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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1st 10.30 am Breakaway VH 12.30-12.45 pm Mobile Library Staddle Stones SG 7.45 pm Gardening Club Bulb Show VH	2nd	3rd	4th	5th 6.30 pm Easter Sunday Holy communion Bradley Cjurch 3 pm Easter Service Baptist Chapel
6th	7th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	8th 10 am-12 Drop in VH 7.30pm VH AGM 7.30 pm K&D WI K&D VH	9th	10th	11th	12th Walking Club meet at church at 10 am 3 pm Service Baptist 1
13th 11.35-11.50 am Mobile Library Church Road BG	14th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	15th	16th 7.30 pm Scottish Dancing VH	17th	18th	19th 9.45 am Holy Communion Bradley Church followed by APCM 3 pm Service Baptist Chapel
20th	21st 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	22nd 10 am-12 Drop in Bowling	23rd 7.30 pm Scottish Dancing VH	24th	25th	26th
27th	28th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	29th	30th 7.30 pm Scottish Dancing VH			

EDITORIAL

Wishing all our readers a very Happy Easter. We have survived the eclipse of the sun, the Big Moon and the Spring Equinox and can look forward to the season of new burgeoning and birth. Daylight will begin to exceed 12 hours a day, temperatures will rise, gardens will burst into life and annual crops will be sown.

In England I feel we are so lucky to have such contrasting seasons. Spring has little meaning in tropical zones where there is no spring and in alpine and sub-Arctic regions spring is no more than a fleeting transition from winter to summer.

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Please call Janet on 01527 821442 if you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one.



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Church Services at Bradley Green

April 5th 6.30 pm Holy Communion

Wyn Benyon G Crellin

April 19th 9.45 am Holy Communion

Wyn Benyon G Crellin



Dear Friends,

I've found myself recently with the time and the inclination to start playing the saxophone again. And at this time of the year when we're thinking of new life, when we're seeing new shoots appearing and blossom starting to show, it's something that sub-consciously I'm probably feeling quite good about.

It's always a delight to re-discover those things that we used to fulfil us and come at them again afresh. The only thing is, my current ability and my memory of that ability are at odds with one another. What I used to find easy is now a challenge as rusty finger dexterity makes things a bit of an uphill struggle. It's the same as my embouchure which after an hour leaves me with a sore lip and an ability to win a gurning contest.

So why bother to try and play to a decent level again? Well, there is something that is beyond the act of making music, something that when the right notes come together is blissful. It has a different dimension to it that is beyond the mundane. Those of you who are musicians will know what I mean; others may find it in art; others may find it in the landscape. But however, and wherever you find it, it is deeply spiritual.

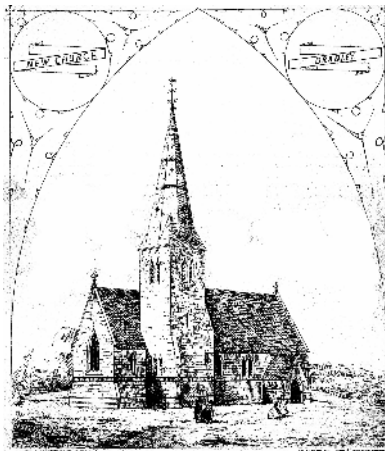
I'll leave you to put your own name on it (you can probably guess what mine would be) and it is always there to be re-discovered. It never goes away, and is always waiting to be re-approached and re-imagined as though it was just beyond consciousness calling to us. And as we approach Easter that's very much the story – new life, universally available to all just waiting to be embraced, within our discernment, and only requiring a little effort from us to be engaged and delighted.

I pray that you may all have a blessed Easter and rejoice in the new life to be found in Jesus the Christ.

God bless,

DM.

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To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church the PCC are planning a

Songs of Praise Service
on Sunday 6th September at 5pm

to which Bishop John will be coming. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall. There will also be an exhibition of memorabilia relating to the church and the PCC would be grateful for the loan of any photos, etc.



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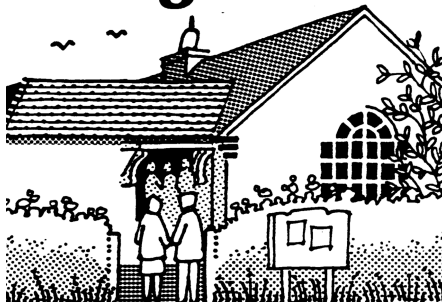
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The **AGM for the Village Hall** committee is on

Wednesday 8th April at 7.30 pm

at the **Village Hall**,

all residents and hall users are very welcome to attend. We are always looking for new members and helpers to join the committee.

STOCK AND BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The March draw took place on 12th March at Feckenham Shop, the results are;

1st £25 No 149 Barbara Palmer - drawn by Steph Neilson - Watts of
Astwood Bank,

2nd £15 No 193 Janet Morgan - Dinny Pynsent of Berrow Hill, and

3rd £10 No 21 D.G. Hill - Palmi Lal, a visitor having tea in the Shop.

My congratulations to the Winners and my thanks to the Drawers.

There is only one more monthly draw, April, before the Annual Draw and Supper which will take place on Saturday 30th May 2015 in the Village Hall. Membership forms and Supper invitations will be sent out shortly.

Christian Forgaard. Promoter.

The annual 100 club draw and supper is to take place

on **Saturday 30th May 2015** in the VH the

price of supper on the night is £10. There will be a licensed bar.

Contributions of puds/ deserts are requested.

From 1st June the annual fee for the club will increase to £15.

National Garden Scheme

White Cottage Garden Earls Common Road, Stock Green will be open on the 5th and 6th April, Easter Sunday and Monday from 11am- 4.30pm.

At this time of year the wild meadow is filled with thousands of Snakes Head Fritillaries. The rest of the garden will just be awakening from its winter rest, the snowdrops, cyclamen and crocus will be replaced by miniature daffodils, hellebores, winter flowering heathers, and euphorbias to mention just a few.

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Book Review

Be Careful What You Wish For Fiction: Jeffrey Archer



What a roller coaster of a read. Jeffrey Archer is truly a master of his story telling craft. This novel does not fall short, and is part of a series called 'The Clifton Chronicles' (part four). In the opening pages the reader is gripped by the shock of a fatal car accident, in which a son dies. But which son, is it Sebastian or Bruno? and thus begins their journey in becoming absorbed into the lives and business ventures of two families involved in the Shipping Industry, they are the Barrington's and the Clifton's, both of whom are playing for high stakes, with high risk. The plot is set, and the families have become "united by fate, and then threatened by betrayal". Love is thwarted by treachery and greed.....does good triumph over evil? This story will keep you guessing till the last sentence .

BH.

DROP IN

Dop In continues to flourish and last month found us playing bowls in Worcester. This was such a good morning, great comradery and team rivalry. Everyone enjoyed it so much that our gathering on 22nd April has been booked for another session.

Remember, there is no official membership, all are welcome, all ages, ladies and gents. Our well stocked free Library is always popular and there for your enjoyment. Pop in at the Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month, 10am - 12 noon.

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Sunday 8th March - 7 of us walked nearly 5 miles, starting in Plough Road near the turning to Church Lane in Tibberton. We went down Ash Lane over the railway line, down and over Bowbrook, turning left into the old race course meadows, and then turning right into Netherwood Lane. We followed this towards Netherwood Farm, then turning right, we crossed a stile heading for Fillet Wood, in and out of the wood to Sale Green. Turning left into Pope Wood which leads into Trench Wood, where the bluebells are beginning to peep through, but some of the primroses were in flower. We continued to an opening along the brow of the hill, where we had our refreshment stop, and down the hill to a manned level crossing, where the gates were opened for us to cross by the gate keeper. You are not allowed to cross on your own any longer. We then joined the Worcester to Birmingham canal, following this with the railway line on our left for most of the way to the edge of Tibberton village. We went left leaving the canal heading for the sewage works (land mark) and walked along behind the houses that line Plough Road, Tibberton. We passed through a flock of sheep and some ponies, before coming out into Plough Road, and turned left up the hill back to the post box where we started.



The weather was fine when we started out but soon turned to drizzle for the remainder of the walk.

Helen Cook

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Timetable for **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** on Thursday 7 May
Deadline for Receipt of Nominations 4:00 pm Thursday 9 April
Publication of Notice of Poll Tuesday 28 April
Day of Poll 7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 7 May

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STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 1st April 2015
- 7:30pm

Our meeting on Wednesday 1st April is the Annual Bulb Show. Members bring along three blooms each of as many daffodil varieties as they can muster, and everyone judges each entry to decide the winner in each class. Lots of help is available for anyone not sure of which Class to enter, and a list of Classes will be available at the Show. For the flower arrangers, there is also a Class for "A Spring Arrangement including at least one bulbous plant".



There will also be a Photographic Competition for the best photograph depicting 'Effective Foliage'.

Note that there is no monthly competition at the April meeting.

THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 6th May 2015 - 7:30pm

Caroline Tait will talk about the past, present and future of 'The Garden at Coton Manor' in Northamptonshire, where she is garden manager.

ANNUAL PLANT FAIR - Saturday 9th May 2015 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Our annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 9th May 2015 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. Plants grown by members will be for sale, and two specialist local nurseries will also be in attendance with an interesting range of plants.

The event is an ideal opportunity to buy excellent plants at keen prices and is open to everyone.

There will coffee and tea available, and home made cakes. There is no charge for entry, but we do appreciate it if you would buy a raffle ticket at the door.

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Keep weeds under control
- 2 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- 3 Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- 4 Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
- 5 Start to feed citrus plants

- 6 Increase the water given to houseplants
- 7 Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- 8 Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- 9 Prune fig trees
- 10 Divide bamboos and waterlilies

For more information visit the RHS website

Kington with Dormston WI

March Meeting

This was the long awaited evening to hear about 'Tramways Old and New' with speaker John Boynton. His previously planned visit for winter 2014 was cancelled because of hazardous travelling conditions. John began his talk with a photograph of the tramway bridge in Stratford upon Avon.

Through a series of photographs taken in many and varied parts of the UK and also in Europe, John soon had eager eyed members spotting the significant details of his views and reminiscing about life in the past. Advertising and street furniture triggered many memories.

Members were left with new ideas for interesting visits to make in future months.

Two members are now preparing to represent Kington with Dormston WI at WI centenary events in London. Mrs. Rosemary Roberts will attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and Mrs. Sheila Baskeyfield will attend the AGM to be held at the Royal Albert Hall.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th April at Kington and Dormston Village Hall.

Future meetings:

April 8th - Work of District Councillor - Linda Robinson

May 13th - Annual Meeting & NFAGM Resolutions and Trading Stall

ART CLASS

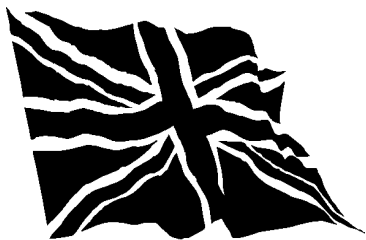
End of term report ; Eighteen members enjoyed the spring term under the direction of Malcolm Brookes our tutor. Subjects included sessions on the representation of trees in landscape, drawing of hands and feet, portrait or self portrait and people in groups.

Next term when weather permits we will work on the spot in the ;landscape at various locations.

If you fancy joining us for the next term that starts on 11th May please contact me on 01386792134.

David Waring





FLYING THE FLAG

We have a number of flags that can be flown to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, exam success, memorable dates etc. A minimum of £5 per day will get your flag flown for any event. All funds go to the Village hall upkeep.

My thanks to Sue Fletcher for flying the flags in March:-

4th March - Breakaway

10th March - Tibetan flag Sponsored by David & Sue Fletcher for Martin & Penny

16th March 75 years flag flown for Christian Forgaard's birthday.

19th March - Mollie Cresswell passed her driving test.

21st March - George Farmiloe's birthday

April flags will be flown by Marg Fish tel.No. 01386 792543

1st April - Breakaway - Talk by Ron Gallivan, Women at War WW11

27th April - Mollie Farmiloe's birthday

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9th FECKENHAM WI CRAFT NIGHT

Village Hall - 7.30pm.

11th SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Village Hall - 2.30pm

14th HISTORY SOCIETY

Shropshire Churches - Village Hall - 7.30pm

13th The Straight Story (U)

FeckenOdeon 2 - 8pm

18th TOGETHER IN SONG

Parish Church - 7pm

19th STANLEY ACCRINGTON

Comedy & Folk Music

8pm - Rose & Crown

28th The Invisible Woman (12a)

FeckenOdeon - 7.30pm

Coming in May...

10th: The Buffalo Gals Stampede

16th & 17th: Flower & Garden Festival

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Children's page

By R Cresswell

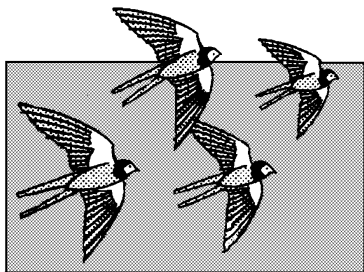
April Fools' Day is celebrated every year on the first day of April. It is when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. The jokes and their victims are known as "April fools". The jokes must be played before midday.

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. This year Easter Sunday is on 5th April. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. We celebrate Easter by giving chocolate eggs. The egg is associated with new life. It is also a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus as the egg was likened to the tomb from which Christ arose.

On Saturday 11th April 'The Boat Race' between Oxford and Cambridge will take place. This is a four and a quarter mile race on the River Thames. This year for the first time ever The Newton Women's Boat Race will take place on the same day as the men's race and be held on the same course (the women's race has previously taken place in Henley).

Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George and the National Day for England. His emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the flag of England, and part of the British flag. St George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians and died for his beliefs. One of the best known stories about St George is his fight with a dragon. St George's emblem was adopted by Richard The Lion Heart and brought to England in the 12th century. The king's soldiers wore it on their tunics to avoid confusion in battle. It is celebrated on 23rd April which is traditionally the accepted date of Saint George's death.

The 35th London Marathon will be held on Sunday 26th April. This is a long-distance running event. The event was first run on 29th March 1981 and has been held in the spring of every year since. The marathon is run over a largely flat course around the River Thames, and spans 26 miles and 385 yards.



BREAKAWAY

Wednesday 4th March 2015

The sun is shining, the air is clear and crisp - just right for our Spring Lunch.

I arrive at the Village Hall to find the committee very busy, laying tables, operating the coffee machine, putting books out for sale, and arranging the bring

and buy and excellent raffle. The colour scheme is very spring like with pots of tete-a-tete on the tables and green and yellow serviettes. After much hard work we are ready to open the doors at 11.30a.m.

The meeting starts with a poem about Spring - it seems that Spring creeps in when we least expect it!

We catch up on the gossip, attempt the quiz, and discuss future meetings.

Our lunch is served at 12.00 noon. As usual, our caterers, "Four Seasons" provide an excellent selection of piping hot food. It is served quickly and professionally and the staff are very helpful. The committee bring round a lovely selection of wines and fruit juices. How lovely to have a meal so tasty and no washing up!

After lunch we try the bring and buy again and then the raffle is drawn. We have all had a lovely relaxing time. We give a vote of thanks to the caterers and to the committee and look forward to our next meetings.

Future Dates

1st April

Mr Ron Gallivan - Women at War WW11

6th May

Mr Rob Cole - Fostering a Worcestershire Wildlife Garden

3rd June

Outing to Slimbridge Gloucestershire

Leaving the Village Hall at 9.30a.m. Returning at 5.30p.m. Approx.

Cost £25 to cover coach., admission, coffee and tour.

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New members always welcome. Just turn up at 10.30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month - unless otherwise stated.

WYCHAVON

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Nomination forms are now available from your Town/Parish Clerk or by contacting Wychavon District Council's Election team.

The election team are happy to answer any questions you may have or visit the Elections webpage for more information. Contact details are shown below.

Close of nominations is 4pm | 9 April 2015.

All candidates will be listed on the Wychavon website after Friday 10 April 2015.

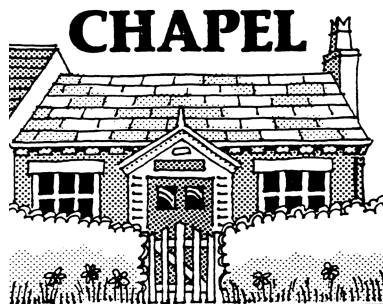
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THOUGHT ARE WE SINNERS?



It is suggested by some that we are living in a Post Christian era. In so far as our ancestors saw that there were two periods, - pre-Christian and Christian; now, since about the 1960's, we are at a stage in history which, can legitimately be called non- Christian.

C.S.Lewis suggested this years ago. He saw that since the reformation, when Europe was a bastion of religion and orthodoxy, we were turning to a post-Christian carnality.

Mankind does not improve, even in an affluent situation. This has been proven time and time again. No more so than in America. Until mankind recognises that we are sinners, needing salvation, there is not much hope for us.

The Bible says that all have sinned. It has also told us of the means of salvation- of making us right with God. The Lamb of God provided the means. Since Jesus was sacrificed on the Cross, the need for sacrificial lambs, as in the Old Testament, required by the Jewish law, was done away with.

In fact all the O.T. law was fulfilled in Christ and therefore is not obligatory for Christians today. Some still try to be justified by the principals of the law, which is impossible. Because failing in one point of the law, is equal to failing in all the law.

(See e.g. Galatians, chapter 2, verses 15-21; 3, 10-14, and James 2,10).

To say that mankind is good at heart implies that God is a liar, and thereby bypasses the provision He has made to put things right! The Creed emphasises this. (See 1 John 1 8- 10). So again I ask, are we sinners? or, more to the point are we sinners made right with God. The means have been provided, have we accepted them?

In the church calendar, we have arrived at EASTER the time when we see that God came as a man for mankind, to provide a remedy for our sins. We need to acknowledge that we are sinners, before we can accept the remedy God has provided. If we say we are not sinners we make God a liar, and the truth is not in us says the apostle John in his epistles. Cp. 1 John 8-10. (The creed also says this)

John Dimond

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at 7.00pm

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to include wine tasting & nibbles

Raffle

Tickets from Miriam - 01386 792458

Craft Fair

Saturday, 2 May 2015

10.30 am – 3.00 pm

At

The Village Hall, Sands Lane, Inkberrow

Admission Free

(Refreshments available - proceeds to Alzheimer's Society)

For more details please phone

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