

# The Parish Magazine

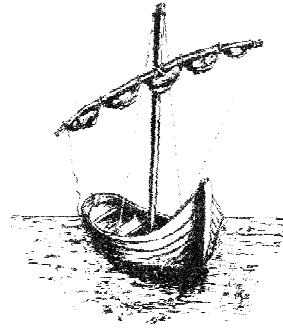
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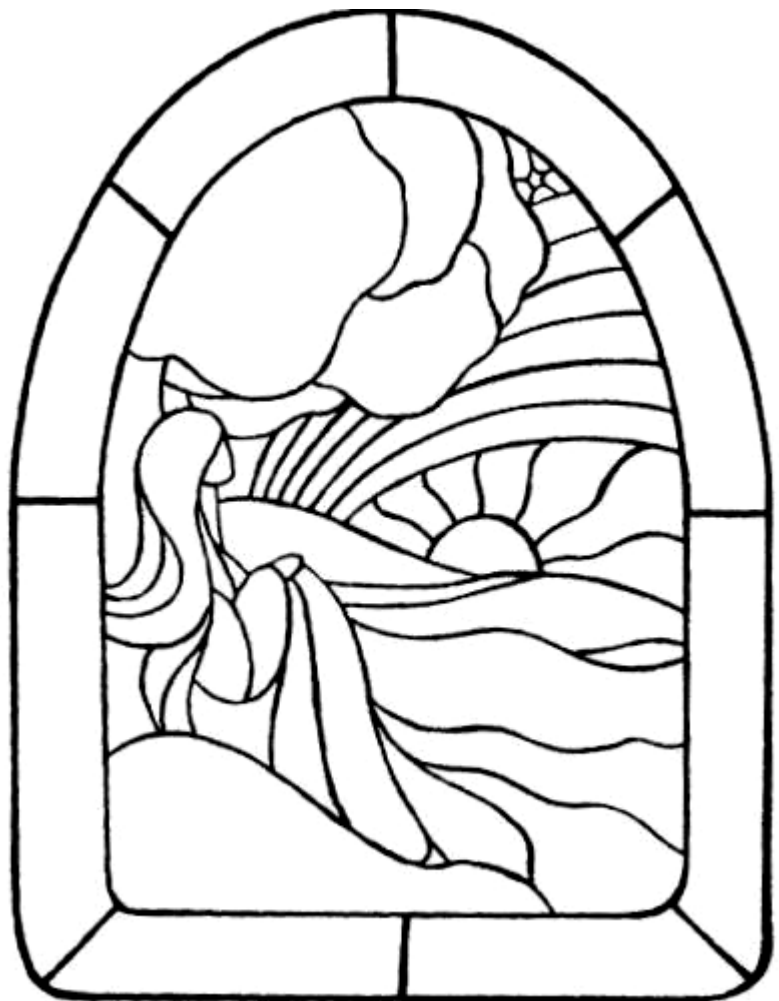
August 2011

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*“A setting sun still  
whispers a promise  
for tomorrow.”*

*Jeb Dickerson*



**Schedule of Services**  
**The Parish of Overbury with Teddington, Alstone and Little Washbourne,**  
**with Beckford and Ashton under Hill**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Ashton</b>	<b>Beckford</b>	<b>Overbury</b>	<b>Alstone</b>	<b>Teddington</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>6.00 pm</b> Evening Prayer <i>J Dodge</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> BCP HC <i>C Parr</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> Family Service <i>C Parr</i>		<b>9.30 am</b> CW HC <i>C Parr</i>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>9.30 am</b> CW HC <i>C Turpin</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> BCP HC <i>C Turpin</i> <b>6.00 pm</b> Evening Worship <i>Lay Team</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> Morning Prayer <i>R Palmer</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> CW HC <i>C Turpin</i>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>11.00 am</b> Family Service <i>J Dodge</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> CW HC <i>C Parr</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> BCP HC <i>C Parr</i>		<b>6.00 pm</b> Evening Prayer <i>D Oxley</i>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>10.00 am</b> Annual United Parish Communion Service at St Mary's, Little Washbourne <i>S Renshaw</i>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>6.00 pm</b> Evening Prayer <i>J Dodge</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> BCP HC <i>C Parr</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> Family Service <i>C Parr</i>		<b>9.30 am</b> CW HC <i>C Parr</i>

**BCP** Book of Common Prayer      **CW** Book of Common Worship  
**HC** Holy Communion      **MP** Morning Prayer      **EP** Evening Prayer

**Morning Prayers** will be said:

at 8.30 am on Tuesday at Teddington, Thursday at Alstone,  
at 9.00 am on first & third Fridays, and 8.30 am on second, fourth, & fifth at Ashton.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at 10.00 am on Wednesday in St Faith's Church, Overbury.

**Clergy**

Canon Matthew Baynes  
Revd Clive Parr

Revd Terry Henderson      Revd Susan Renshaw  
Revd Christine Turpin, Assistant Curate

**Readers**

Captain Dennis Oxley, Church Army  
Roger Palmer

John Dodge  
Kalantha Brewis

**Celebrating an important birthday...  
in the Bredon Hill Group**

**An Exhibition to celebrate 400 years since the first  
publication of the King James Bible.**

**St. Giles, Bredon Saturday 10th September 10 am-6pm  
and Sunday 11th September 2.30 pm—5.00pm**



The King James Bible has been described as “The noblest monument to English Prose” - but why is this marked out as being so significant, why are we celebrating the 400th anniversary of its publication, and what makes the text so special that it is deserving of all the praise heaped upon it?

Winston Churchill described it as a ‘masterpiece of the English language and even the actor Charlton Heston who read it from cover to cover in preparation for his famous role as Moses, described it as ‘an enormous force in the development of the English language.’

Although the KJV is not the translation of the bible which we use most often these days in our churches, it remains one of the biblical translations ‘authorized for use’ in Church of England services. .More importantly though, we have to acknowledge that its influence has had a profound effect on our church, nation and language.

In 1604 King James summoned the greatest churchmen of that era and set them the task of producing a new translation of the bible that would help to unite the church, as well as reinforce his own position of ‘divinely appointed monarch.” The scholars set to work and during the course of the next seven years and while using much of the scholarship from previous translations, produced what we now call the KJV. Their words are ingrained in our collective mind. The linguist David Crystal has recently assessed the text and found that 257 phrases come to us from the KJV and are used in our speech, including such phrases such as: "to set one's teeth on edge", "by the skin of one's teeth", "the land of the living" and "from strength to strength". For three hundred years this was the only bible that was heard in our churches and for many people it was the only book kept in their home.

So what are we celebrating? We are celebrating a body of writing which has been moulded and shaped through history to speak to different audiences and situations. The KJV has stood the test of time; it is the translation which was spread across the globe and which has become ingrained in our mindset. It is still the translation used in a large number of churches and many of its passages have been set to music by composers ranging from Handel to John Rutter. It is, as one person described it, a ‘translation that speaks to us all, even when we least expect it.’

So the King James Bible is not just a monument, not just a piece of prose, but a living and breathing organism, which continues to speak to us even as we listen some 400 years after the very first drop of ink was imprinted on the very first page.

Our exhibition in Bredon will, we hope will also be a ‘living thing’ and one that you will join us in creating. Bredon extends and invitation to all the churches around Bredon Hill to join in this celebration.

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As well as the information boards which we will be borrowing from our Cathedral's own exhibition we invite you to bring along a bible, of any translation, which has in some way, or for some reason been an influence on you.

We hope to see old family bibles, children's versions, pocket versions or what ever you have on your shelves that you may think could be of interest. We would also like you to write a couple of hundred words about the bible, and if you wish, why it is special to you. In this way we hope to show that not only is the bible something which we have on our shelves but a text which helps shape and guide our lives.

If you would like more information about how you might take part have a word with me, or email me or Helen ([helen.parishoffice@toucansurf.com](mailto:helen.parishoffice@toucansurf.com)) and we will give you more details. Let us make this a real opportunity to celebrate the bible and all means to us.

The celebration will conclude with a Book of Common Prayer Choral evensong at St. Giles at 6pm on the Sunday evening. If you would like to sing in the augmented choir contact Viv Ebbage 01684 773549

*Matthew Baynes*



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The Curate, Rev'd Christine Turpin can be contacted on 01386 882263, or email [c.turpin@mac.com](mailto:c.turpin@mac.com)



### MORE 2011 Dates for your Diary ...

The following events will be taking place in and around Bredon Hill during August/ September 2011:

1st August	Parish Walk Kemerton 7pm	War Memorial Kemerton
2nd August	The RNLI Coffee Morning	The Old Rectory
Bredon		
8th August	Parish Walk Dumbleton 7pm	Dumbleton Hotel
15th August	Parish Walk Bredon's Norton 7pm	BN Village Hall
17th September	"Elmley Night Out" (Abba tribute special & 70's evening)	Elmley Castle Village Hall

Please check out our online diary too at [www.bredonvillage.com/](http://www.bredonvillage.com/) and click on "Diary". You can also find out more detail for each entry.

For contact details re events and if you have any dates you wish to be included, please email or call Joan Needham on 01684 772689 [jneedham@toucansurf.com](mailto:jneedham@toucansurf.com)



## The Curate Cogitates

*Revd. Christine Turpin, Assistant Curate to the Bredon Hill Group of Parishes*

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12.6.11 Following months of hard work and dry weather, Ashton under Hill was awash today. Sadly it was the second day of 'Open Gardens' here. Only having reached the half way mark last year, (the champagne and strawberries to be exact), I started at the opposite end of the village this year. I am sure the gardens were even more beautiful in the sunshine, but they had a special loveliness in the rain. It's good to be reminded that in life, we can never be in total control of how things turn out, no matter how much we prepare. We are dependant /interdependent on/with other people and things outside of our control. We can never be totally independent, and neither, I believe, were we meant to be. Its in the interrelating that we learn about ourselves, and our world. We become more fully ourselves.

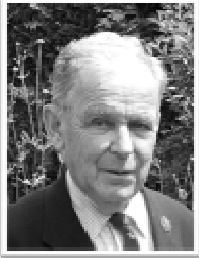
23.6.11 'Preaching is an event.' This is a line that stays with me from today's Diocesan Clergy teaching morning on sermons and preaching (Sam Wells). This and the rest of the morning left me much to cogitate. It was both challenging and inspiring.

26.6.11 Two weeks following the flood at Ashton, today it was heat++ at the Bredon with Bredon's Norton flower festival and open gardens. Personally I survived the gardens better in the rain than the heat, but that's just the peculiar way I am made. The Churches were actually just right – cool and scented with the flowers, which of course were lovely to look at too. I am always in awe of those who create such amazing and imaginative displays.

29.6.11 'Happy birthday dear Church' we sang in Bredon First School's assembly today. Two weeks late really, but we did have the Pentecost birthday cake. The bit they loved the most was the candles that did not blow out!!  
Whether they remember the message is another thing. However, at least they are more likely to remember something that engaged them I suppose.  
nb message = nearly 2000 years on, the light of the Church, helped by the Holy Spirit, has not been put out. Surely worth celebrating with cake, and a bit of fun?

2 and 4.7.11 Attending two services for The Ordination to Priesthood this year, (in Worcester and Harrogate), has been a wonderful and moving time for me. It takes me back to my own Ordination only twelve months ago and makes me realise again, what an undertaking it was and is. And also, what a privilege it is. I reflect on where I have come from and where I have yet to go. (For we have never arrived.) Alongside my friends, who are just beginning this chapter of Ministry, I am aware of our fragility. Our weaknesses. Our need of prayer. The service notes that we can not bear the weight of this calling in our own strength. (This is surely true of all vocations faithfully and fully lived.) We need to pray for each other and, as the Bishop states in the service 'to pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit'. That those candles, that light started nearly 2000 years ago, may shine on, for this generation and the next.

*Christine Turpin*



## News and Musings from

### St. Nicholas Cottage

#### **In Memory of Mr Keith Atkin**

Keith Atkin was born in Finchley on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1945. His father came from Yorkshire but his mother from the West of Eire. Keith went to Finchley Roman Catholic Grammar School. He wanted to go to school with his friends from the First School he attended who went to a State school! I presume it was considered 'a good school' for, in those days, some parents who were not Roman Catholics sought to get their children into such schools, even if they thought they were being indoctrinated by the Roman Catholic teaching and practices which they did not hold. However, Keith did not thrive there so, for his A level studies, he went to Ealing Technical College where more radical teaching, dress code and behaviour prevailed. In this atmosphere, Keith shone and worked hard.

In 1965 he trained as a Naval Officer at Dartmouth Naval college and, eighteen years later, he retired as a Lieutenant Commander who had made a very special contribution to the Nation and the World as a helicopter pilot who was one of the few who were involved in the development of low flying by night using night vision goggles and equipment which enabled a pilot to fly low without being able to see anything outside the helicopter. Following Keith's death, a message came from the United States from Jim Keane. In the 1980's Keith went to the U.S and stayed with him on the pioneering Helicopter Night Vision H-53 scheme. He wrote "our flights together were memorable. Flying blind except for a little TV screen with an infra-red picture of the outside terrain at 75 feet above the ground and 120 knots air speed was exciting!! I will miss him and always remember your Dad with fondness".

I suppose that the return to civilian life must have been very hum-drum. Life at Smith's may have begun with his arriving by helicopter but it ended with his being made redundant. Flawlessly controlling the fireworks at the Annual Bonfire night at Alstone was something he enjoyed but bureaucratic regulations and high costs terminated that.

Keith kept the Church and religion at arm's length but sometimes said things which made one think there was a reaching out towards God. I remember a conversation we had following a humanist funeral we had both attended. Without any prompting or questioning from me, he said that he thought there was something lacking in a humanist funeral. Of course, he knew I would agree with that. But he was never a man to say the right thing if he did not believe it for he enjoyed being controversial. He wanted a funeral in Church and a burial in the Churchyard. Was that his way of reaching out to the God whose Church, whose followers and adherents were, to put it mildly, a bit disappointing? I suppose the correct answer to that question is God alone knows - but I certainly hope so. The question makes us think and that is never a bad thing.

We salute his widow, Rosie who, despite her own health, looked after him with grit and determination to the end.

#### **In Memory to Mr James Whiting**

A number of the older residents who have spent most of their lives in Beckford will remember Jim Whiting as the son of the village policeman who lived at the heart of the community. Many more people will remember him as the man who married Dawley (known to many as Dora) who made a family home in Western Hill Road and, of recent years, moved to a bungalow in Blacksmith's Lane. The last few years of his life were dogged by poor health. During that time he had to go into hospital a few times and, earlier this year, he went to Tewkesbury Nursing Home for a couple of weeks so that Dora could visit her family in Switzerland. He hated being in hospital or in a nursing home. Dora gave him everything he wanted and as long as he could make his way to The Beckford Hotel and meet his friends, life was worth living.

Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel was full for his funeral. He wanted it to be a Humanist Funeral and so the family complied with his wishes. I sometimes wonder whether God is more pleased with the honesty that wants a non-religious or humanist funeral and finds it more acceptable than a religious ceremony without any faith in God. One thing I am absolutely sure of is that the Dora's of this world are a challenge and inspiration to us all.

## In Memory of Mr Joseph Frank Jeffery (Jeff)

Jeff was born in Poplar 'The Isle of Dogs' and played cricket and football in the local streets. Evacuation during the War brought him to Chipping Campden and when he was 16 he exaggerated his age and saw active service in the Tank Corps in Europe. After the War, he went back to his family who had moved to Beckenham in Kent and he worked as a tally clerk in the docks. It was at a dance in Beckenham that he met Dot and in 1949 they were married. Kevin, Stephen and Glen were born. Jeff and Dot started a new venture as newsagents in Romford, ran two more businesses and ending in Evesham with "Best Wishes". They retired in 1987 and their hopes of travelling were soon cut off by Jeff being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

With the help of carers and medical staff, Dot cared for Jeff for over 20 years. He was a wonderful patient and she was a most diligent and loving carer. I recall visiting him in Tewkesbury Hospital. He was tucked up in bed, having a quiet rest. As I approached him I wondered whether I had called when sleep was more important than a visitor. He was awake and after briefly talking about his health, he told me about the book he was reading. It was on his bed-table and he introduced me to it. People tend to have light reading when they are in hospital - but not Jeff! I forget what the book was about but I think it was something on engineering or science or the wonder of the natural world and it contained contributions by a number of experts in their field of study. It was beautifully illustrated and a scholarly, sizeable book. He was so gracious and unassuming and he was determined that his illness should not rob him of the quality things of life. Dot had the same determination and, thanks to her, he was able to enjoy the things that are good, lovely, of good report literally to his dying day.

In the passage about Jesus the Good Shepherd in John ch. 10, we are told "The thief comes to kill and destroy". There is plenty of evidence of that in the world today but Jesus said "I am come that you may have life in all its fullness". He gave his life for the sheep. How blessed are those who share His commitment and know and show His Life.

*Dennis Oxley*

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## JUDITH CAROLINE MILLER (nee Lodge) 1959-2011

Judith Miller, the middle daughter of John and Margaret Lodge, of Beckford Close, died on July 11th from cancer after a very short illness.

Judith came to Beckford, with her parents and two sisters, Susan and Sally in 1964, aged 5. With Susan she attended Beckford C.of E. School until its closure, then went on to Ashton-under-Hill C.P.School, then to Evesham High School where she was Deputy Head Girl in the 6th Form. Judith was in the Beckford Church choir, along with her sisters, also helping Ann Hay with the Sunday School, which was running at the time. She was a member of the Brownies in Bredon, and later joined the local Young Farmers' group.

From Evesham she read History and Economics at Swansea University. A varied career followed, including Insurance, Retail Management with C.&A., where she met Rob. They married in Beckford Church, in 1991, and have a daughter and a son. During the last few years she lectured in Business Studies at St. Brendan's 6th Form College in Bristol and was also Student Support Manager.

Judith will be missed so much by all her family and friends.

*J. & M. Lodge*

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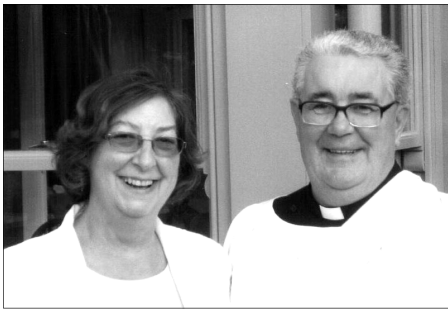
Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank everyone in the Beckford Group Parish who sent cards and e-mails offering prayers and good wishes for my ordination as a deacon last Sunday evening. It was especially nice to receive a card signed by so many old friends it brought back memories of all those Sundays around the hill from 8 O'clock then onto 9.30 and sometimes 11 as well and Evensong at 6 PM.

All went very well though it was extremely hot and because there were insufficient seats in Grimsby Minster; well over 100 people had to stand. It will be a while before I am allowed to conduct weddings but I have my first baptism on 6 August so hopefully there will not be any headlines in the local paper about babies drowned in fonts.

I was also delighted to see in the Parish Magazine mention of my old friend Trevor Roberts he was truly a Christian gentleman, a man of many talents and it was a great privilege to work with him for so many years in the Chapelries.

Again many thanks for all your support and if you are coming Lincoln way do call in at Bardney.



Yours very sincerely,,

*Harry Jeffery*

*The serene philosophy of the pink rose is steady.*

*Its fragrant, delicate petals open fully and are ready to fall, with regret or disillusion, after only a day in the sun.*

*It is so every summer.*

*One can almost hear their pink, fragrant murmur as they settle down upon the grass: "Summer, summer, it will always be summer."*

*Rachel Peden*



You are warmly invited to join us for

**Evening Worship on Sunday 14th August, 6pm at Beckford Church.**



We will be celebrating a special Eucharist thinking about Pilgrimage. Do come and help us reflect upon all that it means to be a pilgrim; thinking particularly at this service of our friends across The Bredon Hill Group who will soon be undertaking their own pilgrimage to the beautiful Island of Iona.

Refreshments available after the service.

## AN EVENING FOR JOHN

Come to Beckford Church at 7pm on Tuesday 9th August to enjoy an evening of music in aid of the Stroke Association.

Organized by his daughter Susan, in memory of John Chambers who was Beckford-born and bred, the concert will feature a string quartet, flute and piano and also a classical guitarist. Susan played at the Beckford concert in May and it will be a delight to welcome her back on this occasion. Once again she will be joined by Rebecca Hughes whose lovely voice added so much to the enjoyment of the earlier concert.

Tickets cost £5 and will be available at the door. There will be refreshments and also a raffle will be held.



## TEDDINGTON FAMOUS IN RUSSIA

Jacque Binns' resplendent altar frontal for St Nicholas, Teddington, is featured in the June issue of FOMA (i.e. Thomas), a Russian Orthodox Journal for Doubters, where it illustrates an article by SERGEJ KHUDIEV on "The Holy Spirit. How and Why It Abides with Christians".

The caption is "The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. A woven altar cover of the church of St Nicholas, Teddington, Gloster, England. The maker is DZHEKI BINZ".

The article deals with the Holy Ghost as a "person", acting to confront doubt and materialism through the collective decisions of the Apostolic Orthodox Church. It has many scriptural citations but also quotes C.S.Lewis's Narnia books and Bertrand Russell; and it makes great play with the notion of teaching cats to understand astrophysics.

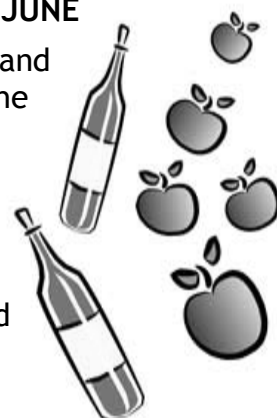
The second illustration to the article is from the painted dome ceiling of the Vatican St Peter's, so Jacque Binns and Teddington are in very distinguished company.

## REPORT OF CIDER EVENING HELD AT ASHBEE ON SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The "Zyder Zupping" evening, with bait, proved a great success and Jen and Colin would like to thank friends, locals and family for the support they gave.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the golden nectar (some diluted with lemonade!) with the tasty cheese, pickles and bread. It was even suggested that this might become an annual event!

The proceeds of £225 was donated between the Meningitis Trust and Asthma UK.



Number	Prize	Winner
79	£50.00	Melanie Carrington
41	£30.00	Nick Bentley
138	£20.00	Barbara Emes
25	£20.00	Joan Perkins
46	£15.00	Libby Hopkins
15	£15.00	Les Morris
39	£10.00	George Carr

### Teddington & Alstone Village Hall Lucky Numbers Club

The Winners of the second 2011 Lucky Numbers Draw held on June 20th at the Village Hall Committee Meeting.

## Ashton Open Gardens 2011

We would like to say a very big thank you to all who were involved in the organisation of the Ashton Open Gardens weekend, and to all those from the parish and beyond who came and supported the event.



We entertained just under 800 visitors during the weekend; the attendance on Saturday was close to a record figure for that day. Although visitors numbers were down by just over 25% on last year, which is not surprising as it rained from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm on the Sunday, the financial result is excellent in the circumstances, less than £200 below last year. The amount distributed to village organisations is £5,720.

We received many compliments on the quality and variety of our gardens, the warmth and friendliness of the welcome, refreshments, the exhibition and displays and the overall organisation of the event. As in previous years, visitors came from far and wide - Australia, USA from Texas to Connecticut, France, Germany, Holland, Norway and across the UK.

The planning process is already under way for Open Gardens 2012. I would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to play a part in planning and organising the event or have any thoughts or suggestions for next year.

Ashton under Hill Open Gardens 2012 Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June - please put the dates in your diary now!

*John Dodge, Chairman, Ashton Open Gardens Committee*

## Ploughman's and Pud Lunch for Mzamomhle on Sunday 17th July

Grateful thanks are due to all who helped with food, serving, stalls, etc., and those who came to the lunch to raise funds for the CATCH Project in Mzamomhle, South Africa. During the Family Service in St Barbara's beforehand, Canon Matthew Baynes talked about the project which he visited in January this year and showed pictures. These brought home to everyone what great work is being done by Sue Davies and her dedicated team, and what can be achieved by the donations we send.

The preliminary result from the Ploughman's and Pud Lunch at The Old Farmhouse, Ashton, is over £500; final figure to come. The Parish target this year is £1000 for the refurbishment of the kitchen, to combat the spread of infection, especially TB.

## Overbury Street Market

Another very successful annual event which raised a record £4126 in two hours of hectic trading. Fortunately the weather just held until everything had been cleared away by 1.30, when the heavens opened.

Ben's bacon butties welcomed visitors as usual, who then enjoyed a wide selection of stalls and entertainment, the music this year being provided by Mike and Pat Ledbury dressed in period costume and playing traditional music. A huge thank you to all those who were involved and to all those who gave so generously to the stalls and those who came to support our event.

Applications from within the Parish for donations from the proceeds should be made in writing before the end of August.

**Next year's market will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. See you there!**

## Beckford WI Leads The Way!

A hands-on interactive Technology Festival is to be held at Beckford Village Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 11am.

During the day you can see and try the latest gadgets, find out how to get online, use Skype, play WiiFit and see a whole host of other exciting things such as live filming with college students. Listen to experts on topics such as Technology and your Toddler, Hi-Tech Treasure Hunting for families and Free Software. The travelling Comput@bus with its eight connected laptops will be on site.

The event is for everyone, from absolute beginners to the more experienced. Admission is £2, or £1 for WI Members, free for accompanied under twelves.

Beckford WI ladies are providing the refreshments till 4.30, so do drop in!



## Kemerton Conservation Trust

Annual Open Day at Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve

**Saturday 3rd September between 11am - 3pm**

There will be guided walks, information stands, refreshments, a raffle and a fun nature quiz for kids.

Why not come along and enjoy the flora and fauna our beautiful reserve has to offer? Entry is £1 per person (under 5s and Friends of KCT free).

For more details about the day, please visit the News & Events pages of our website [www.kemerton.org](http://www.kemerton.org)

or contact our support coordinator

Kate Aubury on 07765 334776 or by email at [kate@aubury.co.uk](mailto:kate@aubury.co.uk)



Two Ashton under Hill  
Clerihews

*Said Guy Fawkes, with a leer,  
"The end of Parliament is near"  
Had common-sense prevailed  
He wouldn't have failed.*

*Isambard Kingdom Brunel  
Declared "I am not well,  
But I'll always maintain  
The Broad Gauge Train"*

L.L.

## Thank Goodness it's Friday Coffee Morning

**Friday 26th August**

**10.30 at Beckford Church**

**All Welcome.**

**Proceeds to Church Funds**



Parish Minibus Shopping Trip to  
Worcester

**August 8th**

*Picks up from all villages on request.*

Call Andy Richmond 881237

Andrew Barnett 881145

## BECKFORD WI

Our June meeting welcomed 26 members and 2 visitors. Yo reported that we had lost the skittles match with Ashton WI but had won at Killer. The WI stall at Beckford Market had made £90 and Yo thanked everyone who everyone who had contributed goods, helped or bought.

On completion of business Yo introduced Alistair Lack our speaker for the evening. Alastair worked for the BBC for over twenty-seven years, almost exclusively in the World Service. In that time he was successively a presenter, producer, editor and then as a departmental manager. His final job was as Head of English programmes and a member of the World Service Board of Management. In his light-hearted talk Alastair recounted the early history of the World Service. One memorable quote was from Kofi Anan who said that 'the World Service was Britain's gift to the world' in that it gave unbiased news to people everywhere. Alistair also talked of his various travels to such places as the Falkland Islands, the United States, the Middle-East and the sub-continent. He gave some amusing anecdotes of meetings with such household names as Nelson Mandela, Margaret Thatcher and Alistair Cooke. Alistair's talk was fascinating and everyone enjoyed it immensely.



Our July meeting was our Summer Soiree and we welcomed 20 members and 2 visitors. The committee decorated the hall with flowers and bunting which provided a festive backdrop to the lovely plates of food that the members provided. A very pleasant and relaxing evening was had by everyone.

**NB There is no meeting in August.** The date of the next meeting is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September when Jo Morris will be demonstrating the art of Felt-Making.

*Diane Colvin*



## ASHTON UNDER HILL W.I.

NFWI news included discussion on the disappointing result of the resolution put forward at the AGM held last June regarding the setting up of large factory farms, as practiced in the U.S. This was aborted due to a persuasive representative of the NFU who suggested that the WI would not be supporting British farming if the resolution was carried.

Jen Creese read a letter from the Worcestershire Federation who agreed it was "an emotive subject" and hoped that the resolution's wording could be adjusted to everyone's satisfaction.

The resolution about the closure of local libraries was carried and National are giving details of the campaign so far and suggests ways in which we can, as individuals or as a WI, help to save our local libraries if they are in danger of closing.

The speaker for the evening was one of our own members, Margaret Darby, who not only gave an interesting talk and explanation of the art of sugar craft, but also gave a fascinating demonstration of the methods used to produce beautiful flowers and decorations for cakes. Margaret's deft fingers fashioned various flowers, using sugar paste and a variety of tools and colours. The results were truly life-like results.

Margaret passed round her work at various stages and members were able to admire the many items she had made previously. She was thanked by Alex Dodge who admitted that the flowers were so lifelike it was hard to imagine that they were edible!

The next meeting will be the afternoon meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August when we are entertaining our "twin" Ashton Keynes and includes lunch, a talk and afternoon tea

*Jen Creese*



## ASHTON UNDER HILL FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the first Ashton Under Hill Family Music Festival 2011 will take place at Bredon Hill Middle School. Special guests Bretforton Silver Band will open the festival at 2pm with two 45 minute performances.

Throughout the day guests of all ages will be able to take part in a variety of activities including a festival quiz, football shootout competition, wacky races and a fancy dress competition. A number of stalls will be trading on site and we welcome local organisations to get involved as an opportunity to enhance their individual funds.

(Please contact Mrs Lisa Begley on 07702702071 to book a FREE pitch in advance.)

Extra special activities include a Velcro Wall, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Climbing Wall and a Children's Activity Area.

Music during the day will consist of a number of live bands playing in the Prom Garden and on the Main Stage. Village band SOFAs will headline the main stage with further performances coming from The Crooked Empire, Hoden Lane, The Covers, The SJS Band, Feird Wish, Reborn Hero, Into The Fire and I Am Ryan.

In the Prom Garden we are very excited to include The Big Noise who will perform a set of solo material and a set as a full band. Further performances will come from Bredon Hill Middle School pupils Sophie Metcalfe and Evesham Youth Young Musician of the Year, Ella Marshall Shepherd.

A fully licensed bar, tea and coffee, food and ice creams will be available all day.

Adult Tickets are priced at £5 each, Children (Under 16s) £3 each and Under 5s FREE.

For a full programme and more information please visit:

<http://www.wix.com/frankiel/tewkesburymusicfestival>.

Tickets can be purchased from Mr Graham Begley on 07725909808, via a postal application (inside each event programme), online at [www.wegottickets.com/event/125844](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/125844) or on the gate (subject to availability).

## Overbury Cricket Club

Our Family Fun Night was, happily, a success, despite the heavens opening and many of us having to run for cover at one point! Only two days before, in perfect weather, a sizeable crowd supported the evening match against the Crown Kegs from Kemerton and enjoyed live music and a barbecue.

On the playing side, half way through the league season the First XI have won five games with 7 seven left to play; the second XI have had unexpected setbacks which have resulted in their current low position in the table.

Both youth teams have had excellent seasons, reaching the semi-finals, and the Under 13s finished top of their league.

Social events continue in our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year - look out for posters for a **casino night** this month.....

*Dave Devereux OCC Chairman (07949 648372)*

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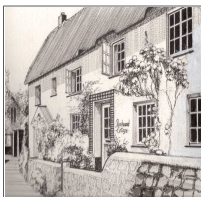
## August Diary

*A quiet month!*

2nd	Ashton Women's Institute, Afternoon Meeting	
5th	Ashton lunch club, Cricket Pavilion	12 noon
9th	"An evening for John", Beckford Church	7 pm
16th	<i>SUBMISSION DATE FOR MAGAZINE</i>	
26th	Coffee Morning, Beckford Church	10:30 am
28th	Annual United Parish Communion Service St. Mary's Church, Little Washbourne.	10 am

## September

3rd	Kemerton Lakes Open Day	11am - 3 pm
10th	Family Music Festival, Ashton under Hill	



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