

**The Rector writes.....**Nearly twenty years ago, the diocese of Hereford carried out an extensive exercise looking to the future of its parishes and churches. This exercise involving Planning, Pastors and Parishes was nicknamed "Pompey"! Its conclusions for the Clun Forest Deanery recently came to light recently at the September Chapter meeting when the retiring Vicar of Clungunford unearthed its proposals from his Study clearance! One of Pompey's major expectations was that by 2002, yes nearly ten years ago, several of the deanery churches would have been closed, possibly six or more! What's happened? Twenty years on in the event only one...Bryn has closed! All the rest – amazingly – all 27 have survived, and in many ways all these churches are now better appreciated locally and by the diocese than twenty years ago with their tourism, visitor potential, churchyard interests etc seen as assets. All these churches and their ministry come at a price, a heavy price! Yet the fact that 27 churches are still with us is testimony to the dedication, hard work and commitment – sheer Christian determination - of groups of people, some large mostly small, in our villages – there is a lot of fundraising and good Christian Giving by many folk. But sadly, there are many bills to pay; you won't believe it but we have to find c. £10,000 for insuring our nine churches every year! All our churches could do with more friends, able and willing, from our parishes to "adopt" their village church, sign up to a direct debit, whatever can be afforded, and so support the valiant efforts of the existing dedicated congregations! More helping hands will be thankfully shaken! Please be in touch with the Rector and Churchwardens!

### **SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER TRINITY 15**

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

10.00 Family Worship Churchstoke David Hardham/Jon Price

**11.15 More Harvest Festival Preacher Bishop Michael Bourke**

**3.00 Hyssington Harvest Festival Preacher: Rev Alan Backhouse**

**6.00 Ratlinghope Harvest Festival Preacher: Preb Dick France**

**FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER:** 7.30pm Myndtown Harvest Supper using "Local Produce" Handless Farm

### **SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER TRINITY 16**

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor

9.45 Holy Communion Ratlinghope

**11.00 Myndtown Harvest Festival Preacher: Canon Michael Tiller , formerly Archdeacon of Hereford**

11.15 Holy Communion More Canon Julia Francis

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (Preb M Pollit/D Jelves)

2.00 Christening (Wallsgrove family) Hyssington All welcome

6.30 Evening Prayer Norbury

### **SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER TRINITY 17**

8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope

10.00 Holy Communion Snead

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (D Jelves/Rector)

11.15 Morning Praise Lydham (Canon Julia Francis)

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor

### **SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER TRINITY 18**

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury

9.45 Morning Praise Ratlinghope (Lay Led)

9.45 Holy Communion More

10.00 Hyssington United Service

11.15 Churchstoke Harvest Festival Preacher: Bishop of Ludlow

6.30 Norbury Harvest Festival Preacher: Rev Jo Evans

### **SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER TRINITY 19**

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor (Canon Julia Francis)

10.00 Family Service Norbury (Canon Julia Francis)

6.30 "Those we have loved" Memorial Service Churchstoke (David Jelves/Jon Price)

### **SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER TRINITY 20**

9.30 Holy Communion Lydham  
9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington  
10.00 Morning Praise Churchstoke (David Jelves)  
10.30 All Age Service & Holy Communion Ratlinghope  
4.00 SAINTS & SAUSAGES CHURCHSTOKE VICARAGE  
11.15 Holy Communion Norbury  
6.30 Evensong with the "More Singers" Wentnor

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** All are welcome to this short time of prayer: 5 Oct Lydham; 12 Oct More; 19 Oct Wentnor; 26 Oct Myndtown; 2 Nov Snead.

**Remaining autumn PCC dates:**

PCC secretaries please let PCCs know as these meetings are very important. Anyone welcome to come!  
Hyssington PCC Friday 30 September 7.30pm Cefn Farm  
Wentnor PCC Monday 3 October 7.30pm The Rectory  
Churchstoke PCC Tuesday 11 October 7.30pm Oakfields  
More PCC Wednesday 12 October 7.30pm The Rectory

**SNEAD BALLOON RACE AND DOG SHOW**

Our new venture and venue with a Balloon Race instead of the Duck Race and using Churchstoke Community worked well. Over £700 was raised

Karen Jones once again was amazing at selling tickets and the support on the day from so many helpers was very much appreciated.

The balloons set off down the Camlad Valley and distances and destinations of the winning balloons were 70 miles Bedworth; 48 miles Dodford, Bromsgrove; 28 miles Middleton Scriven, Bridgnorth;

23 miles Ditton Priors and 20 miles Broncroft. The Rector writes...many thanks to Trish, Albert, Karen, Pam, and all those families who were involved in making this afternoon such a success!

**Snead TAI CHI NEWS**

Snead Church's Tai Chi classes at Hyssington Chapel have been running since April and so far have raised £250.

Tai Chi is gentle exercise with flowing movements and can be learnt by all ages.

The participants in the class have been enjoying it and have nearly learnt the first part of the Yang style 36 step form (there are three parts). Learning the form requires quite a bit of co-ordination between mind and body, but it's all good fun and there is much laughter. They also enjoy the social side of coming together, so the tea break is important too!

Among the benefits attributed to the exercise so far has been: Improvements in balance; Less stiffness; Feelings of well-being. We are now moving on to the Hyssington Village Hall for the winter months, and to give more space which we also need. If anyone would like to join in a second class is now possible – open to all! See below for details.

**TAI CHI beginners' class**  
**October Thursday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon**  
**At Hyssington Village Hall**  
**£5 per session**

**No booking required up to mid November**

**Contact: Pam Blaxland 01588 638145**

**Or email [pamela.blaxland@virgin.net](mailto:pamela.blaxland@virgin.net)**

**WE STILL NEED HELP PLEASE!** At Wentnor Churchyard we have had a gardener to look after the new churchyard which now looks very tidy. However, there is an expense involved so all those who have a family interest in the new churchyard, in keeping with the past two years, are invited to contribute to the upkeep of the churchyard. Please make any cheques out to Wentnor PCC and drop them in at the Wentnor Shop or at the Rectory in an envelope marked "Wentnor Churchyard Fund" Thank you to those who have already contributed this year. . Many thanks to all those who helped to cut the grass of the old churchyard over the summer!

The **Inaugural Parish Croquet Match** took place on Sunday afternoon 4 September at the Wentnor Rectory and teams from Ratlinghope, Norbury, Snead, Lydham and Wentnor took part. Once it had been decided what the

croquet layout should be and what rules to go by, there was sufficient time left in the afternoon for play to commence! After having a series of matches, Ratlinghope were winners with Norbury runners-up! Other parishes taking part were Wentnor, Snead and Lydham.

**Marion and Les Denwood** would like to thank all the friends who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding and Les' 80th birthday. They enjoyed a lovely family tea party at the home of their youngest son Jonathan and his wife Sally, where the whole families were able to help them celebrate.

Congratulations to **Miss Emma Bullock** on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 1 September! For many years Miss Bullock lived in More parish and was one of More Church's best supporters and she still continues to be on More PCC. On the Saturday following Miss Bullock had a very happy birthday party at Lydham Village Hall.

**Thanks to Julia Francis** for leading the Children's Art Day "Fish & Ships" on Saturday 3 September at Norbury Village Hall. We have been running these splendid Children's Days for over ten years now and the next one will be before Christmas!

**Tea Towels!** Please return your washed and ironed tea towels to Norbury Village Hall! Very few left at the moment!

**STOP PRESS:** Congratulations to Norbury for holding such a magnificent Hiring Fair – Heritage weekend - Saturday 10 September – a report in next month's magazine

#### **MORE MONTHLY DRAW**

July 1. Laura Pugh 2. Mrs. M. Hill 3. Mr. & Mrs. D Rowson  
August 1. Clare Williams 2. J. C. Waring 3. Sarah Screen

#### **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

On **Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>** Churchstoke WI are holding a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** as part of the Macmillan nationwide fundraising. This will take place in the Churchstoke Community Hall from 10am to 12noon. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received, and do come along to give this extremely worthy cause your support.

#### **SALE OF HARVEST PRODUCE**

**on Tuesday 4th October**

**at THE INN ON THE GREEN, Wentnor to start at 7pm.**

Proceeds will be equally shared between  
The Bosano project and St. Peter's Church, More.

Norbury Village Hall Committee meeting Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm

**Harvest Suppers** planned for Myndtown at the Handless Farm – home of Sally & Matt Mellor – Friday 7 October at 7.30pm – and a Wentnor Harvest Supper is planned as usual at The Crown date TBA

Please see the Churchstoke Notes for details of the **Megan Beddoes Memorial Concert** at St Nicholas Church, Churchstoke on **Saturday evening 8 October** - not to be missed!

**BENEFICE BOOK GROUP:** Later in the autumn, we shall consider George Eliot's "Middlemarch" – "the greatest English Novel of the Nineteenth century – Discuss?" on Saturday 19 November at "The Barns" at 7.30pm The next meeting to discuss Chekov's "The Steppe" in on Saturday afternoon 15 October 3.00pm at Moreton on Lugg. . Contact Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244. The Bible Study Group Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! Currently studying St John's Gospel at the Wentnor Rectory. Contact: The Rector 01588 650

**PATCHWORK QUILT GROUP:** The Patchwork Quilt Group is underway. Come and join us – learners and more experienced patchworkers are all very welcome. Phone Jean Cooper for date and more details: 650 590.  
[nsustins@gmail.com](mailto:nsustins@gmail.com).

## WENTNOR FLOWER FESTIVAL 2012 moves to 2013

2012 is proving to be a busy year for events locally and nationally, June 2 – 5 is the 4day Diamond Jubilee Celebration weekend, with which the Flower Festival would compete, closely followed on July 8<sup>th</sup> by the Upper Onny Country Show, then the Olympics and finally the four Parish annual Fete in Wentnor on August 27<sup>th</sup>. There will also be other local events of which we are yet unaware.

**Therefore the Wentnor FF Steering Group have taken the decision to delay the Flower Festival until 2013 and it will be held over the week end of July 13/14 2013.**

**The ‘Teach In’ evening for flower arrangers on October 5<sup>th</sup>** will go ahead as planned at 7.30pm in Wentnor Church. An opportunity for all who have been involved to date, plus anyone who feels like they would like to join in for 2013. A relaxed evening, during which Anne Littlehales will share her knowledge of the world of flowers with us, a glass of wine, juice or a hot drink will be served. We look forward very much to meeting up with you all again.  
**Victoria Cockburn, Co-ordinator & Angela Turner, Secretary. WFF 2013**

**Age UK Lunches** for those 60 & over at the Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12 Noon for 12.30pm Normally SECOND WEDNESDAY in the month – NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 12 October - to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 BY 4 September and THIRD TUESDAY in the month, NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 18 October Please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 to make a booking Age UK: please contact Mrs. Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 – your Age Concern Parish Link – who will be pleased to help.

**Dates for your diaries please!** The very popular **NORBURY QUIZ** takes place on FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER AT 7.00pm (for 7.30pm) at The Inn on the Green, Wentnor – please contact **John Glover** at Norbury for details **01588 650427** Teams welcome! The **CHURCHSTOKE CHRISTMAS FAYRE** takes place at CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY HALL on SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER and the **LYDHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE** takes place on SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER AT LYDHAM CHURCH – both very popular last year – do attend please !

### Message from Barbara Hird ..” Grand Xmas Fayre Saturday 26th.November

**Sat. Nov. 26th. 11am- 3pm in Lydham Church** with refreshments in the Village Hall. Buy your presents, cards, mincepies, fudge, cakes, mincemeat & marmalades and enjoy a glass of mulled wine. There will be Xmas sacks, tree decorations, Xmas wreaths & poinsettias for sale and also a gift wrapping service.

**Table Tennis!** Open to all! Anyone wanting a good game! Often taking place Mondays at Norbury Village Hall 2-3pm for details contact The Rector 01588 650244

Find out what is going on across the Hereford diocese at the website at [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://www.hereford.anglican.org) - have a look at the Notice board. For details of service times at the Cathedral, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the cathedral website [www.herefordcathedral.org](http://www.herefordcathedral.org).

**AROUND THE WIs Norbury & District WI:** Thursday 13 October Speaker: LESLEY ALLSOP “The truth behind those old wives tales with minifacials (volunteers)” Hostesses: Shelagh Cusack, Nid Garratt & Julie Spille Flowers: Sally-Ann Jones

**Lydham, More & Snead WI:** Thursday 20 October Speaker: Mrs. Penny Vingoe “Tips and Tricks to Remember” Competition: Verse of a Poem Remembered from our Youth Teas Daphne & Rachel & Others.

**Onny Valley Social Club:** Usually meeting at Norbury Village Hall; .Social gatherings & outings for the over-fifties: well worthwhile – do join! New members welcome. Monthly meetings First Tuesday in the month through the year in Norbury Village Hall DAY TRIPS TO COME; 19 Oct Coventry Museum & city.

**Churchstoke “Over-Sixties”:** Meet alternative Wednesdays 3.00pm Churchstoke Community Hall contact: Margaret Chislett 01588 620310 and Joan Osborn 01588 620653

**Age UK:** please contact Mrs. Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 – your Age Concern Parish Link – who will also be pleased to help.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO FROM THE MAGAZINE!** There was a Deanery Songs of Praise, Wentnor had a successful Flower Festival which raised £2,500, and the church was made very colourful with new Kneelers, Bishop John Oliver wrote about Essential Christian Healing, Rev Keith Crouch was about to be inducted as the new

Incumbent at Bishop's Castle and Mainstone, Mainstone were fundraising for roof repairs, a still young but experienced Richard Shaw had just been appointed to the Clun parishes!

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### **Christenings:**

Casey May McIntosh Sunday 21 August Churchstoke

Evie Rose Corfield Saturday 20 August Myndtown

Freddie George Corfield Saturday 20 August Myndtown

Thomas James Peacock Saturday 10 September Churchstoke

Matthew Adam Peacock Saturday 10 September Churchstoke

**Weddings:** Adrian McNamara & Vicky Hughes Ratlinghope Friday 19 August

**Funerals:** Ellis William Wall (66) Friday 2 September Churchstoke

### **FLOWERS/CLEANING:**

#### **Wentnor**

25 Sept & 2 Oct: Mrs. T Rogers-Coltman & Mrs. SA Jones

9 & 16 Oct: Mrs. V Cockburn & Mrs. A Parry

23 & 30 Oct: Mrs. L Middleton & Mrs. R Jones

6 & 13 Nov: Mrs. A Turner & Mrs. J Sheard

#### **Ratlinghope**

2 & 9 Oct: Mrs. C Buxton & Mrs. A Remfry

16 & 23 Oct: Mrs. Anne Littlehales & Mrs. D Owen

30 Oct & 6 Nov: Mrs. S Betton & Mrs. S Pinches

**Norbury:** October: TBA November: Mrs. A Cooke & Mrs. B Wall

**Lydham:** October: Mrs. P Brayford November: Miss J Wilcoxon & Mrs. J Yapp

**More:** October: Mrs. D Pritchard November: Mrs. R Farr

### **NOTICEBOARD**

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**Myndtown Combined Parish Council** Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

**Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 9.00AM – 11.00am - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros- please support our village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible!**

Bus enquiries: **0870 241 2 216** National Rail Enquires: **08457 484950**

**Hall Bookings: Norbury 650660 Anita** (or if need be Rev Norman Morris **650244**) – **Lydham 638737** –

**Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197 - do use our halls!**

**Norbury Village Hall:** Tables, chairs, hostess trolley, crockery, & boiler available for hire 01588 650660

**The Rector is always available to discuss Wedding and Christening dates at any time**

***Office Hour:* Saturday morning at The Rectory 9-10am. Tel: 01588 650244.**

***House Communion*** is available to anyone who cannot easily get to Church.

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**Bishop's Castle Dial-a-Ride and Community Car scheme:** Available for individuals or groups regardless of age or disability. All journeys must be pre-booked. Volunteer drivers and escorts urgently required for this worthwhile community service. Contact: Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350.

**Your Local Shropshire police team is :**

PC 157 Paul Sparrow

CSO 6460 Ross O'Neil

CSO 6419 Sheena - Dee Jones

SO 5012 Sandra Garland

SC 4743 Chris Richardson

SC 5752 Duncan Price

Miss Emma Ransford – Police Volunteer You can contact us in the following ways: Police contact numbers

Emergency 999 Police Station 0300 333 3000

Local Police Team 01743 264777 (message service) (Not to be used for reporting crime or emergencies)

Crime stoppers:0800 555 111 Web site: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

Contact Email address:bishopscastle.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

**Stay-at-home Christmas?**

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university? HOST invites you to give Christmas, perhaps for the first time in their life, to someone who is a guest in this country, who would love to experience your way of life and make your stay-at-home Christmas special. HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 1-3 days at Christmas, and weekends all year round. Please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call your local voluntary organiser for a chat: Lynette Chappin 02920 693903