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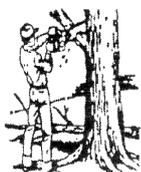


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SEPTEMBER 2020

## BACK TO NORMAL?

September, always the month when things wake up after the summer recess, looks this year as though it should see a return to a more normal way of life in *any number of ways*. We're hoping to be able to print and deliver copies of the *Newsletter* for the first time in six months. The government is saying at the moment (mid-August) that in September all schoolchildren should be back in school, and the rest of us, by and large, back at work (that is, in the workplace. Many of us of course have been at work throughout, though working from home more frequently than we were before). And in our parish churches, you'll see elsewhere that we're hoping to return to a programme very similar to the one we ran prior to March, operating again in all three churches, with the additional bonus of online and telephone provision being available with much the same frequency as it has been since the restrictions began.

*Except, of course...* that all this is provisional, *everything* is conditional, depending on how things progress in the weeks ahead. We have learned recently to keep many of our options open and to take few things for granted. We've seen how things previously unthinkable can happen with a few hours notice, should public health and the government require it.

So no, it's not exactly 'everything back to normal.' At the Rectory, we're still quarantining the mail that comes through the door for up to 72 hours, in accordance with the strongest advice we've so far seen. Face coverings are mandatory at public worship, Communion received only 'in one kind' (i.e. the bread, but not the wine), two metres distancing is required, and hand sanitizers are available at the door. Churches which are open during the week are sanitized *daily*, with markers to show where visitors have sat. All very strange, at first, but all becoming part of a way of life which will last for who knows how long.

The Christian Church and Gospel speak, it's true, of a future and a hope, always, and in all circumstances. Often we 'weep with those who weep', but always, it's with the knowledge of something *beyond* the weeping. 'Heaviness may endure for a night', says the psalmist, 'but joy comes with the morning' - whether or not it's clear to us how that will be. The Church nationally has been accused of by some of being too ready to shut down at the very time it should have been most active. It's been a hard call to make, but for my money, our leadership got it right, putting the well-being of the people above an ill-judged sense of their own indispensability. And we've gone on acting, volunteering, serving: speaking about the things that are eternal, which go on mattering. Like life, and death, and love, and service...and our ultimate need for one another, and for God.

We've broken new ground, explored new ways of being together and of worshipping with others, even forged new relationships as a worshipping community with people from other parts of the country and from Scotland and from Wales. As in other respects during these sometimes difficult months, there have been gains as well as losses. We trust that the gains can be built upon, the losses mitigated and the sorrows begin to heal, in the months that lie ahead.

Your Rector,  
ROBERT WARD

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## *Church Services in September 2020*

Although we have been unable to worship in our churches since the middle of March due to restrictions in place because of the Coronavirus, there is a reasonable expectation that restrictions might be relaxed during the month ahead. In view of that, we have produced the usual calendar of services for the month, which will come into operation as soon as circumstances allow.

Meanwhile, please join us by telephone or online twice a week: SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10.00 a.m. and TUESDAY EVENINGS at 6.30 p.m., for services 'broadcast' from the Benefice. Details are on our parish websites and in our weekly 'e-news', available from Kevin Brewer - [kevrbrewer@aol.com](mailto:kevrbrewer@aol.com), or 01886 880017.

When we are so permitted, church services will take place for those who are able to attend; and for those who continue to be locked down, some online worship will continue to be provided.

*(As ever, \* denotes a change from the usual monthly pattern)*

<b>FIRST SUNDAY</b>	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)	Mathon
<b>September 6</b>	*10.45 a.m.	Pet Service (to be confirmed)	Cradley
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (said, if restrictions on singing remain)	Storrige
Wednesday 9	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) - (said)	Cradley
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (said) - <b>Live Streamed</b>	
<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mattins	Storrige
<b>September 13</b>	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW) - <b>Live Streamed</b>	Cradley
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (said, as above)	Mathon
Wednesday 16	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) - (said)	Cradley
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (said) - <b>Live Streamed</b>	Cradley
<b>THIRD SUNDAY</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Storrige
<b>September 20</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mattins - Lay-led (to be confirmed)	Mathon
	10.45 a.m.	Morning Service - Lay-led - <b>Live Streamed</b>	Cradley
Wednesday 23	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) - (said)	Cradley
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (said) - <b>Live Streamed</b>	
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mattins - Lay led (to be confirmed)	Storrige
<b>September 27</b>	10.45 a.m.	Family Communion - <b>Live Streamed</b>	Cradley
	*6.00 p.m.	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>Mathon</b>
Wednesday 30	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) - (said)	Cradley
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (said) - <b>Live Streamed</b>	

## *Church services in October 2020*

<b>FIRST SUNDAY</b>	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (BCP)	Mathon
<b>October 4</b>	10.45 a.m.	Harvest Family Service with Jimmy's Band	Cradley
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (said, if restrictions on singing remain)	Storrige

## *From The Registers*

### **Holy Matrimony**

25 July 2020	Shawn Charles Davies & Clare Alice Smith	Cradley
6 August 2020	William Michael John Hames & Julia Elizabeth Maclagan	Cradley

### **Funerals**

28 July 2020	Paul Lockyer Hunt (Graveside service)	Cradley
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### **Interment of Ashes**

1 August	Stephen Charles Napier Byrte ('Stevie')	Storrige
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## CRADLEY CHAPEL

(Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion)



Services each Sunday at  
10.30 a.m.

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Communion Service  
on the first Sunday of each month

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*A very warm welcome awaits you.*



### PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

### PARISH GIFT DAY

### SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

As we emerge tentatively from the 'lockdown' of the last six months there will be many appeals for help from charities close to our hearts. We'd ask you not to forget your local churches, dependent almost entirely on local goodwill for their day-to-day survival.

Fundraising has been hit hard this summer, as have other crucial sources of income, including summer weddings.

Richard Jackson, newly arrived as Bishop of Hereford just as the pandemic began, has called for a Parish Gift Day throughout the diocese on Sunday 20 September.

Since it's difficult at present to plan events of any kind which involve people coming together, could we ask you to consider making a special donation to your local parish church on or before Sunday 20 September, and if they come in envelopes labelled 'Parish Gift Day', we'll count them as arriving on that day.

Thank you for your consideration.

ROBERT WARD  
Rector

## CRADLEY CHURCH FUNDRAISING

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### CRADLEY CHURCH 100 CLUB

The 100 Club continues to operate, and this month's winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Gilbert
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moira Starkey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Julia Maclagan.

### SUMMER DRAW

Having lost the Summer Fete which is our main fundraiser of the year, we have decided to go ahead with a Summer Draw.

Tickets at 50p each are available in the church or village hall or contact Ian Bailey.

### TREASURE HUNT

At the end of September / Early October we are organising a Car / Walking Treasure hunt around the Malvern Hills. More details next month or on the website.

IAN BAILEY  
01886 884682

**NEWSLETTER**  
**COPY DEADLINE DATES**  
Advertisements/notices: 12<sup>th</sup> of the month  
(Except December: 9<sup>th</sup> of the month)  
Articles: 16<sup>th</sup> of the month  
(Except December: 12<sup>th</sup> of the month)

# theWI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

### CRADLEY W.I.

We are hoping we can be back in the village hall sometime in the autumn, but until then members are meeting by Zoom or in gardens. We cancelled the August Zoom meeting and held afternoon and evening meetings in President Maureen's garden. All very well socially distanced and everyone brought their own refreshments. There were sprinkles of rain during the afternoon but undeterred the ladies put waterproofs on, or sheltered under umbrellas. They only lasted a few minutes and it was still warm. It kept dry for the evening meeting. It was so nice to see real faces again and we did what we don't normally do at our meetings we sang *Jerusalem* all facing the way the wind was blowing which was a 30 miles uninterrupted view to the Clent Hills. Afterwards ladies enjoyed looking round the garden and picking the surplus produce Maureen offered.

The National Federation of W.I. has extended this year's membership to the end of March 2021 and from then on, the membership year will be from April to March. Like most WIs Herefordshire federation is playing 'wait and see' about future activities.

The HFWI (Hereford WI) annual meeting, having been postponed until October, has now been cancelled and planned for 2021. HFWI has a new chairman, Margaret Simcock, who is keen on taking the HFWI forward despite the difficult times. Like the *CMS Newsletter*, HFWI is hoping to get its printed newsletter back for September. Cradley WI will continue to hold Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future and the committee are investigating Zoom speakers. Some members are continuing booking on the *Denman at Home* Zoom demonstrations and talks which have new or repeated topics every week. Cradley W.I. is offering every one of its 2020 members the cost of a *Denman At Home* session as a bursary this year. Contact Maureen or Joy for more details.

Ladies brought items for the Bosbury food bank box which Joy continues to organise. Cradley WI has had a very nice letter of thanks from the Ledbury food bank of which Bosbury is an offshoot. Thanks go not only to members but also to other local people who so generously donate foodstuffs for the Bosbury food bank. Joy will continue to produce a Cradley WI newsletter as long as members send in articles for inclusion.

MAUREEN SULLIVAN  
President Cradley WI

### STORRIDGE CHURCH FLOWERS

September 6	Mrs Pamela Hurle
September 13	Mrs Pamela Hurle
September 20	Mrs Jean Horne
September 27	Mrs Jean Horne

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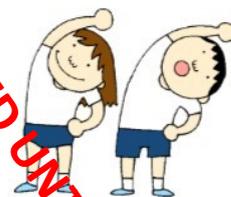
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## THE CLIFFE ARMS – MATHON



The owner of the Cliffe Arms has submitted two planning applications (very similar to the 2019 one) for conversion of the Cliffe Arms into two private residences and a new build house in the garden area. Mathon Parish Council held a Zoom planning meeting on 6 August, and has sent in a very strongly worded and detailed objection to these applications to Herefordshire Planning Services (see p 13).

The Council is asking for local residents and others in surrounding areas to send in comments as soon as possible, as the Council was unable (due to Covid-19 restrictions) to organise a petition as last year. We need as many comments as possible from parishioners a second time, **as your 2019 comments will not count**. The website deadline for comments is 30 August 2020, but CAMRA has advised us that comments can still be sent in to Herefordshire Planning Services, PO Box 4, Hereford HR4 OXH **up to September 15**. Ref: Cliffe Arms Planning Applications 201982 & 201983.

Please ignore the "invalid proposal" note attached to the applications on the website; this refers to the applicant not fully completing the paperwork re ownership and will be validated once the paperwork is received. It does not invalidate the planning applications.

Last year, as well as 113 names on a petition, 80 objections were posted onto the website - we are hoping to get as close as we can to this figure in 2020.

Many thanks for your help.

DIANA TAYLOR  
Clerk to Mathon Parish Council.  
E-mail: [dtaylormathonclerk235@gmail.com](mailto:dtaylormathonclerk235@gmail.com)

*On 13 August 2020 The Malvern Gazette headlined an article with:*

**'Objections as plans for turning Cliffe Arms at Mathon into housing are resubmitted'.**

Substantially, the article says that "developers are once again applying to turn the Cliffe Arms, a historic pub, into housing. Thomas Hayes wanted to convert it into two homes and build a detached property within the garden back in June last year. Architects working on the scheme say the purpose of this repeat application is to overcome the previous reason for refusal."

These proposals are to convert the pub into two homes and build another house on the site.

Sam Harte, chairman of Mathon Parish Council, said: "It is annoying and frustrating that the Cliffe Arms remains closed, despite there having been an offer on the table to buy it as a pub for most of those fifteen years and this offer is still active.

"This fact was one of nine separate reasons why the last application to convert the pub was refused by Herefordshire Council planners back in October 2019."

Herefordshire Campaign for Real Ale spokesman Mark Haslam said: "It is not acceptable for people to convert pubs when there is a buyer interested, who seeks to run it as a pub business, as is the case here.

"CAMRA will be sending a detailed report covering these matters to the planners in due course."

[Please note that husband-and-wife comments to Herefordshire Planning only count as one comment; comments need to be registered individually in order for each to count. Ed.]

### **End of year tax check**

Since the close of tax year 2019/20 on 5 April 2020, HMRC have been processing all the information they have received from employers and pension administrators regarding income and tax deducted via the PAYE system and also information received from Banks and Building Societies regarding interest paid. This enables HMRC to check if individuals have paid the correct tax in 2019/20.

Most people will hear nothing from HMRC after their tax records have been reconciled, but some will be contacted by HMRC with a calculation showing either a refund or a request for payment of additional tax. The calculation will be either a P800 or a PA302 Simple Assessment and will show all the income and tax paid for the 2019/20 tax year. These calculations need to be checked carefully, and to do that there are certain documents that you need to use:

**P60s:** if you are an employee or receive a private pension and tax is deducted at source then your employer or pension administrator must send you a P60 shortly after a tax year ends. This will show the amount of pay or pension you received for the tax year and the tax deducted.

**P45s:** when you leave an employment or empty a pension pot and receive a lump sum payment you will be sent a P45 by your employer or pension administrator. This shows the total taxable income paid and tax deducted.

**P11D:** if you are an employee receiving non cash benefits (e.g. a company car or paid membership of a private medical scheme) your employer should give you this form, which will show the taxable value of these benefits.

**Bank Statements:** if your State Pension or other taxable benefits are paid straight into your bank account, then statements will show the amount of benefit received and the number of payments made in a tax year. Remember that if you receive a State Pension (other than those paid weekly or fortnightly) then it will be paid every 4 weeks and not monthly, so there will be 13 payments in the tax year and not 12.

**Savings Interest:** Savings interest received can be checked by looking at statements, passbooks or savings certificates issued by the deposit taker, usually a bank or building society. Detailed checking is particularly important if you receive untaxed interest greater than £1,000 a year (or £500 if you are a higher rate taxpayer). Remember that any interest on an ISA is tax free. Last month's Tax Tips article gave more information on paying tax on savings interest.

**Dividend Certificates:** if you have shares then dividend income may result in a tax liability. For 2019/20 the dividend allowance was £2,000 so there is no tax on dividend income below this level. Anything above this needs to be declared to HMRC as tax may be due.

So, if you receive a tax calculation from HMRC, you will be able to check the calculation carefully with the above documents to hand. When you are doing this, don't forget to check that HMRC have given you all the allowances to which you are entitled, such as Marriage Allowance transfer, Married Couples Allowance or Blind Persons allowance. Also, sometimes the calculation will include 'adjustments' for tax owing for an earlier year. Notes are included with the calculation that explain any adjustments, so these need to be checked as well. It may be that the amount shown has already been paid or a payment plan agreed.

If you are happy that the tax calculation is correct then you will need to either request the refund or pay the liability.

You will be asked to request any refund due via your online Personal Tax Account, or wait 60 days for a cheque to be sent. If you do not have online access and do not want to wait for 60 days then you can call HMRC on 0300 200 3300 instead and ask for the refund to be sent straight away.

If you owe tax then you can pay online via your Personal Tax Account. If you do not have online access then it is possible to pay by cheque. Remember to include your National Insurance Number on the back of the cheque, and, if you have a Simple Assessment calculation, put the charge reference on the front of your cheque. If you cannot afford to pay the amount in full, then please ring HMRC's Payment Support Service on 0300 200 3835, straight away to let them know. They may be able to set up a time to pay arrangement or, if not, they will advise you to pay what you can, when you can, with a view to paying the amount off in full as quickly as you are able.

If you do not think the calculation is correct then you will need to contact HMRC on 0300 200 3300 or you can contact Tax Help for Older People on 01308 488066 for further information and help.

This article is by Tax Help for Older People Registered Charity no 1102276 (Scotland no SC045819), offering free tax advice to older people on a low income who cannot afford professional help.

Academics have revealed a hitherto unknown stash of correspondence between Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare. As readers may recall, over the years there has been conjecture as to whether Marlowe was the actual author of the plays. It is hoped that further study of these papers, including the letter reproduced below, will throw greater light on this issue.

## MARLOWE GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENTS

“Dear Will

Thanks for the drafts of your latest: we’ll be delighted to perform them when they are completed. In the meantime, we have read them through and would like to offer some thoughts on possible alternative phrasings.

For example, where Hamlet says “Well, everything’s bugged - I might as well top meself, I’m outta here” we felt he might, more poetically, say something like “To be, or not to be - that’s what it’s all about, know what I mean?”

Similarly, in the Scottish play, one of the characters - whilst washing her hands - says: “I can’t get my bloody hands clean”. It’s clear from the context that she **has** blood on her hands but we feel the audience might find something like “Out, out blooming spot” to be a little gentler on the ear whilst painting the picture you wish to convey.

In another play, the stage directions for one of your characters - Cleo - require her to apply an ass to various parts of her body, resulting in her death. Now, as you well know, we’re not medics, but we cannot see that pressing a donkey to any part of one’s being would result in death. Frank Bacon suggests that it might refer to someone’s bum which might cause one to die of embarrassment should it have been witnessed by anyone. It might also be a bit too risqué for the Lord Chancellor’s taste spooks: I need to make sure I keep my license!

If Frank is right, we feel it might be felt to be a little outré for today’s audiences and an alternative cause of death might be considered. My own feeling is that Cleo could perhaps, do away with herself as a result of a mishap with say, some tight clothing. Could she perhaps strangle herself with her scarf? Frank says, no - it’s not a scarf, it’s a boa (so, would her boa constrict her? how we laughed at that one). But, seriously, it might just lighten things a bit.

Frank has a very ready sense of the comedic, and does not need much egging on (in case, as he says, he comes up with an even rasher pun) but, I think he might be onto something when - having looked at the abovementioned points - he said he thought you could string all the bloopers together and make a comedy of errors out of them - it’s just a thought.

You may well feel the above to be much ado about nothing but we feel that, for all to end well, it needs first of all to be well. However, you are the writer and we realise that it must be as you like it.

Sincerely yours  
Christopher”

MIKE JOSEY

## Cradley Mathon & Storridge TEENY TOTS play group

UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOT MEETING AT THE PRESENT TIME



welcomes parents or carers and little ones (age 0-5) to stay and play.

**Thursdays at Storridge Village Hall  
10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon  
(£2 per family, includes a snack)**

Occasionally meets at Cradley School.

**Come and join in!**  
For information please contact:  
Rachel: 07790890183  
Annie: 01886 880964

### DEADLINE DATE FOR PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Payment and advertisement to be received by

12<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to insertion.

### TREASURER NEEDED

The *Newletter* team is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer.

The role involves receipt of subscriptions and advertising income, making payments to third parties and keeping accurate accounts.



Also managing the *Newletter's* bank account.

For more information, please contact Robert Colledge on 01886 880782.

## COLD COMFORT CITY

This was an alien environment for me. What was I doing here, where would I sleep? Would I be safe? These are the questions going around in my frightened mind.

“Concentrate you idiot” I tell myself, focus on one thing at a time. First where to sleep! I spot a corner sheltered from the driving rain and wind. As I pile my meagre belongings into the space, a large hand yanks me away, yelling at me as he throws my stuff back out into the cold and wet. My first lesson learned; do not take another homeless person’s place!

It’s getting late and I make do with the next suitable place I see. A doorway sheltered on two sides from the weather. I put down my cardboard and sleeping bag and crawl inside. Hunkered down, feeling alone, hungry and overwhelmed I try to sleep. The pavement is hard and icy and the damp is seeping right through to my bones. A sudden noise alerts me to danger, but it’s only an urban fox trying his best to survive in the city. Maybe he could give me some pointers on how to get through the night.

The night clubs are emptying out into the streets. It’s noisy, young people tottering about, shouting and pushing at each other, some throwing up after too much to drink. They have spotted me, start hurling verbal abuse and spitting at me, kicking at my sleeping bag and telling me to get a job, not to be a drain on society etc. When I don’t respond they lose interest and wander off. Danger averted for now.

My stomach is growling with hunger, my hair is plastered against my cold red nosed face but somehow I have to get through to morning. I am new to all this, do the old hands, the seasoned homeless ever get used to it?

The night is still young and yet I feel as if I have been here days. The hours tick by so slowly.

Another group of drunken men passes by; they stop and retrace their steps. “Are you ok?” one of them says slurring his words. My heart rate soars as I sense more danger. He realises I am frightened and backs off as they all offer to share their take away kebabs with me. I hate kebabs but tonight it tastes amazing.

“Can we help you at all?” they say as we wipe the remains of the kebabs from our mouths, my faith in humanity restored.” Do you need some money?”

“That would be very kind of you all. You see, I’m doing a sponsored sleep out to raise awareness for the homeless, and it hasn’t quite been as easy as I thought. You have all made my night, taking the time to ask if I was OK and sharing your kebabs with me. Thank you.”

JACQUI THOMPSON

## SMALL ART FOR ACORNS

It’s the blue-ginger annual charity auction when we raise money for Acorns Children’s Hospice in Worcester. Usually there’s an exhibition of all the small works of art donated by artists and some of our creative followers and customers in the gallery, and online and it culminates in a live auction with our entertaining local auctioneers, Bill Chadney and Miles Meager.

This year it will be all be online during the month of September and you’ll need to look at the [www.blue-ginger.com](http://www.blue-ginger.com) website homepage, or bluegingergallery on Instagram or blue-ginger gallery on Facebook to see what’s there and to start the bidding.

Bidding will be closed at 12 midnight on 4 October 2020.... and the highest bidder will claim each piece of artwork.

If you are an artist or creative person please feel free to donate something for the auction. All we ask is that it should be original artwork and SMALL! This especially relevant this year as I’ll probably have to post out most of the items after the auction.

Just drop your offering off at blue-ginger, Home End Farm (you can just pop it over the front gate if you don’t want to come in)

Let’s hope we can raise some funds for this very important local charity. Acorns Children’s Hospice offers care and support to life-limited children and their families.

SUE LIM

### THE 3 VILLAGES VISITING GROUP

#### ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO FEELS LONELY?



The Visiting Group is made up of a small number of volunteers who offer visits to anyone who may appreciate some company, whether it be for a catch up and a chat or maybe to share reading a book or just sit, whilst a partner goes out

Or perhaps you would enjoy the opportunity to share time together, by playing scrabble, chess, cards, including a hand of cribbage or doing crossword puzzles or any other games

If you, or anyone you know, might appreciate a visit, please let us know



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**Ros Rowberry** on 01886 880758

# CRADLEY SURGERY NEWSLETTER

Dr Patsy Dye  
Dr Chris Spruce

## GP Survey Results

The NHS annual GP Patient Survey results have recently been published. The survey assesses patients' experience of healthcare services provided by GP practices including access, making appointments, the quality of care received from healthcare professionals etc.

We are extremely proud to announce that our patients' responses put us in second place across the entire Herefordshire CCG, with 98% of patients saying their overall experience was good. We have scored well above the local CCG and national averages in all elements of the survey, with, for example, 97% of patients saying they found our receptionists helpful and 100% of patients saying they had confidence in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to during their last appointment. This is amazing and we are all very pleased.

We have a happy and hardworking team here and are delighted to be providing local health services where you need them so you don't have to travel so far.

## NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG

Hereford and Worcester health areas have joined forces. You probably won't notice anything different. We are always making sure we get our share of resources (a polite word for funding) and avoid it disappearing into layers of management. Our efforts to protect the surgery will not stop. Some of the older staff remember when Hereford and Worcester was one health area in the distant past. We've seen it all.

## Travel Vaccinations

We haven't had so many travel immunisations this year – this is not a surprise!

## Flu Clinics

Because of Coronavirus, we need to change the way we hold our flu clinics this year. This is important to minimise contact between patients and staff and keep everyone safe. The way we organise our flu clinics will look different. We are in the process of finalising plans, as far as we can, and will appreciate our patients' support in helping us make the events go smoothly by following whatever procedures we ask them to. More information to follow - watch this space!

## Returning to the new "Normal"

We have now returned to full health monitoring with blood pressures, blood tests, cervical smears, baby checks, diabetic and asthma checks and all the other work we do. Reminders are being put on prescriptions to attend for these.

Please can we ask that you DO NOT present at reception to organise this but continue to phone in to reception to book your appointments. This is because we endeavour to minimise the amount of patients in the waiting room at any one time - your understanding is appreciated.

We would urge anyone with high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes, to have a home BP kit. We can provide advice about which one to buy. This saves unnecessary visits to the surgery. Make sure you have one with the right sized cuff. The size is printed on the cuff. A cuff that's too small will overestimate your BP and you could be given too much medication.

## A Sad Goodbye

We mourn the loss of a very dear staff member. Many of you will be aware that one of our receptionists had been very unwell for some time and she sadly passed away in July. A few of us were privileged to be able to attend a Farewell Celebration Service, which was a beautiful tribute to our friend and colleague.

JUDE LEE  
Reception Supervisor

## CRADLEY BUTCHERY AND VILLAGE STORES

We would like to thank Pete, Lyn and their assistants for all their help, especially throughout this virus crisis. They have worked hard to keep us all supplied with meat, dairy products, groceries, greengroceries, cleaning materials and other essential items.

WE TRUST THAT ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DEPENDED ON THEIR SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE LAST FEW MONTHS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM IN THE FUTURE.

We are so fortunate to have the Butchery.

GEOFFREY AND SAL PUGH  
(Also on behalf of other Mathon residents)

## PLANNING AN EVENT?

To avoid clashes of dates and venues, please remember to check the diary at the back of this  
*Newsletter*

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## **INITIALS QUIZ**

e.g. 365 = D in a Y (365 Days in a Year)

Answers on p15

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## ON THIS DAY

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1967:** Sweden switched to driving on the right to fall in line with countries such as Norway and Finland with which it has land borders. The previous day all but essential traffic was banned from the roads while road markings were repainted and over 300,000 traffic signs were changed.

**September 4<sup>th</sup> 1882:** Thomas Edison opened his "Light Factory" in New York City. He started by connecting 59 customers to a supply of direct current at 110 volts. At the time Edison believed that alternating current was unworkable but his competitors did not take long to prove him wrong.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1989:** 410,000 Parisians, who should have received traffic fines, instead received letters charging them with murder, extortion and organized prostitution. A computer error was blamed.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> 1838:** The steamship *Forfarshire* ran aground on the Farne Islands after the engines failed during a severe storm. Grace Darling and her father William saw the wreck from the Longstone Lighthouse and rowed out to rescue the small number of survivors. Grace became a national heroine but sadly died of tuberculosis 4 years after the rescue, aged just 26. She is buried in the churchyard at Bamburgh.

**September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015:** The Queen became the country's longest serving Monarch. She surpassed Queen Victoria, who had reigned for 63 years, 7 months and 2 days.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> 1981:** For 189 years the chosen method of execution in France had been the guillotine. This came to an end when parliament voted to abolish capital punishment. The last victim of the guillotine had been a murderer who was executed in 1977.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 1967:** Rock band *The Who's* tour of the USA finished in dramatic style. They were known for smashing instruments but this time they went a bit further. Drummer Keith Moon put a flash powder charge in one of his drums, but used rather too much powder. The explosion demolished the drum kit and enveloped guitarist Pete Townshend in flames, leaving him singed and deafened.

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 1931:** Britain abandoned the gold standard, devaluing the Pound by almost a third. The move was considered essential to prevent foreign speculation in Sterling. The crisis was serious – 12,000 Royal Navy sailors went on strike to protest against a pay cut and even King George V took a pay cut of £50,000 per year.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 1991:** There was deadlock at a multinational meeting in Nairobi which was intended to agree targets to deal with carbon emissions and other climate change measures. The USA refused to accept targets, Japan wanted promises but no targets and Europe failed to agree a united approach.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862:** US President Abraham Lincoln issued his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. If the rebel states did not end the fighting and rejoin the Union by January 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 all slaves in the rebel states would be free.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 1878:** Dr Charles Drysdale warned of the dangers of smoking in a letter to *The Times*.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 1986:** A Police Constable is jailed for biting a colleague's ear during a rugby match.

**September 28<sup>th</sup> 1923:** The first edition of the *Radio Times* was published. The launch of the magazine followed threats by the Newspaper Publishers Association to stop printing programme listings unless a substantial fee was paid. It didn't remain just 'radio' times for very long. As early as 1928, *RT* announced a regular series of "experimental television transmissions by the Baird process" for half an hour every morning.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> 1994:** Boris Yeltsin failed to make a planned meeting with the Irish Prime Minister. He "overslept" while his aircraft circled Shannon Airport for an hour.

IAN THOMPSON

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## VJ75 DAY



Once again, many thanks to Chris Roberts for the spine-tingling sound of the Cradley Church bells following the 2 minutes silence at 11.00 a.m. on VJ75 Day.

I'm still unsure quite how he manages to ring 3 bells on his own - the mind boggles - 2 hands and teeth? Or is the third bell wrapped around one ankle?

Chris has also been ringing the bells again on Sunday mornings to summon (and welcome) worshippers back to church 'for real' instead of just 'virtual' services.

It's one of the most uplifting sounds I have experienced during our continued lockdown.

Thanks, Chris.

PAULINE DIPLOCK

## EVERGREEN CATCHUP NEWS

Another month has gone by and still there is no sign of things getting back to some kind of normality. However I have visited Waitrose once. Very well organised, I must say, but there is still that little bit of apprehension. Also I don't like that suffocating feeling of wearing a mask. Do you?

I do hope you've all been getting out in the sunshine topping up your vitamin D levels – very important for our constitutions to help fight the dreaded Covid-19.

My runner beans have been doing very well, producing great handfuls of beans every day. Thank goodness for the chicken wire fencing we put round them at the beginning of the process. It makes picking a bit awkward but at least the rabbits haven't got to them so far. The tomatoes are prolific in the greenhouse but a very disappointing taste. What have I done wrong? Is it worth bothering, I ask myself, when I can buy delicious vine toms from Crumpton Hill Farm shop?

Well, is this the end of summer and are we quickly heading towards the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness? Still looking forward to having a proper holiday when all the crowds have left our favourite beaches. Roll on better times.

To all the Evergreen Gang and friends I haven't seen for such a long time, I'm thinking about you all. Take care and keep safe.

A little thought – "Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

Speak soon, lots of love.

CHRIS ORFORD  
Club Leader 01886 880387

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There are no specific areas that are excluded, but generally applications can be:

- Individuals or groups, enhancing a publicly seen area
- Groups wishing to add 'something extra'
- Mainly or fully housebound parishioners

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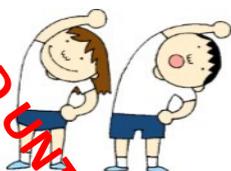
Funding

For further details along with guidance:

Contact Councillor Wynne Harries - wynneharries@gmail.com  
Visit the website and download the application form, or fill in the online form

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# MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

## COMMENTS FROM MATHON PARISH COUNCIL RE: PLANNING APPLICATION NOS 201982/201983 THE CLIFFE ARMS

### 6 August 2020

A Virtual Zoom Parish Council Planning Meeting was held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 6 August 2020 to consider the above applications.

Mathon Parish Council **strongly objects** to these applications on the following grounds and wishes to make the following comments in response:

1. Changing the use of The Cliffe Arms would deprive the parish of a social amenity, which is at the heart of the community and important for its health and wellbeing. The value of the pub to the village and locality is without doubt and is clearly demonstrated by Mathon's response when the previous applications were submitted last year. At a Planning Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019, fifty-six (56) residents of the Parish attended and ALL registered their opposition to the proposed 2019 planning applications which were virtually identical to the applications now being submitted. Additionally, a petition opposing the 2019 planning applications and supporting an ACV application was signed by 113 people from within and on the boundary of the parish and was sent to the planning department.

NB – contrary to assumptions made by the applicant, the The Cliffe Arms could not be registered as an asset of community value (ACV) only because the formal application was technically out of time. Non-registration has no bearing on the value of an asset to the community.

2. Herefordshire Council Policy SC1 applies, and as can be seen below, the tests therein have not been satisfied, in particular there has been no effort to sell the business either as a going concern or as a community asset, nor is there any viable alternative venue in the parish. There is no other pub in the village and the only other community space aside from the church is the Parish Hall. The Parish Hall has no licence or suitable licensee nor does it have a cellar. It is considerably smaller in size and is in no way equivalent to the size, quality or accessibility of the facilities which the The Cliffe Arms provided, being situated in the very heart of the village. Furthermore, it should be noted that The Cliffe Arms has featured as an item on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda ever since its closure.

The Parish Council has written numerous letters to the applicant and the co-owner of the Cliffe Arms which have been largely ignored. The Parish Council supported a Licence Application from the co-owner of The Cliffe Arms in 2005 but this did not result in The Cliffe Arms being opened again as a pub.

3. The reinstatement of the pub would create employment opportunities and would enhance the tourism aspects for the Bed & Breakfast/holiday lets available in the parish.

4. Building a separate house in the garden area of The Cliffe Arms would restrict the future development of the pub. The new build would detract from the row of listed cottages adjoining The Cliffe Arms in this AONB area.

5. A number of potential buyers for The Cliffe Arms (to retain it as a pub) have approached the owner, some via the Parish Council, but all offers have been refused. However, a Mathon resident is still able and willing to purchase the pub at market value, restore it and run it as a pub for the benefit of the local community and adjoining parishes. He has written to Herefordshire Planning Department and confirmed this commitment. Due to its location, on the edge of Malvern and close proximity to Ledbury, the pub is a viable business opportunity.

6. In the Application Form – item 11 headed Existing Use – contrary to the answer stated on the form the previous use was NOT residential/Public House. The only residential area of the pub was for the management/staff of the pub only and restricted to upstairs rooms. It has never been used wholly as a residence, it has always been a pub.

7. The site is a flood risk. Any new build would exacerbate flooding problems, pushing flood water onto neighbouring land and properties. The Cliffe Arms site is the least appropriate new build site in the village.

*Diana Taylor*

DIANA TAYLOR (MRS)

Clerk to Mathon PC

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## WRINKLES

Women are constantly being inundated with ads for expensive products to erase our wrinkles, to erase our "age". Those lines on my face? Some are from years of laughing with the people I love. Some are from worrying about the children I am lucky enough to call my own. Some are from hot summer days spent on the beach. Some are from people I've loved and lost. All are evidence of a life well lived. So if, when I look in a mirror, I see my "age" reflecting back at me... you know what? I'm good with that; I like what I see.

Contributed by  
CHRIS ORFORD

## NETBALL HOOP?

Way back in May, I posted this photo in the *Newsletter* and asked if anyone could throw light on what the hoop is that adorns the Cradley Church tower. Since then there has been a (stunned) silence, except for people asking me for the answer. Even those whom I expected to know have either said nothing or asked me for the answer, thinking I must know.

So - please - if you do know what it is and why it's there - put us all out of our misery and email us at [cmsnewsletter2018@gmail.com](mailto:cmsnewsletter2018@gmail.com) and we'll tell you all next month.

Thank you.

PAULINE DIPLOCK

An NHS poster for COVID-19 handwashing. The poster features the NHS logo and the text "HM Government". The main headline reads "Coronavirus Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds". Below this, it says "Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:" followed by a list of activities: "Get home or into work", "Blow your nose, sneeze or cough", and "Eat or handle food". The background shows a hand being washed under a stream of water. At the bottom, it says "For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)". There is also a small box that says "CORONAVIRUS PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS".

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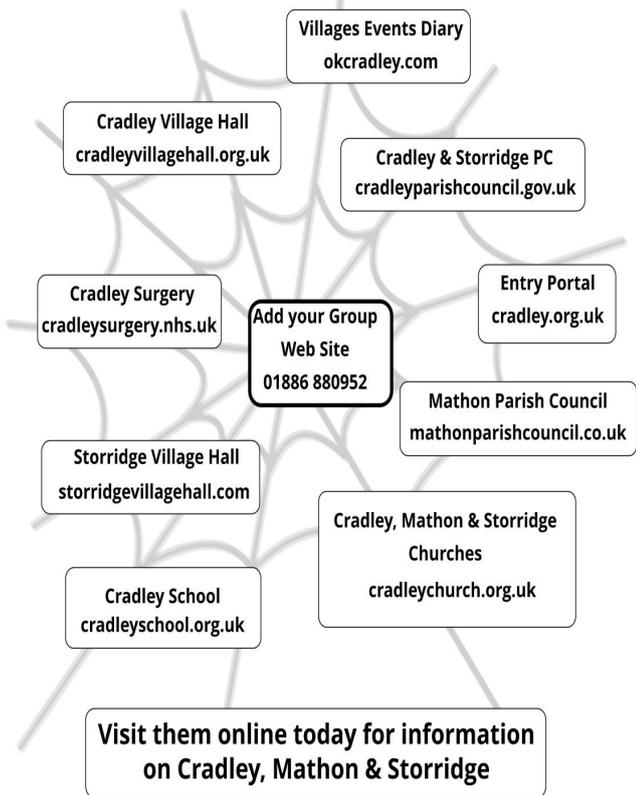
Hopefully meet new ones.

Come and chat, exchange ideas and views on Mathon and anything else that takes your fancy!

**INITIALS QUIZ - ANSWERS**  
Quiz contributed by Keith Sturman

1	999 = OL than a T	One less than a thousand
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6	7 = D in SW	Dwarfs in Snow White
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27	3 = C in a F	Coins in a Fountain
28	39 = B in the OT	Books in the Old Testament
29	15 = FP in T	First Point at Tennis
30	9 = W a S in TS	What a stitch in time Saves
31	40 = LBA	Life begins at
32	7 = B fo SB	Brides for Seven Brothers
33	24 = H from T	Hours from Tulsa
34	1 - D at a T	Day at a Time
35	2 = LB had TLT	Little Boys had Two little Toys
36	26 = L of the A	Letters of the Alphabet
37	4 = Q in a G	Quarts in a Gallon
38	29 = D I F in a LY	Days in February in a Leap Year
39	10 = GB (H on a W)	Green Bottles (Hanging on a wall)
40	7 = C of the R	Colours of the Rainbow

## CRADLEY, MATHON & STORRIDGE WEB SITES



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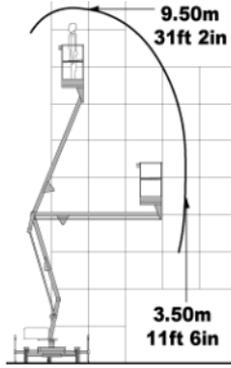
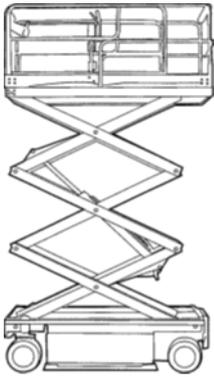
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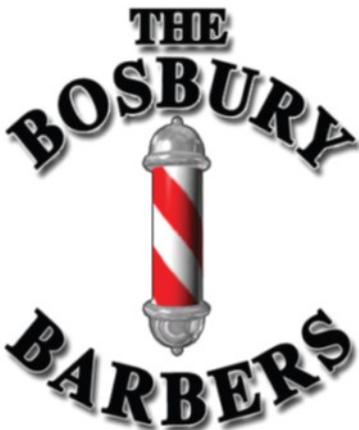
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