

The Parish Magazine

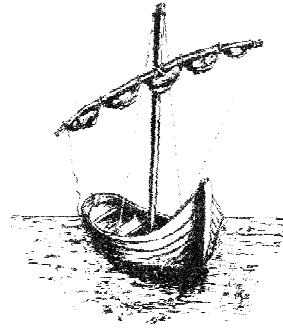
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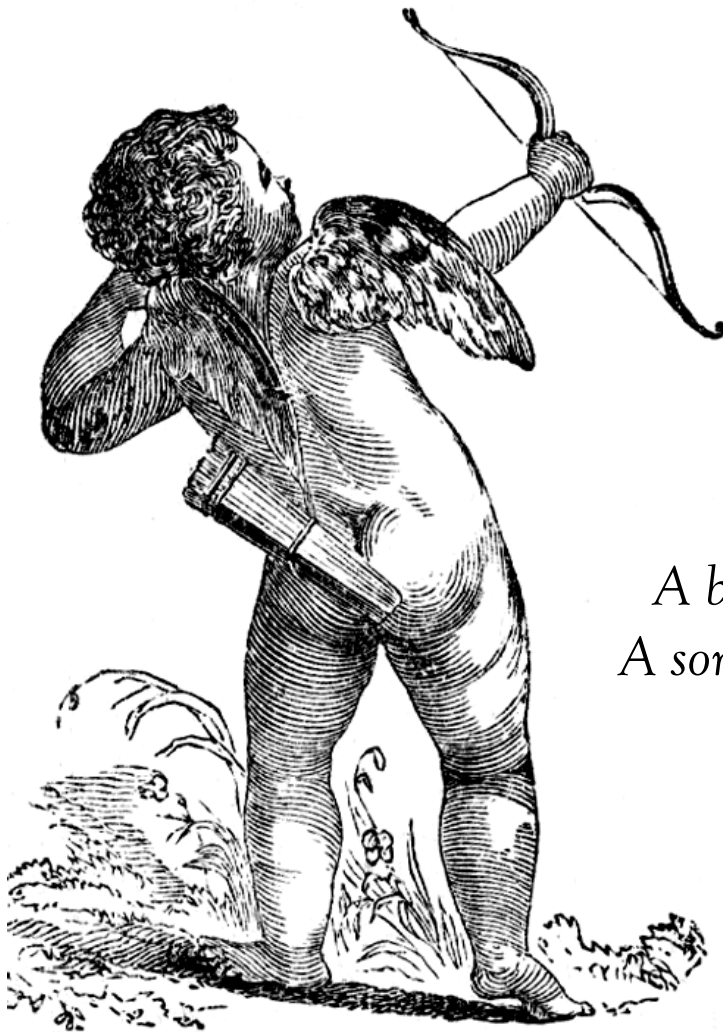
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February 2010

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*A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay -
Love isn't love
'Til you give it away.*

Oscar Hammerstein

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

	Ashton	Beckford	Overbury	Alstone	Teddington
6th February 5 th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Morning Prayer <i>D Oxley</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>S Renshaw</i>	11.00 am Family Service <i>S Renshaw</i>		9.30 am CW HC <i>S Renshaw</i>
13th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am CW HC <i>T Henderson</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>T Henderson</i> 6.00 pm Evening Praise <i>R Palmer</i>	11.00 am Morning Prayer <i>R Palmer</i>	11.00 am CW HC <i>T Henderson</i>	
20th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	11.00 am Family Service <i>Canon Baynes</i>	9.30 am CW HC <i>Canon Baynes</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>Canon Baynes</i>	6.00 pm Evening Prayer <i>D Oxley</i>	
27th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent					10.00 am United CW HC <i>C Turpin/ R Palmer</i>
6th March Sunday next before Lent	9.30 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am BCP HC	11.00 am Family Service		9.30 am CW HC

BCP Book of Common Prayer **CW** Book of Common Worship
HC Holy Communion

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 (when applicable), at Ashton. **Holy Communion** is celebrated at 10.00 am on Wednesday in St Faith's Church, Overbury

Clergy

Canon Matthew Baynes Revd Terry Henderson Revd Susan Renshaw
Revd Clive Parr Revd Christine Turpin, Assistant Curate

Readers

Captain Dennis Oxley, Church Army John Dodge
Roger Palmer Kalantha Brewis



Waiting on my Soul

One of the great privileges I have is visiting local hospitals, sometimes to see managers but more often patients. I now frequently find during these visits that I spend more time with stressed out staff, fearful for their future, than I do with patients. And I suspect stress is a factor in the lives of many people nowadays, not least those committed Christians who devote so much time to church activities of one sort or another. Modern life-styles and communications have made us all much busier. Then there is, of course, the stress of unemployment, of having too little to do. Society, it seems, is dividing more and more into those who have too much work and those who have too little and both extremes are bad for the soul.

Jesus knew all about stress and his solution was to get his disciples away to a quiet place where they could have some leisure time. God is realistic about us, our strengths and our weaknesses, like the psalmist 'he remembers we are but dust' and knows very well, that we're never meant to live constantly on the move, always seeking to achieve more and more. The need for rest is even built into the Ten Commandments 'six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.'

Keeping fit is much more popular than it was, and a good thing too, but I wonder how much time and attention we pay to our spiritual fitness. For me it's not possible to be a mature person of faith or to fulfil our full potential as human beings without time for reflection, relaxation and worship.

When I was in Australia last year I came across a custom of the Aborigines. They do regular 'walkabouts' actually 'runabouts'. Running and running until exhausted and then fall to the ground 'to let their souls catch up with them.' I immediately recognised myself and my need to sit awhile and wait for my soul to catch up. It was a revelation.

Clive Parr





The Curate Cogitates

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

11.12.10 Older and wiser members of the Tewkesbury and District Choral Society, with whom I sing, had mentioned that performances of 'Carmina Burana' were not always welcomed in Churches, due to the subject matter. This evening, we sang it with gusto in Tewkesbury Abbey, in its original languages. It was very well received, the Abbey remains standing and we were not struck down.

The English translation is rather racy in places and without wanting to offend any fellow ladies of the choir, we are, most of us, beyond the first flush of youth, thus it amused me rather than shocked me, that we ladies should be singing such lines of youthful, 'fruity', ardent hope and expectancy. However, 'amused' is probably not an appropriate response, for attraction, desire and passion are part of being human, as God made us. They are of God, and we continue to experience them, in changing ways, as we grow beyond the first, second and third flushes of youth.

They are not in themselves wrong, or ridiculous. Surely?

As with many gifts, it is how we use them, to the building up or breaking down of others and ultimately ourselves that matters.

I am however still much relieved that we did not sing it in English.

(nb The soprano soloist carried off her 'moment' amazingly it has to be said. Absolutely no amusement there.)

19.12.10 My wings were clipped today by the heavy snow still lying on the ground. After the initial frustration that plans initiated would not be seen through, I have passed a very pleasant, relaxed day, limited to travelling locally, on foot.

The week continued much the same. In many ways it felt good to be made to slow down, and re-prioritise life to the basics of ensuring adequate food, heat and tea bags of course. Neighbours looked out for neighbours, and helped out by shopping, shovelling and pushing cars. There was also time to talk, even to folk not previously encountered!! This was the silver lining in the apparent cloud; slowing down to a pace that allowed us to notice and engage with those around us. Living life at such a pace is not an option for many most of the time, but increased awareness and engagement is something we could all perhaps try to achieve, no matter what pace we live our lives at.

26.12.10 The Clergy mini marathon draws to a close and wonderful though the Carol and Christmas services have been, I feel rather punch drunk at this point. I will however hang on to Christmas in my own way, until Candlemas, as it seems such a shame that it is swept away so soon. Usually by the 27th. At least twelve days would be good, or has that already been mooted?

Christine Turpin

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus.

This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World.



Lent around Bredon Hill

Clear your diaries on a Wednesday evening in Lent for what will be an excellent course on prayer led by the senior clergy of our Diocese. All welcome, meetings start at 7.30pm.

16th March: Bishop David - Praying through the senses. Venue: Elmley Castle Church.

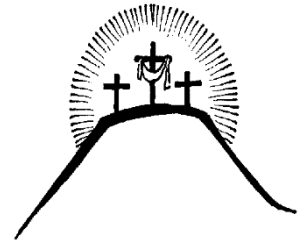
23rd March: Bishop Michael - Contemplative prayer and especially centering prayer. Venue: Eckington Church.

30th March: Archdeacon Roger - Prayer as Mission. Venue: Ashton under Hill Church.

6th April: Bishop John - Prayer as friendship with God. Venue: Bredon Church.

13th April: Sister Mary - Praying when you feel you can't.
Venue: Little Comberton Church'
(Sister Mary is from the new Mucknell Abbey Community)

20th April: The Dean - Intercessory prayer.
Venue: Eckington Church.



More 2011 Dates for your Diary....

The following events will be taking place in and around Bredon Hill during the coming year:

April

Saturday 2nd April 8pm

The Canteloube Trio, Beckford Church

Saturday 2nd April

"The Elmley Night Out"

Sunday 17th April

Overbury Farms Lambing Day

Friday 29th April to Sun 1st May

Wedding Festival - Flowers and Dresses at
St. Faith's, Overbury

Saturday 30th April

Cotswold Flute & Harp Duo, Teddington Church 8pm

Sat 30th April to Monday 2nd May

Eckington Flower Festival

May

Saturday 14th May

Beckford Spring Market in Village Hall at 2pm

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May

The History of St. Barbara's Exhibition, Ashton

Saturday 28th May

The Lendvai Trio, Overbury

June

Sat 11th June to Sunday 12th June

Ashton-under-Hill Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June

Open Farm Sunday at Overbury Farm

Friday 24th June to Sunday 26th June

Flower Festival at St Giles, Church Bredon

July

Friday 1st July

Cheltenham Music Festival Concert, St. Giles Church Bredon

Saturday 9th July

Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra in Concert,
Bredon Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 9th July

Overbury Street Market 10am – 12noon

August

Monday 29th August to

Friday 2nd September

Holiday Club at St Giles Church, Bredon



November

Saturday 26th November

Cotswold Male Voice Choir concert in Beckford church.

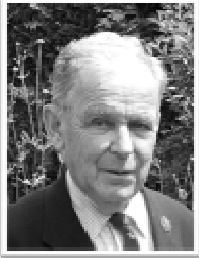
December

Saturday 3rd December

Beckford

Christmas Market in Village Hall at 2pm

Look out for further details and if you have any dates you wish to be included, please email or call
Joan Needham 772689 jneedham@toucansurf.com



News and Musings from St. Nicholas Cottage

In Memory of Mrs Sheila Bishop

Having spent 47 years of her life in Conderton, Mrs Sheila Bishop will be remembered by many people in our parish. She died at the Welland House Care Centre, Malvern, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs Bishop was born in Cheltenham and lived most of her childhood in Broadway. She trained as a Nanny at the National Children's Home in Bristol and became nanny to the four children of Mr & Mrs Greaves at Conderton Manor Farm. It was here that she met Jim Bishop, a farm worker, and they married and set up home in Conderton. They had two daughters, Caroline and Julie, and four grandchildren. They had 32 years of married life together.

After her husband's death, Mrs Bishop was supported by Mrs Vera Hopkins, a friend of many years, and her sister-in-law Mrs Pat Bishop who died in 1996. These three ladies enjoyed walking together on Bredon Hill. It seemed appropriate to have Psalm 121 "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills" at her funeral, for the beauty of God's creation bought solace to her life.

As she had many health problems, Mrs Bishop has the dubious distinction of being visited by me in more different hospitals than anyone else I have visited in my 61 years of service!

She spent time in Bengeworth Fields Care Home and then moved to Broadleas in Cheltenham. At both homes she joined in with the monthly Holy Communion services. Her time at Welland House was pleasant and her death was peaceful. She just went to sleep in her bed and did not wake up again in this life.

I suppose many of us would choose to depart life in a similar way. May God help those who are plunged into sadness through her death, and may our faith in God help us to both love in a world where we question the meaning of life with it's distressing problems, and where we may also find death and bereavement so distressing.

Discovering Mr Clifford Davis

Recently, Mrs Sylvia Trotman told me that Mr Clifford Davis had moved to Orchard House, Bishop's Cleeve. He lived for many years in Overbury. His wife died in 1994 and her funeral was taken by Prebendary Basil Jenkins at Overbury Church and I conducted the burial of ashes in the churchyard.

I had visited Mr Davis a couple of times in hospital in 2002. He moved from Little Beckford to Abbeyfield House in Tewkesbury. I recall seeing him there one day and we had a chat. Today as I write, mid-January, I saw him at Orchard House. We chatted as those who remembered each other. You may wonder why I did not visit him at Abbeyfield House. The answer is, though this has been a secret I have never disclosed in the parish, that I thought I might succumb to real retirement at Abbeyfield House, enjoying retirement at the heart of Tewkesbury and the blessings of all that goes on in the abbey. How glad I am that I did not take that step!

Both the people of whom I write this month are younger than I am! The joy of Christian service far exceeds the pleasures of what one might call the more conventional delights of retirement. I know that many of the saints suffer greatly in this life, but I have no desire to be numbered among them! If God continues to give me the health and strength to serve him then I will rejoice in the Lord and in His service.

Dennis Oxley

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on 01684 772237, or email mbaynes@toucansurf.com



The Curate, Rev'd Christine Turpin,
01386 882263, or email c.turpin@mac.com



Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that **Bible Study, held in Teddington Village Hall each Thursday evening at 7pm** has started again following the Christmas recess. Of course we will not meet during Lent so all can take advantage of the lectures on Prayer arranged during this season. Bible Study is lead by Dennis Oxley. We are studying The Prophets. As this goes to print, we are caught up with life and times of the prophet Elijah. It is surprising how often we can relate the events of the Old Testament with life today. All are welcome whether you attend the church or not. Come and learn and join in the debate.

The United Service will be held at Teddington on 27th February at 10am.

We extend a warm welcome to the Whole Parish. These monthly joint service are important, it's a chance to gather together as a whole family.

Come and be part of it, there is more to life than washing the car or catching up with house-work, they will be there when you get home!

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Friday March 4th at 2pm

St Benets Catholic Church, Kemerton.

The Speaker is Carolyn Harford.

It has been prepared by Christian women of Chile.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards.

All are welcome - men, women and young people.



A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for Love...

St. John the Baptist Church, Beckford

Sunday 13th February at 6pm.

Refreshments will be provided afterwards.



"Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,

it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Corinthians 13

Out and About

SIMPLY SOUP

Our next event is on **15th February**,
from 12:30 pm in
Beckford Village Hall.

Simply a simple lunch with
friends!



Ashton Lunch Club

Friday 4th February

12 noon

Ashton
Cricket Club Pavilion



Beckford & District Gardening Club

Talks and demonstrations of all things horticultural! Monthly meetings are held in Beckford Village Hall on a Wednesday evening, starting at 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome!

**Wednesday 23rd February - "Unusual plants of the world"
speaker George Hargreaves.**

Call Roger Umpelby for more information: 01386 881449

Thank Goodness it's Friday Coffee Morning

Friday 25th February
10am to 12noon
at Beckford Church

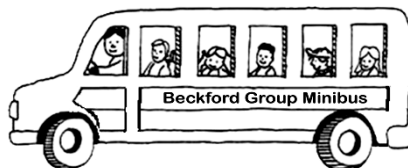


Parish Minibus Shopping Trips
to Worcester

February 11th & 25th

*Picks up from all
villages on request.*

**Andy Richmond 881237
or Andrew Barnett 881145**



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'MR & MRS' Evening

SATURDAY 12th February
Ashton Village Hall

£15 per person
to include welcome drink,
3 course meal....and quiz!

For tickets, please see:

Claire Kirke

(Plough Cottage, Elmley Road),

Rachel Evans-Cook (First School)

Lucy Griffiths (School Playground)

Or email claire.vincent@hotmail.co.uk

Singles and Couples are very welcome!

Proceeds to

Ashton Under Hill First School



February 14th - Saint Valentine's Day

Who was Saint Valentine?

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14th, 269 A.D. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine".

Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14th to honour St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14th became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

Valentine Traditions

- Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home. One such verse was:

*Good morning to you, valentine;
Curl your locks as I do mine ---
Two before and three behind.
Good morning to you, valentine.*

- In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favourite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week.
- Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

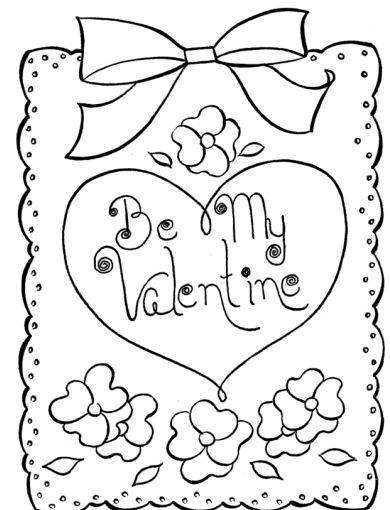
Each year in Britain, we spend around £503m on cards, flowers, chocolates and other gifts for Valentine's Day. Traditionally these were sent anonymously, but nowadays we often make it clear who is sending each 'Valentine'.

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."

William Shakespeare

All's Well That Ends Well, Act 1 Scene 1

Valentine's Day is on Monday 14th February, 2011



OVERBURY FIRST SCHOOL

Due to the continued success and demand for places at Overbury First School, the County Council has permitted an increase in our pupil numbers. It is now hoped that all applicants, even those living outside the school catchment area, can be accommodated rather than, as has been the case in recent years, being turned away due to insufficient places. With this in mind, the School's governors are drawing up ambitious plans to extend the school building to provide much needed additional teaching space and, most importantly, a well equipped hall and kitchen, neither of which exist at present. This scheme is still very much in the developmental stage and will require a very major fundraising campaign for which we are currently gathering our strength!



A crucial element of the project is to provide extra facilities not only for the school's pupils but for the wider community, young and old. We therefore want to make the hall suitable for a range of activities and, before we finalise the plans, we need to be sure that we are responding to the needs and aspirations of local residents. Possibilities (the list is by no means exhaustive, so please do add to it) could include at least some of the following if there is sufficient interest. Some of these will require specialist teaching/coaching: the School will not be responsible for the actual provision or recruitment but at least the venue will be properly equipped.

- Life-long learning, eg computers and/or internet tuition for all ages, and foreign languages
- Yoga; Dance; Gymnastics
- Parenting classes; family support
- Gymnastics
- Tai Kwondo
- Mini basket ball
- Mini netball
- Mini tennis (up to "red" and "orange" levels, which use a small court)
- Children's parties
- Cooking demonstrations and classes for all ages (the kitchen will be designed and equipped to facilitate these)
- Films
- Regular opportunities for older residents to come and join the children for community lunches and other school activities

We should stress that we are not, of course, seeking to undermine the Overbury Village Hall. It is a brilliant venue for sales, art classes, theatrical productions, badminton, exhibitions, farm/Estate events and a wide range of social functions. The School's primary aim, in addition of course to providing the best possible learning environment for our children, is to add to the list of possibilities on offer locally and we certainly intend to work closely with the Hall Committee to maximise the use of both facilities.

Please could you give us feedback on the sort of things you would like to see on offer in the new School extension? This can be done by email to Faith Hallett, faith@whitcombeassocs.co.uk, or Jill Ham (Chair of Governors), jillham@talktalk.net or by dropping a note into the School Office where the Secretary, Mrs Liz d'Souza, will be glad to receive it. There will very shortly be an opportunity for parents and other local residents to come to the school to see and discuss the plans with the architect, staff and governors. If you want to have a chat about the project in the meantime, do please give Faith a call on 01386 725206 or on her mobile 07702 892791.

BECKFORD WI

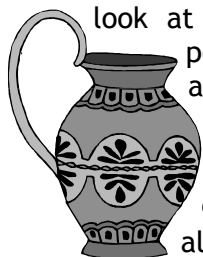
Our January meeting welcomed 24 members and 3 visitors. We were given a fascinating talk and demonstration by Neil Alcock who owns the Vineyard Pottery in Winchcombe.

Neil attended Eastbourne College of Art. To our amusement he confessed that he hated pottery and skived off all the sessions. He much preferred graphic design and photography as he didn't like getting his hands dirty!

After finishing a compulsory two week block on pottery Neil found he actually enjoyed it! He changed his course so he could concentrate on pottery. Neil left college after completing his course and worked in several local potteries and travelled abroad before founding his own pottery in 1998.

Neil explained that all of his pottery is in shades of blue and black as he is colour-blind. He doesn't see greens - grass is orange to him. Neil made several super pots and bowls while talking to us and answering questions. He made it look so easy that several members asked if he did classes!

At the break members were able to have a look at some of the very attractive pottery that Neil had brought along and purchase if they wished.



It was an informative and enjoyable evening enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on Monday, February 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a talk by Nick Clark entitled 'Bus across the Andes'.

We still have a few copies of our recipe book entitled 'Cracking the Recipe Code: a tribute in food for the life of Pam Brewster'. Cost is £3.00. Contact Angie Davies on 01386 881126
Diane Colvin

Tom Higgins would like to thank

Nigel Hasted

for his kind help during the end of 2010 by taking his dog for walkies!



ASHTON UNDER HILL WI

Our President, Mrs. Christine Powell, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011. The business completed, members divided into groups of four and then took part in a quiz organised by Wynne Smith. The questions were wide-ranging, raking in history, geography, entertainment and spelling.

Everyone appreciated the opportunity to test their knowledge and memory skills in a light-hearted exercise and the evening was enjoyed by everyone. It was good to meet friends again and welcome new members.



Our next meeting will be our 70th birthday party on Tuesday 1st February when we look forward to entertainment prepared by our own members.

Overbury Pony & Dog Show

This year's show will be held on Sunday 3rd July, in School Field (opposite Overbury Cricket Club) by kind permission of Overbury Estate and Overbury Stallions.

The show is for children aged 14 years and under and will include a range of show jumping and showing classes as well as handy pony, gymkhana games, fancy dress and a novelty dog show.

Once again, we will be relying on the kind support of local sponsors and letters will be going out during February to ask for your help. All contributions, however small, will be appreciated and any offers of help welcomed.

Further information from Ruth Darling tel: 01386 725630 email: ruthedarling@btinternet.com



WILDLIFE NOTES

Further to last month's notes concerning the Mute swan, I should point out that, unlike our other swans the Whooper and the Bewick, our native Mute swan is the only one where flying produces a very low, melodious sound caused by the air passing through the swan's flight feathers, whereas the other swans can only produce a not very audible "swishing" sound.

Of these other swans, the Whooper is the larger bird with markings on the bill and a longer neck to distinguish it from the Bewick. Both these swans are winter visitors in order to get away from the arctic weather (did I say "get away from it"!). Come April the swans return home to breed, although a few may stay behind in some remote places in the north.

The harsh conditions over the Christmas period brought, as expected, an influx of birds to the shrubs in my garden, which I planted some thirty years ago. Two winter visitors I was delighted to see were Redwings, who were usually in company with Fieldfares. Both birds are members of the thrush family, the Redwing being the smallest with a long cream coloured eye stripe and a rich reddish-chestnut under wing patch.

A worrying thought is, now the berries have gone so early in the winter, there is still a long time to go - remember the winter of 1962-63.

Something I shall never forget is a robin singing in the freezing fog and bitter cold, which made me ashamed to think I ever complained.

Fred Wood



The Rainfall (and snow!) at Overbury and Ashton under Hill in 2010

2010 was a very unusual year for precipitation, particularly for the amounts of snow, the likes of which have not been seen here for 20 years or so. Firstly, we had heavy snow-falls at the beginning of the year on 5/6th of January with a few more showers in February. Later in the year we missed the blizzards that blanketed the NE of England and much of Scotland at the end of November. But our turn arrived on December 18th with eight inches of sugar-like snow, topped up by a few subsequent falls that ensured we would have that rarity in this country, a really white Christmas. This snow finally began to melt away on 27th December.

As for what could be measured in the rain-gauge, we had the lowest total since 2005 and in six of the months the rainfall was well below average. The total represented about 92% of the average figure for the area, very close to the national average of 90% recorded for the Midlands. It did however seem to be a rather dull and damp year. This was in part due to stationary high pressure areas which trapped heavy cloud, but was perhaps also because some rain fell on a large number of days: 141 in total, with 18 in February and 16 in both October and August. The high rainfall figure of 3.48/4.5" for August was particularly due to heavy summer showers on 22nd and 25/26th of the month. There were a few thunderstorms in the area in June and July but they mainly dropped their rain elsewhere. In spite of the old local saying "When Bredon Hill puts on his cap, Ye men of the Vale beware of that,.. " not all the villages around the hill will necessarily get a soaking!

John Dodge & Fred Wood

MONTH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Overbury Averages: 1951/2000	2.28	1.59	1.84	1.98	2.20	2.15	2.04	2.60	2.53	2.22	2.38	2.48	26.28"
Overbury 2010	3.52	2.20	1.63	1.01	2.61	2.68	1.20	4.50	0.93	2.03	1.48	1.02	24.81"
Ashton 2010	3.50	2.00	1.51	1.10	2.11	2.20	1.40	3.48	1.20	2.34	1.50	1.49	23.83"

FEBRUARY WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDEN

Winchcombe Wander - Thursday February 10th - Moderate

Another half day walk with the leaders deciding on the route from their repertoire based on weather and whim. 3 hours, 6 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at Winchcombe Back Lane (pay and display) car park. OS OL Map 45/023 284

North Town on the Hill - Saturday February 12th - Moderate

From Bredons Norton up and over Bredon Hill to Ashton-under-Hill, returning via the Long Plantation and the Belt. Outstanding views. Pub lunch available in Ashton-under-Hill. 6 hours, 11 miles.

Start: 10.00 am outside the church in Bredons Norton. Please park considerately in the village. OS Explorer Map 190/931 391.

More walks on the Donnington Way No 3 The Rissingtons and The Barringtons - Thursday, February 17th - Moderate

Third in a new series of walks based on the Donnington Way and some of its pubs. From Great Rissington to the Barringtons (The Fox) and return. Pub lunch available. 5.5 hours, 9 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at The Green, Great Rissington. OS OL Map 45/199 173

Monarchs and Diamonds - Wednesday February 23rd - Moderate

Across typical Cotswold sheep grazing country following the Diamond Way from Northleach, one of the richest wool towns, to Farmington. Return along the Monarch's Way. Several short but moderately steep climbs. Pubs and cafes available in Northleach afterwards. 2.5 hours, 5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at The Old Prison, Northleach - park to right of entrance barrier. OS OL Map 45/109 149

Tures, Springs and Dewponds: What is a ture? - Saturday February 26th - Moderate

First in a short series over the Stanway estate with exceptional access to explore off public footpaths. Today the why and how of woodland, grazing and water management. Some steep ups and downs. Suitable for fit families, but not buggies. Pub lunch available. 5 hours, 7 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at Stanway House (park in lane between B4077 and gatehouse.) OS OL Map 45/061 323

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. Sorry, no dogs allowed except guide and hearing dogs.

Walks are free although any donations help to fund our conservation work and improvement projects.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds.

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February Diary

1st	Ashton WI - 70th Birthday Party, Village Hall	7:30 pm
4th	Ashton Lunch Club, Cricket Pavillion	12 noon
12th	"Mr & Mrs", Ashton Village Hall	7:30 pm
13th	Service of Praise & Thanks for Love, Beckford Church	6 pm
14th	Beckford WI - "Bus across the Andes", Village Hall	7:30 pm
15th	Simply Soup, Beckford Village Hall	12:30 pm
16th	<i>COPY DATE FOR MAGAZINE</i>	
23rd	Gardening Club - "Unusual plants", Beckford Village Hall	7:30 pm
25th	Coffee Morning, Beckford Church	10:30 am
27th	United Parish Worship, Teddington Church	10 am



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