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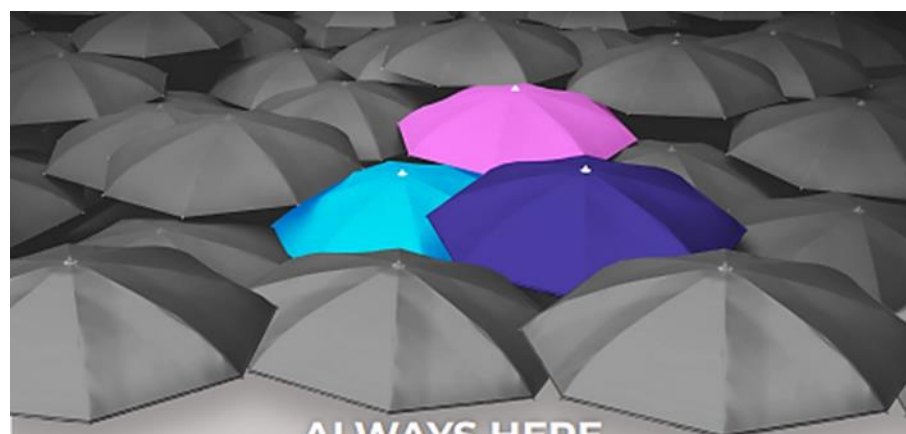
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Pastoral Letter - *from the Revd Jan Moore*

Dear friends,

When our editor asks the worship leadership team every December for dates that they can offer when they will write the *Parish Link* opening letter, I was late replying. Only 'Hobsons choice' was left: May and July - and, of course, I said Yes.

In December I hadn't realised that this would result in me writing to you just before and just after my husband, Pete, would be walking a pilgrim route from the French side of the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in Northwest Spain. My May letter described him setting off. He came home on 8th June. I have assembled some objective stats, which follow on from this Letter. But, given that it was a marathon challenge for him on many levels, he needs more time to reflect at a personal level, before committing his own responses to paper!

I, on the other hand, stayed at home for 6 weeks, undertaking my own pilgrimage experience. On 1st June it was a privilege to fly out to Santiago to greet him in The Cathedral Square on 2nd June, after his last day walking the Camino Frances: Day 44. We subsequently spent 5 days together in Santiago, and 2 days on the coast at Finisterre, enabling me to be immersed in all things "pilgrimage".

Santiago is a swirling, simmering, steaming hotpot of pilgrim experiences. The city is characterised by its role as the final resting place of the bones of St James the Great, towards which pilgrims have travelled since before Medieval times. The ancient city of narrow cobbled streets, steep in places, bears the marks of centuries of history. The Museum of Pilgrimage, housed in an old building, is modern, light, airy and spacious, providing 3 floors of intriguing insights into the phenomenon of Pilgrimage.

I met a number of international companions Pete had shared time with on his route: from Colorado, California, South Africa, Denmark, The Canary Islands and Germany and listened to his stories about others who had already returned home to Chile, Israel, Massachusetts, Holland, New Zealand etc.

I tried to discern what these pilgrims, and the swirling mass of others in the street or queuing at The Pilgrim Office to receive their Compostela Certificates of Completion or constantly arriving in Cathedral Square, had

in common. Very little. Pete's answer was that they all carried a visible scallop shell on their rucksacks and carried a Credential for collecting stamps. And that seems to be the sum of it. Even I now have a pair of Scallop Shell earrings and a mug displaying lots of stamps!! I found no common ground in pilgrims' reasons for doing the minimum of 62 miles to a maximum of however many miles they wanted to make it. Very few seemed to desire a religious search or intention. Many were simply on a physical and mental endurance test. And many were walking to reflect upon, and mentally sort out, tough issues in their lives.

I had spent my 6 weeks at home walking every step with Pete via text, photos and video chats. I had my own intention for my 6 weeks of grace time. Part sabbatical from some regular pressures, lots of silence, peaceful space, creative gardening, reading, writing and ring-fenced prayer and reflection time: a pilgrimage with no physical challenges or communication struggles or uncomfortable sleeping quarters!

When I went to the English Mass with Pete in the Chapel in the Santiago Pilgrim Centre, I *was* an interloper: there only by virtue of accompanying him. At the start of the service the Filipino priest and several Irish Volunteers attached to his Chaplaincy, instigated introductions from each person present: name, where was home, where had they walked from? I *felt* like an interloper. The service was beautiful: relevant in every detail to the international English speaking pilgrims present. But I felt that I didn't belong to the cult, even though privileged to have witnessed it. The service closed with open prayer. I prayed for all those who the congregation would be going home to. I was emotional. As was Pete, when he prayed for all those who had supported him along The Way.

So, I have one overwhelming reflection to share with you all. Each of our long or short lives can be a single pilgrimage without embarking on a physically rigorous and structured period of time out. But as each of our lives of pilgrimage unfold, they inevitably present us with forks in the road, struggles and challenges a-plenty, choices and decisions. Times of doubt and times of faith. We are dependent upon others, and we try to support others. But in all this life-long process we need to spend daily time in quiet reflection and prayer, based on scripture and our experiences, of ourselves and others. It is an essential characteristic of the pilgrim journey of life itself: from cradle to grave.

And I learned the over-riding truth that each of us must do the Camino which is right for us, and not try to do the Camino to which others are called.

God Bless

Revd Jan.

Some facts about Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims

For those who like stats! All figures relate to May 2022.

There are 36 recognised & signed pilgrim routes converging on Santiago.

The one called the Camino Frances starts in St Jean Pied de Port with an initial climb up and over the Pyrenees: thereafter it runs East to West across the Northern Spanish territories of Navarra, La Rioja, Castilla Y Leon and Galicia - the distance is 482 miles. Stamps on Compostela Credential can be gained from many places along the way as evidence of the route covered. The shortest distance which qualifies for a Certificate of Completion from the Santiago Pilgrim Office is 62 miles. In reality, the actual distance walked will be more, because pilgrims must also daily find a bed, a breakfast, a lunch, liquid refreshment and a dinner, or a medical centre(!) and, maybe, a special place to visit alongside the route.

Pete actually walked a total of 417 miles in spite of having to cover 56 miles of the Camino Frances on 4 bus hops, because infected foot blisters and detaching toenails medically banned him from walking on 6 days out of a final total of 44. Counting only the walking days, his daily average was 11 miles/day.

In May 2022, 48,254 pilgrims received a Compostela Certificate from The Pilgrim Office. Some had walked the minimum obligatory 62m. Some had cycled the distance, including one whom we spoke to, who had cycled from Edinburgh, crossing to Northern Ireland and cycling south to catch a ferry to Brittany before cycling on through France and crossing into Spain. Some had spent overnight stops in hotels, others had experienced the most basic accommodation in large dormitories of bunk beds. Pete was in the latter group.

Less than 19% of pilgrims had English as their mother tongue.

56% of pilgrims were women
 15% were under 30
 53% were between 30-60
 32% were over 60

Huge numbers of women and men embarked on their pilgrimage alone, including very many of the over 60s. Pilgrims from all over the world undertake this activity. In descending order of proportion, stats for May were:

Spanish 38%, Germans, Americans 8%, Italians, Portuguese, English 3%, French, Irish 2%, Brazilian, Dutch, Mexican, Canadian 1%	Koreans, Colombians, Argentinians, Polish, Austrians, Belgians, Danish ½%. And many other nationalities who each had less than 240 pilgrims ie less than ½% each
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With thanks to Revd Jan for sharing these interesting statistics.

Thank you...

For your donations in support of Stratton School - *Beth Hamid*

....To everyone who has so generously responded to the recent appeal for donations towards meeting the costs of gifting a Bible to each of the Class 6 leavers at Stratton School this Summer.

Many thanks also to those who have sent donations to Stratton

PCC's fund to help Stratton School obtain resources for RE, Collective Worship and related training.

As of mid-June, a total of almost £400 has been donated, which will help with the provision of training and materials for SIAMS teaching in the School.

To those who supported the Phoenix Gardeners' sale

The magnificent sum of £1,587 was raised at the Phoenix Gardeners' Annual Plant sale in May.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

The money raised will go towards purchasing bulbs and bedding plants for the tubs and planters around the town ensuring Cirencester continues to raise the spirits of both residents and visitors. Thank you.

Pauline Farman



Jubilee thanks from St Peter's Church, Stratton

We are most grateful to Stratton's Brownie Group for the sparkly crowns and to Stratton School for the colourful bunting they made to adorn our church for the Jubilee Weekend. Many thanks are also due to our Flower Ladies for the lovely and colourful red, white and blue floral arrangements they prepared.



The Songs of Praise Service on the Sunday afternoon was a fitting way to finish our celebration with the hymns and readings being centred around the long life and years of dedicated service given by our Queen. The tea and cake afterwards enabled everyone to enjoy some quality time of chat and fellowship. A lovely community end to a special weekend.

The members of the Pop-In are also very grateful to Liz and Andrew at the Plough for the festive Tea Party they gave us all on the Jubilee Bank Holiday Friday afternoon. The room and tables were beautifully decorated, and the cream teas were delicious. Another happy event that



highlighted the warmth and friendship that so many have enjoyed over the years from the kind hospitality of Liz, Andrew, Brian, Jean and all their staff..

On left: members of the Pop-In enjoying the Jubilee Tea Party hosted by the Plough in Stratton.

To everyone involved with Cowley Fete ***From Churchwarden AM Dykes and Gill Clark***

Saturday 4th June saw the return of Cowley's Village Fete, held in the grounds of Cowley Manor with parking on the cricket pitch. We are most grateful to the owners of Cowley Manor and its Manager for providing us with a wonderful location for the event, which attracted around 700 people.



The Fete was stage managed by Gill Clark, Petra Vogel, Sarah Astman, Trudy Drysdale, Lynn Joy and Beverly Ayling Smith, along with a host of willing volunteers including Susan Hamilton, who managed the Social Media side of things. Members of Cowley village played an important role in setting up and running the many stalls. The weather was atrocious in the morning - cold with high winds and rain. While setting up we had to rescue two gazebos, which were taken by the wind! Thankfully, however, at 1.00pm the wind dropped, the sun came out (demonstrating the power of prayer) and the afternoon was dry and mild!



Viv Montague-Smith counted the takings, and I am delighted to share with you that the occasion broke all previous box office performances! A total of approximately £6,500 was raised from the day's activities.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the 2022 Village Fete such a resounding success and special thanks to all who came along to support it.



The Celtic Church and Celtic Worship (Part 2)

By Mark Venn

Part 1 of this article (in the June 2022 edition of *Parish Link*) dealt with the historical aspects of the Celtic and Roman versions of Christianity and the point at which they diverged. This part will consider the organisation and worship of the two streams. An important point to bear in mind is that a church, particularly one newly founded, will inevitably reflect in its organisation and worship the environment in which it exists.

The emperor Constantine adopted Christianity as the official Roman religion in 312AD. While existing Christian practices may have had some influence on the state religion initially, the Roman love of order will quickly have been brought to bear. Organising the new religion would naturally have followed existing models, of which the two most obvious would have been Roman society in general, and the army. Both were male-dominated, hierarchical, authoritative, rational and legalistic. These features carried over into the organisation and worship of the Roman church, which tended to identify with the major power of cities. Church leaders thus became powerful men, leading to an

authoritative hierarchy, and the form of worship developed into proscribed liturgy. Evidence for the style is seen perhaps in the attitude of Augustine when meeting with the Celtic elders, who insisted that they must be subject to his authority (see Part 1).

Celtic society on the other hand was much looser. It was primarily rural, based around family, community and tribe. There was a love of poetry and mysticism, and women were often involved in leadership roles. Before the coming of Christianity, the pagan Celtic beliefs centred on the natural world; the earth was the source of life, spirits were everywhere and the natural phenomena such as the sun, moon and wind were divine indicators (and consequently to be worshipped). Humans were an integral part of this creation. Such beliefs could readily be transferred to Christianity by accepting a creating and sustaining God, who alone was to be worshipped. Celtic Christian life showed a degree of independence between communities (the organisational unit being a monastery or other religious centre). There was a consequent variation in forms of worship, though common elements

were spirituality, shared contributions and a celebration of the whole of creation.

The emphasis of the Roman church was on “knowing”, rather than the Celtic emphasis on “living”. The former encouraged a rational and institutional approach; the latter was more relational and inspirational. Magnus Magnussen observed that “Roman Clergy said ‘Do as I say’ and expected to be obeyed, the Celtic clergy said ‘Do as I do’ and hoped to be followed.” While one may be drawn more instinctively to the Celtic approach, it must be remembered that New Testament teaching stresses the importance of both knowing and living!

After the Synod of Whitby the Christian church in the West followed the Roman style, which developed over the centuries into what we see as Roman Catholicism. Many features of Catholic organisation and worship were retained by the fledgling English church at the Reformation. The major departure of course was that the English monarch, rather than the Pope, became the Head of the church. Though there has been a softening in recent years (e.g., incorporation of women clergy), many features of the old

Roman church are still visible in the Church of England. However, many people are now appreciating the alternative approach offered in Celtic worship.

As a final thought, let us return to the point that the organisation and worship of a church will mirror the social order in which it exists. When the Church of England came into being it reflected society of the time, which was mainly rural, male dominated (with some notable exceptions such as Elizabeth I), hierarchical and with a high attendance expected at a parish church on Sunday (which had its own clergy). However, over the past seventy years or so society has undergone major changes. These include Sunday trading and sport, secularisation, free movement of the population, feminism, instant communications, fewer clergy and the “importance” of the individual above the group. No longer are we in a society in which the “community goes to the church”, so perhaps the “church must go to the community”. It is heartening to see increasing signs of this (Street Pastors, food banks, etc), but in order to encourage these new directions perhaps radical changes in church attitudes are needed too.

News from around the Benefice

Update from Colesbourne - *Sir Henry Elwes*

The village held a Barbecue Pig Roast and bonfire on Saturday 4th June to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More than 100 people attended and had a great social evening in excellent weather!

All Saints, North Cerney - Family visit to see stained glass

In May Elmore Crump and Revd David Minns were delighted to meet up with Mrs Maureen Radwell and her grandson Chris, who had come from London to visit All Saints, to see the stained-glass windows.

Mrs Radwell's grandfather was Percy Joyce, a glazier working in London. Percy was commissioned to undertake considerable restoration work on the stained-glass windows of All Saints in the early part of last century, repairing, moving and re-leading a number of the significant windows. After he had finished his work Percy went off to fight in the First World War where he was killed. He is buried in Belgium. Percy's widow Alice Victoria was left with their 4 daughters - Anne, Daisy, Emily (Maureen's mum) and Min. Alice died of TB just 3 years later; those were tough times.

The architect who had employed Percy for the work at North Cerney designed and placed a stained-glass window in All Saints in his memory. It is installed in the gallery and Maureen and Chris were keen to see it. They will be visiting Percy's grave in Belgium later this year. It was a privilege to meet them and to hear some of the human stories that lie behind our lovely church.

Photos below from left to right: Maureen Radwell and Grandson Chris at Percy's window; Percy Joyce (centre); Maureen with David and Elmore (on right).



On June 12 2022, *June Stephens* of Woodmancote reached the age of 100. The occasion was celebrated on the lawn of her home by a gathering of relatives and friends, together with a couple of hounds from the Cotswold Hunt. June has lived in the area all her life and is much loved by those who know her.

Rendcomb Roundup - *Ruth Edy*

Since the last edition of *Parish Link* quite a lot has been occurring in Rendcomb! The College had a summer concert on May 19th and then Founder's Day, followed by an evening Centenary celebration on Friday 27th May. There was a real sense of joy in coming together again and both occasions were blessed with good weather. Old Rendcombians who had been at the College during its first 50 years [1920-70], had a most enjoyable reunion lunch on 1st June.

We are delighted too, that progress is being made on fixing the rain damage inside the church. Now that we have a water-tight church these repairs, and others of a similar ilk, can go ahead. There are plans to improve the porch doors too and the boundary railings.

The Jubilee weekend included the wedding of one of the staff in the Junior School. It was a wet morning but by the time of the wedding it was sunny, even if a bit breezy!



Above: Bob Edy speaking to Chris Wood just before the guests arrived.

Below: Old Rendcombians enjoying lunch and reminiscing!



Then on Sunday 5th June there was a Jubilee tea party in the village hall, to which all the village residents were invited. This was organised by Kim and Catherine (*pictured on the left*), who wore matching Jubilee tee-shirts for the occasion!

A selection of images from Rendcomb's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party celebrations held in the Village Hall on Sunday 5th June



The College term finishes on Wednesday 6th July but before that there are a couple of school summer productions (please see the College website for more information: <https://www.rendcombcollege.org.uk/>).

The Riverside Players are also back in Rendcomb at the end of August for an outdoor performance of *David Copperfield*. For more details, closer to the time, see: <http://riversideplayers.org.uk/wp/2020-david-copperfield/>.

We are now looking forward to bringing our picnics to Geoff and Carol's wood on the White Way on *Saturday July 2nd*, from 3-6pm (please see next page for full details). Thank you, Carol and Geoff!

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Stratton Educational Foundation



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Thought for the month - *Et In Arcadia Ego*

by *the Revd Philip Morse*

Methodist Minister (now retired and a Stratton resident)

'There's a frightful great fountain too, in front of the steps, all rocks and sort of carved animals. You never saw such a thing.

Yes, Hooper, I did. I've been here before.'

Thus, Evelyn Waugh concluded

the Prologue to his much-loved novel before plunging the reader back into the early 1920s when Charles Ryder first met Sebastian Flyte in Oxford which, "in those days, was still a city of aquatint." Castle Howard in Yorkshire may or may not have been Waugh's primary source of inspiration for the depiction of Brideshead, but the house was used in the extremely popular television adaption of the novel and, some years later, in the rather disappointing cinema-film version of the same. My wife and I had always wanted to explore the place and recently we had an opportunity to do so. Unlike in Charles Ryder's reply to Hooper, we had not been here before, so for us it was by way of a Visit rather than a Revisit.



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The opportunity was not especially part of a post-pandemic staycation but, given the bleakness of the news across the world and in Britain in recent months, we wanted to be reminded that beauty and peace can still be sought, found, and enjoyed. However, like most Christians, we felt a certain sense of guilt in enjoying that beauty and peace whilst we knew that other people across the world are suffering as much as they are, especially in places like Ukraine. Were we espousing the aesthetic intent of the ostrich? Do we all feel the need to do so at certain times of our life?

The first main section of Waugh's "*Brideshead Revisited*" after the Prologue is entitled "*Et in arcadia ego*". The title takes its name from a very famous painting (sometimes known as "The Arcadian Shepherds") by the 17th century French artist, Nicolas Poussin, who was born in Les Andelys in Normandy (we have pitched our tent in the campsite there on the banks of the Seine many times). His painting, accomplished in 1638-40, depicts a group of rustic shepherds in classical garb in an idyllic pastoral landscape. They have found in this paradisiacal setting a tomb. The Latin of the title permits two very different possible interpretations.

Waugh's interpretation implies, "I too have known (been in) Paradise," where the subject is the speaker who is remembering golden days of youth. The other interpretation sets the discovered tomb, representing Death, as the subject, where Death says to us, "Even in Paradise I am to be found." To the Christian, contemplating either pre-fall Eden or post-Resurrection eternity, that concept is quite a challenge. How are we to face up to it?

Many years ago, I was the minister of a large church on the south coast of Devon where the church stewards were clearing out a long-ignored storeroom. "What do you want us to do with this?" said a steward, handing me a very large wooden crucifix - not a thing that you would normally find in a Methodist church! Apparently, it had belonged to a previous minister who had Weslo-Catholic leanings, and who had left it with them either by mistake, as a gift, or as a challenge. I told them to screw it to the wall above the doorway that led out of the vestry and into the main body of the church, so that it would be the last thing that a preacher saw before he began to conduct an act of worship. It would remind him (or her) of the price that had to be paid to allow them to do that.

Christians constantly live with the beauty of Galilee and the darkness of Gethsemane and Calvary. That is the way that this life is. I know nothing

of the beauty, the art, and the culture of the people of Ukraine, except that these things exist and the people there treasure them. They treasure their families, their homes, their towns, their villages, and their churches, and Putin and his evil designs and methods are seeking to destroy them all. Film reports from Ukraine on the television put me in mind of the sheer wanton destruction of Sauron and Saruman in Tolkien's "*The Lord of The Rings*". We have to help the people of Ukraine in any way we can, because if we value our things of beauty, our culture and our civilization, then we must value theirs and, if we cannot help the Ukrainian people to save those things, then we must help them eventually to rebuild them.

The irony of the situation is that Putin claims that one of the purposes of his war is to rid Ukraine of the evil of western liberal culture that has destroyed traditional values (as he sees them). I am not sure how genocide perpetrated by the Russian military squares with traditional values in any culture, but over the last decade in the west we have come to speak of "culture wars". Do we understand what they are, or how we may respond to them?

Where we pitch our tent on that particular battlefield will depend upon whether we believe in the existence of God and, if we do, whether we believe that he has revealed a code of values to the generations down the centuries. It will also depend upon the degree of authority that we ascribe to religious scriptures, or whether we think that human reason and individual desires and liberties are to be the prime determining factors in our life's decisions and, paradoxically, in our contemporary interpretation of the scriptures if we give them any value at all.

A further persistent question for the Christian is: "If God wants us to work together to build a heaven on earth, inspired by the example of his Son, why doesn't he give us a bit more help to defeat evil?" The conventional answer is that the highest point of creation would be if God's creatures would, by their own free will, turn to him and follow his ways and his wishes. Once God gives human beings free will, the gift is total. He cannot arbitrarily intervene to change things if human beings choose the alleged "wrong" or evil options. Just as a woman cannot be "slightly" pregnant (either she is or she isn't), so free will is entirely free or it is not free will at all.

Et in arcadia ego? It is an interesting question. Poussin completed his painting as the horror that was the Thirty Years War was raging across Europe. Waugh wrote "*Brideshead Revisited*" during the war in which six

million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. Surely the most blessed time in human history was the thirty-odd years when the Son of God himself walked this earth and yet that period ended in human beings committing deicide.

Much great poetry came out of the First World War, but if you want to retain a vision of what God's world could be, rather than the horror that it often is at the hands of man, then you might seek that vision in Edward Thomas' "Adlestrop"...

*And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.*

Set "all the birds of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire" against Wilfred Owen's "monstrous anger of the guns" and take heart from the comparison. Remember the distraught and grieving woman in a garden one Sunday morning meeting somebody whom she thought was a gardener, or those travellers on the Emmaus Road inviting a stranger into supper with them, and then finding out to their total surprise what the supper actually signified - and portended.

*You never saw such a thing.
Yes, Hooper, I did. I've been here before.*

With thanks to the Revd Philip.

Schools' News

Stratton C of E Primary School

The term has started well for Class 2. We all enjoyed coming together and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children were very excited. In English lessons they wrote letters to the Queen, thinking carefully about what they would like to ask her. There were lots of questions about what it was like to be Queen for 70 years. We were lucky enough to look at some old photographs of the Queen when she was younger as well as looking at pictures of Her Majesty today.



Along with the rest of the school, Class 2 designed and decorated their own hat to wear to our Jubilee celebration.

We really enjoyed being creative and we loved seeing everyone wearing their hats at our Jubilee tea party. We all came dressed in red, white and blue and, along with our friends and families, we enjoyed a sunny Jubilee tea party on the school field. It was a lovely way to celebrate the Queen becoming the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.



Thank you to Class 2 teachers Mrs Walker and Mrs Sibson for this update



North Cerney Primary Academy

Key Stage 2 Pupils from North Cerney School recently attended a residential trip at the Wilderness Centre in Mitcheldean (<https://www.wilderness-centre.co.uk/contact/>). They crate stacked, completed obstacle courses, explored tunnels and made campfires (with marshmallows of course!) amongst many other exciting activities. Great fun was had by all. The photographs on the next page give a flavour of the children's residential experience.



Community News and Events

The Tuesday Group - *Judith Wood*

The Group had the opportunity to hear how a Woman works in a 'Man's World' when Lyn Hilditch gave us a very interesting and entertaining talk on 7th June about her career as an air traffic controller.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our outing to Windsor in July as not enough members and friends were available to go.

We don't have a meeting in August, as many people will be away, so our next meeting will be on *Tuesday 6th September* when **Mrs Kate Peake** will be giving a talk on 'Gloucestershire Events and Traditions'. This should be a very entertaining evening so we do hope that lots of members and friends will be able to join us then.

Looking further ahead, on *Tuesday 4th October* **Ian MacKintosh** will be coming to talk to us about 'Four-hundred Years of Stroudwater Textiles'.

Meetings are held in Stratton Village Hall, Stratton, Cirencester - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Entrance is £2.00 and includes light refreshments. For further information/details please contact Judith Wood on: 01285 652713 or email: wood.judith@yahoo.co.uk

Wishing everyone a happy and sunny summer!

Judith

Date for your diary: Coberley's August Bank Holiday Fete



COBERLEY VILLAGE FETE

Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2022, 2-5pm

Silver band playing, produce show, BBQ, dog show, cream teas, cake stall, pre-loved clothes, children's games, scarecrow competition and a grand raffle.

Admission £1 adults, children under 16 FREE
Coberley School, Coberley, Cheltenham GL53 9QZ

Winstone and District WI - *Moira Cima*

We had a balmy evening for our annual garden party - held this year in June in the peaceful garden of our president - and which was also a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The highlight was a wonderful cake, beautifully decorated with flowers from the garden (*photograph below left*).



At our next meeting, on 12th July, we will have a talk from one of our members on the mysterious island of Socotra, described as "the most alien-looking place on earth". Socotra is part of Yemen and a jewel of biodiversity in the Arabian sea, home to several species which can't be found anywhere else on the planet. Even the journey to get there was an adventure! If you'd like to hear more, please contact our secretary Chris on: 01285 821261. Visitors are always welcome - only £4.50. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Scrubditch Care Farm - *Emma Costley-White*

As we go to press...Next Community Coffee Morning is:
Friday 24th June 10 am to midday. Do come and see what we do here and have a cuppa with a delicious cake!



Extended opening Autumn Term onwards - From 3rd September, we will be open five days a week! We have had lots of interested students, so are increasing our student days to include Friday. We will still run our Tuesdays for people living with dementia, and the other four days will be for learning disabled adults. Do get in touch with Gerry if you would like to come and see what we do. We are taking bookings already for the Autumn term! info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

NB Don't forget to follow us on Instagram, Facebook and look at our website: <http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk>

Children's Holiday Activities - We are running several sessions for school age children in August. Check us out on our Facebook page to see when they are.

National Open Farm Sunday - 12th June - We had a great turn out for Open Farm Sunday. Once again, the weather was perfect. Everyone enjoyed looking round the farm, and seeing the sheep, pigs, hens and ducks. We had a fantastic array of cakes made by volunteers, and staff along with homemade elderflower cordial and tea.

Sheep News - We should be weaning the lambs at the end of July. The sheep have been shedding their fleeces all over the fencing and hedging surrounding their field. It does save us having to shear them though!

Pig News - We have sold 6 of the piglets so far - 3 of Tigger's and 3 of Mabel's. As I write, two more are due to go next week. If anyone is interested in weaners we still have three more available. Do get in touch at: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Vegetable and plant plans - We still have plants available and vegetables coming along nicely. We'll be putting regular supplies at the end of the drive with our 'honesty box'.

Hens and Ducks - We are selling our Duck eggs at *Jolly Nice* again now that they are nearly all laying, but we sell our hens' eggs from here. So, if you would like a regular order do get in touch on: 01285 895790.

Corporate volunteering - If you would like to know more about corporate volunteering / 'giving back' days do get in touch with us via: www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Group Visits - If you know a Care Home / School / College that would like to bring a group to visit do get in touch with us at: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Hiring our facilities - We have wonderful facilities available for birthday parties, meetings, workshops, and events. Please get in touch if you are interested in hiring our facilities: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Dementia Sessions - If you know someone who is living with dementia or Alzheimer's our sessions run every *Tuesday from 11am - 1pm*. They are very informal and it's an opportunity to get out in the fresh air with likeminded people in small groups. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about these sessions: gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk Or have a look at our website: www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Talks via ZOOM - If you know a group that would like to hear about the work we do here, our talks last about 40 minutes, and we give a fun and informative overview of the Care Farm. Get in touch either via the website www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk or: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 24th June, 10am to midday: **Community Coffee Morning**

Friday 22nd July: **End of term.**

Monday 3rd September: *Autumn Term starts.* Bookings for student sessions being taken now. Please email us at:

info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk



Crossword

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD BW82 (June 2022)

ACROSS:

1	SIRENS	10	SAGO	15	PEPPER	22	KEEN
4	ESTHER	11	REBEL	17	AGHAST	23	NORTHERNER
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9	EROS	14	RANDOM	20	IRON	25	SYPHON

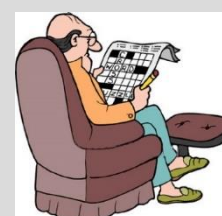
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3	SECRET	11	REPEL	21	NOAH
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JULY CROSSWORD: BW83 - by Ben Woods

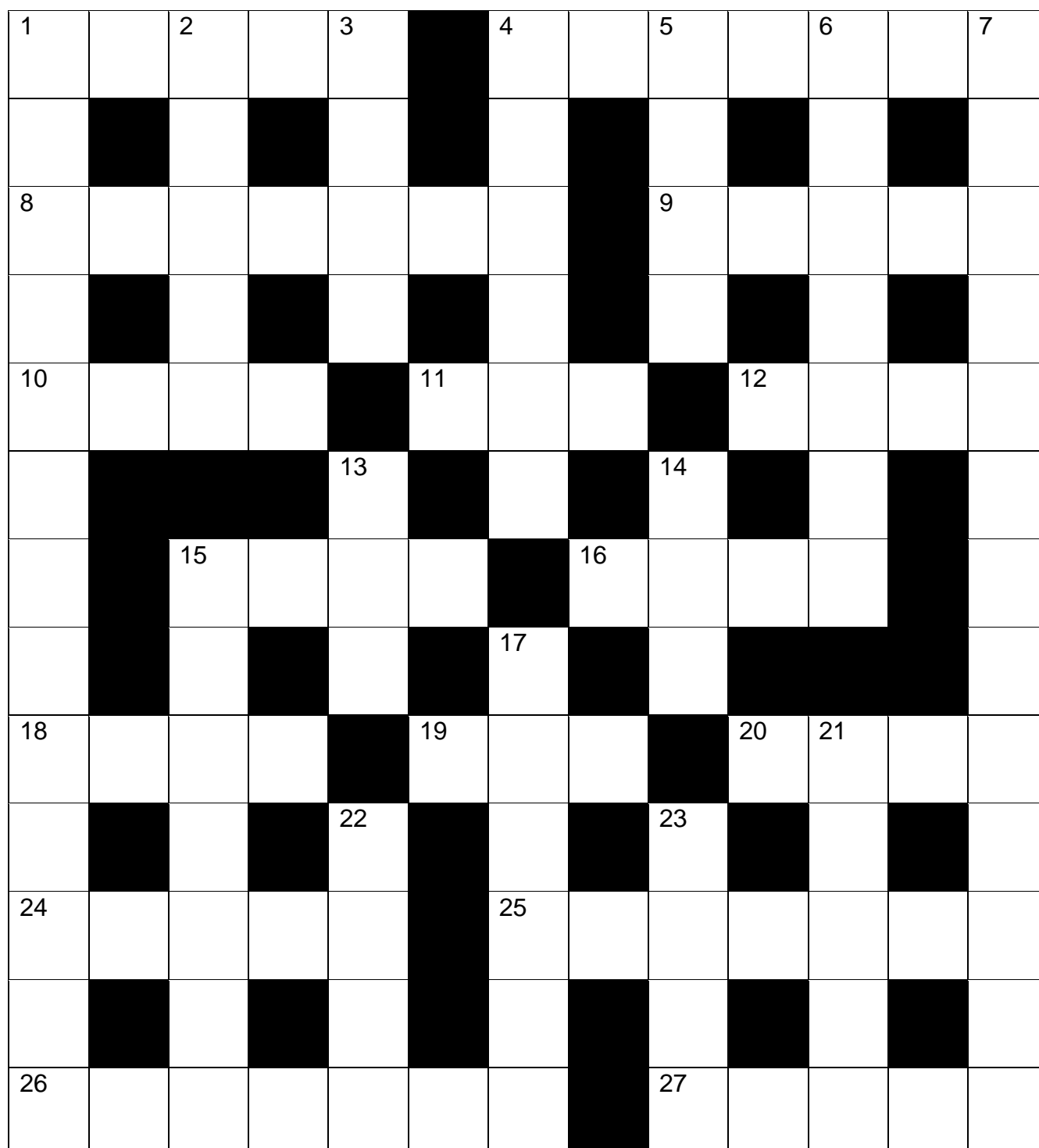
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| 8 ALL PURPOSE (7); | 18 SNAKES (4); |
| 9 ELK (5); | 19 NOT MANY (3); |
| 10 ATOMS WITH | 20 ROAN TREE (4); |
| ELECTRICAL CHARGE (4); | 24 STUPID (5); |
| 11 MOROCCAN FELT | 25 HONEST (7); |
| HEADDRESS (3); | 26 PUZZLE (7); |
| 12 LOAD (4); | 27 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (5). |



CLUES DOWN:

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| 1 ENLARGEMENT (13); | 13 SHIP (3); |
| 2 INERT GAS (5); | 14 CHEST (3); |
| 3 GOSPEL WRITER (4); | 15 COMMANDER (7); |
| 4 HAMMER (6); | 17 POLL (6); |
| 5 YOUNG SHEEP (4); | 21 APPLAUD (5); |
| 6 WORSHIP (7); | 22 CURE (4); |
| 7 PEOPLE WHO SEW (13); | 23 MOVE SLOWLY (4). |



From the Benefice Registers

Funerals:

25 th May '22	Michael Haddock	St Peter's, Stratton then Kingsdown Crem. Swindon
26 th May '22	Michael Haddock	Stratton Cemetery, <i>Ashes burial</i>
30 th May '22	Margaret Rose Norvill	St Mary Magdalene, Baunton <i>Ashes burial</i>
1 st June '22	James Christian - Richardson	St Peter's, Stratton then burial - Stratton Cemetery
8 th June '22	Susan Wicks	St Peter's, Stratton then burial - Chesterton Cemetery
16 th June '22	Doreen Herbert	All Saints, North Cerney then Kingsdown Crem. Swindon
17 th June '22	Michael Ellis Cutts	Cheltenham Crematorium then St Peter's Church, Stratton

Baptisms:

22 nd May '22	Jack Morgan Bond	St Peter's, Stratton
12 th June '22	Theodore James Rose	St Giles, Coberley
12 th June '22	Harry Kirkwood Hammond & Charlie Alexander Hammond	St Peter's, Stratton
18 th June '22	Isaac Brian Bond	St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Weddings:

27 th May '22	James McDougale Gregory & Hannah Charlotte Symondson	All Saints, North Cerney
4 th June '22	Josh Lawson Freeman & Penelope Ruth Morrow Brown	St Peter's, Rendcomb
18 th June '22	Arthur Frederick William Row & Johanna Isabella Tuke-Hastings	St John's, Elkstone
18 th June '22	Jennie Charlotte Bage & Charles John Mortimer-Hampson	St Mary's, Cowley

Wedding Blessing:

18 th June '22	Nicholas John Ward and Katherine Frances Moseley	All Saints, North Cerney
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Recipe - Spanish Rice

This month's offering is a Vegetarian recipe, which is also good if you are trying to lose some weight as it is based on a *Weight Watchers'* collection of vegetarian recipes published in 1977.



SPANISH RICE (SERVES TWO)

Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs olive oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ onion
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 courgette
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp chilli powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp turmeric
- 4oz long grained rice
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pint vegetable stock
- 2 tbs dry white wine
- 1 can of chopped tomatoes

- 3oz frozen petit pois
- 3oz kidney beans (the original recipe used black-eyed beans)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs fresh chopped sage or 1 tsp dried sage can be used
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 tbs vegetarian Parmesan cheese (or gluten free alternative) grated

Method:

- Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry the onion and garlic until softened. Add the courgette and fry for 2 minutes.
- Stir in the chilli, turmeric, rice, tomatoes, and beans for 2 minutes.
- Add the stock, wine, tomatoes, and mushrooms and bring to the boil.
- Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.
- Stir in the peas, sage and seasoning, and simmer for a further 5 minutes or until the rice is tender.
- Serve immediately and sprinkle on the cheese.

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News from our NHS Trust - *Anne Davies*

This has been a difficult month for the Trust with news releases focusing on problems resulting from ambulance delays. Currently every patient is triaged in the ambulance to ascertain the care they need, and they may then be admitted to a 'Cohort room to allow the release of ambulances and paramedics back to the community'. A national newspaper has claimed that a whistle blower had told of patients being left to die alone in such a room, but this has been disputed by the Trust and a formal complaint has been lodged with the Independent Press Standards Organisation. More recently the BBC, in a feature on ambulance delays, has highlighted that a patient died at GRH having waited up to five hours for an ambulance after suffering from a fall. The Trust and the ambulance service are doing all they can to ensure patient safety, but nationwide delays are still being caused by the difficulty of freeing up bed space. These articles are having a very negative impact on staff who are doing all they can to deliver *'the best possible care to our patients, their families and our colleagues but, sadly, these unprecedented times mean that, at times, the experience of both patients and staff may not be what we aspire to.'* (Mark Petroni, Medical director.)

How well the staff are performing, despite these very difficult times, was celebrated at the staff awards, the first since the lockdown began, and I was delighted to be invited to attend. It was amazing to hear of the innovation, good practices and patient care that have been taking place throughout these challenging times. The number of nominations in each category was very high and it must have been very difficult to select the winner; to me they all were!

I recently took part in a meeting of governors, (staff, elected and co-opted), with the *Care Quality Commission* who are assessing the leadership and performance of the Trust. They commented that it was the largest number of governors that they had ever had at such a meeting. The fact that we have a youth representation was also positively commented on. We were able to speak openly about the interactions that we have with directors and how the importance that we all place on our responsibilities as representatives of those who elect us and of our duty to oversee the Trust governance was recognised. This was in stark contrast to my first meeting seven years ago when governors were barely considered and reinforced my own feeling that whilst there are still hurdles ahead, we are on the right track!

Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor Cotswolds)

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July Services listing

There will usually be a Service of either *Holy Communion* or *Morning Prayer* at St Peter's, Stratton, at 10am on a Wednesday morning.

Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	3 rd	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
Sunday	17 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (CP)
Sunday	24 th	9.30am	HC [CW] (DM)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service at Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	3 rd	9.30am	HC (DM)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	3 rd		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
Sunday	10 th	11.00am	MP with Baptism (CP)
Sunday	17 th		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
Sunday	24 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (JA-M)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	3 rd	10.00am	Matins (CH)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	17 th	9.30am	Matins (MV)
Sunday	24 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	HC (JA-M)
Sunday	10 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	MP (MV)
Sunday	24 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>
Sunday	31 st	11.00am	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE (DM)

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	MW (MV)
Sunday	10 th	10.00am	MW (JA-M)
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	HC (CP)
Sunday	24 th		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	3 rd		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	10 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	17 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

Sunday	10 th		<i>Service at Elkstone</i>
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	3 rd	9.30am	HC (JM)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	Celtic Worship (MV)
Sunday	17 th	9.30am	All Age 'Big Breakfast Bash' in Stratton School (DM and JA-M)
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	HC (JA-M)
Sunday	31 st		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

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