

Stock & Bradley **Chronicle** *May 2015* *Worcestershire*

VE Day 70th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday 10th May 2015.

3pm to 5pm.

Village Hall Bradley Green



MAY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1st	2nd	3rd 3 pm Service Baptist Chapel 6.30 pm Holy Communion Bradley Church
4th	5th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	6th 10.30 am Breakaway VH 12.30-12.45 Mobile Library Saddle Stones SG 7.45 pm Gardening Club VH	7th 7 am-10 pm Polling Station VH	8th	9th 10am-12noon Gardening Club Plant Sale VH	10th 10 am Walking Club meet at church Followed by lunch in VH 3-5 pm VE Day Celebrations VH
11th 9.30 am Art Class VH 6.15-7.15pm Puppy Training VH	12th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	13th 10 am-12 Drop in VH 7.30 pm Parish Council AGM VH 7.30 pm K&D WI K&D VH	14th Ascension Day 8 pm Group Eucharist Himbleton	15th	16th	17th 9.45 am Holy Communion Bradley Church 3 pm Communion Service Baptist Chapel
18th 9.30 am Art Class VH 6.15-7.15pm Puppy Training VH	19th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
25th	26th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH	27th 10 am-12 Drop in VH 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting	28th	29th	30th 100 Club Annual Draw VH	31st Trinity Sunday 10.30 am Group Eucharist Hanbury

EDITORIAL

My word! The end of March brought spring exploding with all the violence and energy too long restrained and then into April with glorious blue skies, gentle breezes and warm sunshine!

As I write this all I can see is yellow - was it like this last year and the years before that? Am I imagining this? Celandines and dandelion flowers are carpeting every spare bit of ground in gardens fields and hedgerows, daffodils are still bobbing their heads from every direction and rape is drifting over acres of fields falling over the horizon - even so many of the birds are yellow, - the yellow hammer, the yellow wagtail and those wonderful gold finches with their red caps. Along the commons gorse has been in flower alongside the primroses and cowslips. Not to mention the yellow butterflies and the bees returning to their hives covered in yellow pollen from the oak flowers, the male catkins of willows and hazel.... and then will come along the buttercups! So surely, the colour of spring just has to be yellow.

Enjoy this wonderful countryside we live in

Ed

Easter Lilies were given in memory of Tom Bather Ron Clarke
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Dallaway Will Dyer Charles Hart Phylis & Jack Hart The Inett
Family Margaret & Norman Johnson Annie Lowe Kathleen Owen
Stanley Parton Winifred Purbrick Edna Ridding Tony Warren
Doris & Bill Wheeler.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much all those who donated to the village in Tanzania. It was lovely to see you when you donated, or to return home and find a generous parcel under the carport. I, personally, was able to take 31 over-flowing banana boxes to Tricia, thanks to the gifts received, Again, thank you.

Jean Bird

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Church Services at Bradley Green

**May 4th 6.30 pm Holy Communion
Wyn Benyon**

**May 18th 9.45 am Holy Communion
Wyn Benyon G Crellin**



Dear Friends,

It's about 9.30pm and I get a message from my son to say he's watching the Liverpool vs Newcastle match on TV. I get another message from my goddaughter's brother. He's watching the same match. I'm in the UK. My son is in Sydney, OZ and my goddaughter's brother is in the United States. And we're chatting instantly.

I've just been looking at photos of my grandchildren cycling in the park this afternoon 90 miles away. An old friend is celebrating a birthday with a holiday in York. We now have photos from our friend's 60th birthday bash on Saturday. I hear from an old school friend that his dad has died.

Technology is wonderful. No ifs. No butts. No maybes. No "but we need to get back to talking face to face." Rubbish! The Internet has got me closer to my friends and family. Now I'm exchanging jokes in a 4 way conversation with my son on the other side of the world, a friend in Devon and Melissa somewhere else in the house. And no I'm not supposed to be working as I'm on holiday!

Technology is a godly business. The first chapter of Genesis commissions human beings to be the image of God: creating, making, trying new things. Of course it can be misused. But so can anything and everything.

None of us want to live in caves. If you think you do I guarantee you'll change your mind at the first twinge of toothache!

Let's embrace technology as part of God's wonderful cosmos and use it to get closer. Of course we guard against abuse. But technology's not the problem. The problem is people! One of my family got to know a young lad when working in Sierra Leone 20 years ago. They have access to mobiles phones, so despite Ebola, they can talk and be personally supportive - and send help directly. The more we become a global village, and the quicker we realise how close we can be, the better. Technology is the new democracy. I hope the new government understands that!

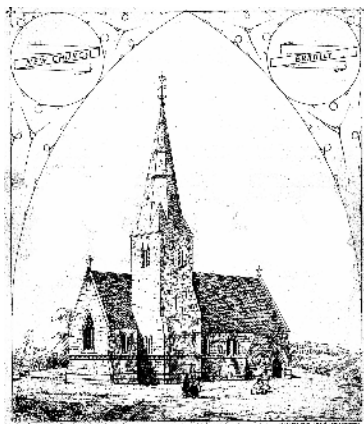
Best wishes, Wyn



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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.

SHINGLES.



Those of us who spend much time at the doctors should appreciate this! Could it be that more and more doctors are running their practices like an assembly line?

Kevin walked into a doctor's surgery and the receptionist asked him what he had. Kevin said: "Shingles". So she wrote down his name, address and told him to take a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's assistant came out and asked Kevin what he had. Kevin said, "Shingles". So she wrote down his height, weight, noted his medical history and told him to wait in the examination room.

Half an hour later a nurse came in and asked Kevin what he had. He replied "Shingles". So the nurse gave Kevin a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Kevin sitting patiently in the nude and asked Kevin what he had. Kevin replied "Shingles". The doctor asked "Where?"

Kevin said "Outside on the truck where do you want me to unload 'em?".

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Village Litter Pick – Saturday 21st March 2015

At 10 am, 14 plucky pickers and Chris with his trailer (the best turnout for years), set out from opposite ends of the village to “clean it up”, two and a half hours later and 25+ full bags later the job was done.

Afterwards several of the “volunteers” conducted a forensic examination of the rubbish to try and trace or identify the culprits, this proved to be unsuccessful, however, we did piece together a profile of the offenders which showed that they shop at Tesco, eat at McDonald's, drink Carling beer and smoke Marlboro cigarettes.

There was a dramatic and worrying increase in the consumption of Imperial Vodka, I also have to report there was a growth in disposable health drinks and Red Bull, should we contact these companies and ask for a donation or complementary tickets to a Formula 1 race?

I was also surprised at the number of cyclists who come through our village, they were all very cheerful and many thanked us for our efforts, we found a cycle rear wheel but none seemed to be pushing or sitting on their handlebars. I also think the litterers are getting a little more thoughtful, they are at starting to put all the rubbish back into bags and crunching up cans before throwing them out!

Very many thanks to all those who helped to keep our village clean and tidy – a good job very well done.

Roger the Clerk



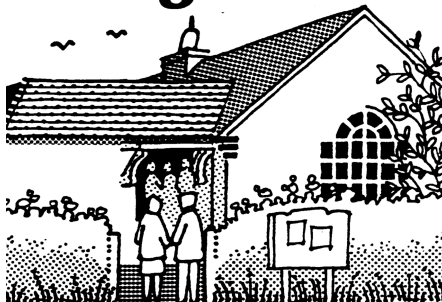
VILLAGE HALL bookings contact
Rachel Cresswell on 07854 483684

Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 8th April

For the following year the committee
will be chairman Mel Bates,
vice chairman Tom Manders
treasurer Stella Wallis
secretary Nikki Dean
caretaker Rachel Cresswell
and Jan Bates, Linda Smith and
Wendy Ralphs

Village Hall



STOCK AND BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The April Draw took place at Feckenham Garage on 13th April and the results are:-

1 st	£25	No. 31	Anne Richards	Drawn by Adam,
2 nd	£15	No. 90	Richard Hill	again " Adam and
3 rd	£10	No. 117	Thelma James	yes, again by Adam.

My congratulations to all the winners and many, many thanks to Adam.

This is the last draw before the Annual Draw and Supper on Saturday, the 30th May in the Village Hall and, with a break over the last 19 years when Ben and Nikki Neale catered for the Supper, the Village Hall Committee have now decided to do their own in house catering. Our thanks go to both Ben and Nikki, who have been so supportive over the last 19 years.

Membership and supper invitation forms should now be with you, and it is hoped that you will continue in your support to the Village Hall.

This is my last draw as promoter, I feel that after 13 years it's time for me to step down and do hope, whoever takes over, has as much fun as I have had.

I send my thanks to Feckenham Garage and Feckenham Community Shop and many others, who have helped me. Thank you.

Christian Forgaard

STOCK AND BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The annual 100 club draw and supper is to take place
on **Saturday 30th May 2015** in the Village Hall

The price of supper on the night is £10. Guests at £11.

There will be a licensed bar.

Contributions of puds/ desserts are requested.

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

FECKENHAM FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

16th - 17th May 2015

This much enjoyed triennial Festival (now in its 30th year) is taking place over the weekend of the 16th and 17th May 2015.

We hope to have approximately 30 gardens open to visitors. Many of our gardens are hidden and vary enormously in size and style. This variety creates a huge amount of interest and an element of surprise. There will also be a flower festival in the Church themed 'Reflections of village life'.

Located on The Square will be stands for: local nurseries selling plants, traditional and contemporary garden supplies, Feckenham Forest History Society and Churchfield's Farmhouse Ice Cream. There will be W.I. teas in the Village Hall and a pig roast/barbeque.

The Festival will be open between 12 noon and 6pm Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. Please follow signs for the Festival Car Park where there is ample free parking.

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Stock & Bradley Annual Parish meeting

Village Hall, Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 7.30pm

The Parish Council have been awarded £1,747 under the "New Homes Bonus Scheme" (NHBS).

The NHBS is a national initiative designed to ensure that the economic benefits of housing growth are returned to the councils and communities where that growth takes place. For every home occupied in Wychavon that was previously empty, the government gives us a New Homes Bonus grant.

Based on your views it has been agreed by the Parish Council to install two defibrillators in the village, one at Bradley Green Village Hall and one in the Phone Box in Stock Green, ensuring that no one should be more than 3 minutes away from a defibrillator. Training will be given to all who are interested when the defibrillators have been installed.

The Parish Council is always seeking your views on what would be helpful to the village over the next few years, your opinions are important and you are invited to join the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting.

On the agenda will be:

- Demonstration of a Defibrillator
- High speed broadband and the Village Hall as a hot spot
- Speeding in the village
- Parish web site
- Other issues raised by residents

If you can stand all this excitement there will be the usual "refreshments" to follow, please make a note in your diary.

If you cannot attend please send your ideas or comments to Roger the Clerk at roger@eema.org

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WALKING CLUB

Sunday 12th April 2015

Seven of us met at Crabbs Cross Island Car Park in Redditch for a 4 mile walk. We started along pathways around housing estates passing Tescos on the way (we did not stop for shopping).

We walked towards the Alexandra Hospital, turning off by the old railway line to go through Wire Hill and Rough Hill Woods, where there were lots of wood anemones and one or two bluebells were just starting to come out. It was a lovely sunny day, but a bit windy.

NEXT WALK:- 10th May. Our annual birthday lunch will be held on this day following the walk. Please bring a plate of food to share and leave at the village hall before the walk, which will start at 10am. Those members not walking meet up at 1pm at the hall.

Stella Wallis



Dog Walkers

I am sorry to say that I have received complaints from landowners concerning dog walkers who are not adhering to the public footpaths and are allowing their dogs to run loose within the fields. Could I take this opportunity to remind walkers that fields, just like gardens, are private land. There is no 'Open Access' land within the parish other than The Community Woodland where walkers and dogs are allowed complete freedom of access. The law actually states:- Dogs are considered a usual accompaniment for a walker on a public right of way, however deviation from the line of the path is trespass against the landowner. There is no law saying that a dog must be kept on a lead but it must be kept under close control.

I am sure that no-one has purposely disregarded this law and I hope that this has made the situation clear. If anyone would like further information regarding this subject please feel free to contact me or bring it up at the Parish Meeting.

Thank you, Marg Fish (Parish Paths Warden)

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STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

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

Our meeting on Wednesday 6th May is a talk by Caroline Tait who will tell us about the past, present and future of 'The Garden at Coton Manor' in Northamptonshire, where she is garden manager. Caroline is an enthusiastic gardener and will show us all aspects of the garden and her work there.

The theme for the members' monthly competition is 'Blossom'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. Every entry will win a point, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded additional points. The member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the AGM in December.



ANNUAL PLANT SALE - 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 a specialist local nursery 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 be 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.



COACH VISIT TO TWO HEREFORDSHIRE GARDENS - Wednesday 10th June 2015

We will visit Westonbury Mill Water Garden in Pembridge and then pay a return visit to Stockton Bury Gardens near Leominster. Pre-booking and payment is essential, and can be made at the meeting on May 6th to ensure a place. Anyone who has booked and not yet paid should also make payment at that meeting, please.

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 Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.

Kington with Dormston WI

WI – Inspiring Women

April Meeting

Linda Robinson, District Councillor for the Upton Snodsbury Ward, was the speaker for the evening. Linda was careful to avoid party politics and concentrated on informing members of the work of those who volunteer to represent the community in local government.

Linda spoke of the gradual growth in confidence in public speaking from initially finding a microphone quite daunting. Her warm and compassionate concern for others came across clearly as she told of her experiences.

Tales of some of the ceremonial occasions and the pageantry involved demonstrated a distinctive and unusual aspect to her work.

In contrast she spoke too of the importance of training and the expertise needed to draw the diverse areas of Wychavon to implement a common planning strategy.

Her latest ventures involve travelling to Brussels to participate in discussions with representatives from the regions before the EEC implements changes.

The WI is known for the strength of its' collective voice. Many members undertake voluntary activities. This was an evening to learn about the importance of those women who volunteer in the sphere of local government decision-making.

Future meetings:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th April at Kington and Dormston Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting with discussion of NFAGM Resolutions. Members are reminded to support the Trading Stall.

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The Editor

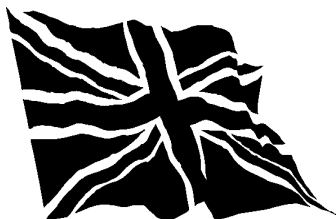
Mrs Janet Cresswell, 'Bizzl Bee', Bradley Green, Redditch B966RW
or Treasurer

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A Big Thank You

Since last recording our thanks, donations have been received from (2014) C Hart, G and J Hickin, M Ayliffe, B and C Newton, (2015) D Dyer, R & L Drew, P Fletcher, J Morgan, J Bird, Breakaway, J & S Wallis, J & L Hemming, K Farmiloe, L Smith, M Walker, D Bolton, Stock Green Baptist Chapel, J Terry.

Your support is very much appreciated.



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.

Flags were flown by Marg Fish in April as follows:-

1st April - Breakaway (Flag flown by Sue Fletcher for Marg)

27th April - Mollie Farmiloe's birthday

30th April - Smiley flag for Roger & Nikki Dean's new twin grandsons home after 4 months in intensive care.

May flags:

6th - Breakaway (Talk by Rob Cole, Fostering a Worcs.Wildlife garden)

7th - Gordon Farmiloe's birthday

10th May Union Flag for VE Day celebrations

Wendy & Paul Elvins are the flag officers for May (tel.01527 821628)

My thanks to the flag officers. Very much appreciated.

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10th The Buffalo Gals Stampede

Country Music and Dance
Village Hall - 7.30pm

14th FECKENHAM WI AGM

Village Hall - 7.30pm.

16th & 17th

FLOWER & GARDEN

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Children's page

By R Cresswell

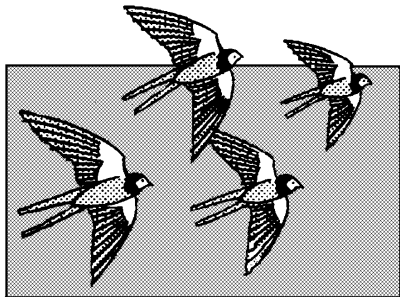
May 1st is May Day in the United Kingdom, however the public holiday is held on the first Monday in May. It is an ancient spring festival. Dancing and singing are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes. May Day is most associated with towns and villages celebrating springtime with village fetes and community gatherings. The most significant of the traditions is the maypole, around which traditional dancers circle with ribbons.

The United Kingdom general election of 2015 will be held on 7 May, to elect the 56th Parliament of the United Kingdom. In UK general elections, voting takes place in all parliamentary constituencies of the United Kingdom to elect Members of Parliament (MPs) to seats in the House of Commons, the lower house of the Parliament. There are local

elections scheduled to take place on the same day across most of England.

Each year in May, the Eurovision Song Contest is held. The 2015 Eurovision Song Contest will be held in the capital of Austria, Vienna. It is the second time in history the city hosts the contest. The right for hosting the contest came when Austria won the competition last year. The contest will consist of two semi-finals, which will take place on 19 and 21 May, and a final, held on 23 May 2015. Forty countries will participate in the contest. The UK Eurovision Entry is 'Electro Velvet' singing 'Still In Love With You'.

The May birth flower is the Lily of the Valley. May's birthstone is the emerald which is emblematic of love and success. The zodiac signs for the month of May are Taurus (until May 20) and Gemini (May 21 onwards).



BREAKAWAY

1st April

Our speaker was Mr Ron Gallivan about Women at War in World War II.

What a history lesson that was! I was a "war baby" and never knew what a huge contribution was made by the "fairer sex"!

When war broke out in 1939 the government decided that they could not rely on volunteers and so they set up 4 departments in order to conscript men and women.

These departments were :-

1) Emergency Powers 1939 - to deal with agriculture and factories, 2) Ministry of Food, 3) Ministry of Supply, 4) Ministry of Labour and National Service

Women were mobilised and went into all areas of work i.e. Nursing, women's Services (ATS, WRNS, WAAF), ARP, WVS, Fire Service, Land Army, Munitions, and Air Transport Auxiliary.

There was control of employment by the National Registration Act - everyone registered and had an Identity Card as this was the only way to get a ration book.

By 1940 women were asking for equal wages, bomb proof shelters, permission to leave machines during raids, washing and sleeping facilities, equal injury compensation, shorter shifts, and better child minding facilities.

By 1941 the conscription age was reduced to 18 years and even more women were needed to replace the men. They were divided into 3 groups:-

1) Reserved Occupations e.g. War work, Farming, Food Production, Civil Service - these could not be moved away.

2) Mobile Women - these were women without ties and could be sent anywhere e.g. ATS, Land Army, Munitions, Armaments, Ship

Yards, plus they were expected to do voluntary work. One of our members stated that her mother was sent to Redditch to work at the HDA - there was no appeal system.

3) Immobile Women - these were, Landladies, Dealing with Evacuees, Pregnant Mothers, Digging for Victory, Child Minding, Servicemen's Wives, Married Women under 50.

The factories were in use 24/7 and the shifts were 10- 12 hours per day 7 days a week. Part time was 30 hours.p.w.

From 1942 women were in the Civil Defence . They were also fire watching and ambulance driving.

In 1944 Tax and P.A.Y.E was introduced. The average woman's wage was £3.50 p.w. = £182 p.a. out of this they paid £40p.a tax.

In 1945 the war in Europe ended and a huge adjustment had to be made by men and women. The men often came back, wounded and traumatised. The women were expected to give up their independence and new skills so that the returning soldiers were guaranteed jobs. This led to big changes in Trade Unions and in the Government. Great Britain was changed for ever.

The vote of thanks was given by Stella Wallis.

Future Dates

6th May 2015

Fostering a Worcestershire wildlife garden by Rob Cole.

This will be an "open" meeting. Please bring a friend.

If possible please bring money or cheques to pay for outing and lunch.

3rd June 2015

Outing to Slimbridge. Cost £25. Leaving Bradley Green at 9.30a.m.

Disability facilities are available at Slimbridge, can be booked in advance.

Contact Judy Brevitt 0781 4367276 or Doreen Houghton 01527 892337 for details.

1st July 2015

AGM and Summer Lunch at 11.30a.m.

Contact Pam Fletcher 01527 821502 for details.

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Wychavon - Election of Parish Councillors

Duly elected Parish Councillors for Stock and Bradley.

Name of Candidate	Home Address
BATES Mel	White Cottage, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6SZ
BURDETT Chris	Rush Farm, Stockwood, Redditch, B96 6SX
HADLEY Michael Edmond	Round Hill, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, Worcs, B96 6TB
LANGHAM Paul	Pilgrims Way, Church Road, Bradley Green, Nr Redditch, B96 6SN
SMITH Linda June	Cider Mill House, Cider Mill Lane, Bradley Green, Worcs, B96 6TH
WALLIS Stella Doreen	Netherwood, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, Worcs, B96 6TB
WARREN Pauline Margaret	Rambling Rose, Church Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, Worcs, B96 6RW

Dated Thursday 9 April 2015

C J Hegarty Returning Officer

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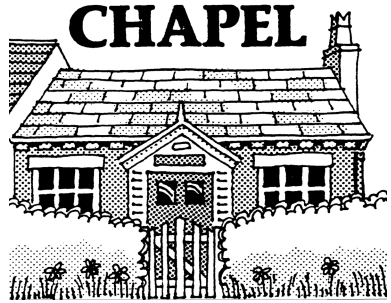
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THOUGHT THEFT

Theft and stealing are rampant, not only in the British Isles but across the whole world.

I remember the time, 60 odd years ago, when we could go across the fields to check the cattle or to pick blackberries and not worry about leaving the windows open or even locking the door! Within that 60 + years that we have lived in Flyford Flavell, morals, vandalism and stealing have worsened beyond imagining.



Just up the road from us, a couple have had their house broken into and money stolen. Some time later they had their fuel oil taken just after delivery! Even our daughter in Bromyard had her tank emptied. They have since built a shed round it, which they can lock up. Then there are farmers who not only have had their tractor fuel stolen but have had their tractors taken as well.

Then there is copper cabling and other metals stolen off railways causing disruption. Many church roofs have been depleted of their lead also, I could go on, but enough said! Alarm systems have been fitted at huge expense, but with little effect in many cases!

In my youth I was taught bible principles which guided me into the right paths for life.

A verse I have stood by and valued all my life is Proverbs chapter 3 verse 6 : "In all your ways acknowledge God and He will direct your paths". How many acknowledge Him these days? Not only do we ignore or even reject Him as creator but, we reject His guidelines for life. One of the 10 commandments found in Exodus 20 verse 15 says "You should not steal".

John Dimond

STOCK GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL

All are welcome at the following services: at

May 3 3.00pm Service conducted by Rev. Martin Mills

" 17 " Communion Service conducted by Rev. Peter Cook.



News from Stock & Bradley Parish Council **VE Day 70th Anniversary Celebrations**



Sunday 10th May 2015, 3pm to 5pm, Village Hall Bradley Green

"Britain has a great tradition of communities coming together to celebrate national events by throwing a street party. Thousands of people across the country took part in street parties for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The forthcoming 70th anniversary of VE Day marks another momentous occasion in our nation's history. We want people to take to the streets, as they did in 1945, and celebrate with a party."

Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Well we are not exactly planning to take to the streets but we are planning the next best thing - a "party" in the Village hall – just drop in for a chat with tea, cakes, cucumber sandwiches and Pimms, with the compliments of the Parish Council.

If people would like to bring along any war time memorabilia to display that would be terrific, and if any of the other groups in the village would like to have a table to display or sell things that would also be great and we will probably have a rolling video of VE day itself.

We are also negotiating with the RAF to arrange for a Wellington bomber to fly over around 4pm.

For more information or to volunteer to help please contact "Roger the Clerk" at roger@eema.org or Midsummer House, Earls Common Road, Stock Green.

A Tribute

- Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad, whose sacrifice enables us to enjoy the peace we have today.
- Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.
- Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.
- Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.
- Let us remember the servicemen and women of other nationalities and faiths - from Commonwealth and Allied countries - who fought, suffered and died during six years of war.
- Let us remember those in reserved occupations and the brave people who kept us safe on the home front – the doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, those who worked in the factories and the air-raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war effort at home.