmas



The Malvern Wells Christmas Celebration

7:30pm

Friday, 7th December 2018, Village Hall, Malvern Wells.

Wonderful Carols, Christmas Readings, Mince Pies, Mulled Beverages. Music from The Wells Singers & Malvern Wells Primary School Choir

A Free Event Supported by MW Parish Council and MW Village Hall Board of Management A voluntary collection will be made in aid of :



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