OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes….. Are you looking forward to 2012? We shall be well into the year by the time you read this editorial which is being written as the curtain comes down on 2011! 2012 is likely to be quite a year for our country with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics taking place in the summer! We shall in a sense be hosting the world and be quite the centre of global media attention! Our own much wedlock which has a claim to have launched the modern Olympic movement will mean that Shropshire can bask a little in the Olympic sun and that should be a source of pride. These big events in some ways can easily dwarf and belittle us if seen as vast distant global media occasions which we simply view on TV. Yet I'd suggest that Dr Brookes over in Much Wenlock relaunched the Olympics with no thought of how things would turn out globally nor did our queen have any idea that one day she'd be celebrating a 60 year reign! A Chinese proverb asserts that a Long March begins with a first step and so it is with any achievement we might look back on. See what's behind and what's been achieved! Look how Christianity started - very small unpromising beginnings in a manger in a stable as it happens - but a birth in a stable didn't mean that you grow up to be horse! You start go on and achieve- build on small steps like a child growing up and there will be positive results! As Jesus said with god all things are possible! All the best for 2012!

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY SEPTUAGESIMA
8.00 Holy Communion Lydham
9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington
10.00 Family Worship Churchstoke David Jelves/Jon Price
10.30 All Age & Holy Communion Ratlinghope Julia Francis
11.15 Family Communion Norbury
6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor
David Jelves takes 6.30pm EP at Clunbury

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY
6.30 Myndtown St Valentine's Service

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY SEXAGESIMA
8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope
9.45 Holy Communion Wentnor
10.30 Morning Praise Hyssington
11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke Community Hall
6.30 Norbury Songs of Praise
Canon Julia Francis at Clunbury Matins 11.00am

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY QUINQUAGESIMA
8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor
9.45 Holy Communion More
11.15 Morning Praise Lydham
11.15 Morning Praise Churchstoke Rev Ian Waugh
6.30 Ratlinghope Songs of Praise

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY
10.30 Holy Communion Churchstoke
6.30 Holy Communion Wentnor

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY
8.30 Holy Communion Norbury
9.45 Holy Communion Wentnor
9.45 Morning Praise Ratlinghope
10.00 Hyssington United Service
11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke Community Hall Preb Michael Pollit
6.30 More Songs of Praise
11.15 Rural Dean takes 11.15am HC at Newcastle

Wednesday Morning Prayer: All are welcome to this short time of prayer: 1 Feb Wentnor; 8 Feb Myndtown; 15 Feb Snead: 22 Feb (Ash Wednesday Services); 29 Feb Ratlinghope; 7 March Norbury

NEWS UPDATES
Norbury School PTA is publishing a new book of recipes in the New Year.
Dear Local Residents, We are making a collection of 'favorite' recipes to be made into a book to be sold in aid of Norbury School. This was done very successfully a few years ago and we would like to make a new version. If you have any old favorites that were not in the last book, we would very much like them now. We especially need main course and desert recipes. If you are able to type this information for us we would be most grateful. Using Times New Roman Size 12 and email it to admin.norbury@shropshirelg.net Or to debcj@tiscali.co.uk Thank you.

The **OnnyCamlad Local Ministry Development Group (known as the OnnyCamlad LMDG)** has reformed and has the following members Rev Norman Morris, Canon Julia Francis, David Hardham, David Jelves, Jon Price, Margaret Wallsgrove, Trish Macmullan, Anita Bright, and new members Bob Berry and Shirley Jones. As the OnnyCamlad Local Ministry Team, over the past five years, the Team did an immense amount for all nine parishes, helping with services, undertaking pastoral outreach, initiating all sorts of things to encourage our Christian discipleship, pioneering in many ways – and we shall always remember the "Table Cloth "Supper at Lydham in July 2010 which attracted over 50 parishioners to look at the challenges facing rural churches at this time! So thanks to all those who services for five years and more in the first LMT incarnation. Now as a Local Ministry Development Group, we are focusing on Parish visiting and Home Communions – there are a growing number of elderly unable to get to Church and the Group will soon be able to do Home Communions, using a Home Communion set which we have purchased in memory of Olwen Pinches who did so much over the years for Norbury Church. So if you know of anyone in the parishes who would like to receive a Home Communion, please be in touch with the Rector 01599 650244.

Hope House Children's Hospice Advent Concert raises £290

Those who braved the bitter cold evening of December 7th were rewarded by a warm welcome in a warm church with warm mulled wine in the interval. The audience created further warmth when applauding the superb programme of multi national music of The Corndon Singers led by Fred Averis, plus delightful and humorous readings.
A special 'Thank you' to George Rowson who made a collection at Wentnor's two Inns, The Inn on the Green and The Crown, and donated £70.
Angela & Roger Turner wish to thank George and all who supported the event.

"Lydham News"

The Christmas Fayre in the church was a great success. We are most grateful to Father Christmas for opening the Fayre, to the five cash donors for their £273 donations which helped us to raise £900 and to the Lydham Ladies who all worked so hard to set up the tree, decorate the church, supply the delicious fayre products, mulled wine and welcome refreshments in Lydham Village Hall. Again many thanks to you all.
The New Year's Day walk following the More service despite the weather went well and our thanks to Shirley Rowson for providing the refreshments. Now that Lydham has 'lost' Janet, our organist, we are grateful to Afrianne

Jones, who played at the Christmas Day service and Frank Wood, who played at the Covenant Service, for kindly helping us out. If there is an organist out there who could play once a month in Lydham church for the 11.15a.m. Morning Service please contact us. In the meantime please do support your church's twice a month morning services - it is YOUR church.

Snead TAI CHI NEWS: TAI CHI beginners 'class; Thursday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon; At Hyssington Village Hall; £5 per session; Contact: Pam Blaxland 01588 638145 or pamela.blaxland@virgin.net

Ratlinghope Monthly Draw:
October:
1st - £20 - Rhys Evans
2nd - £10 - Oliver Allin
3rd - £5 - Sally Price
November:
1st - £20 - Claire Fildes
2nd - £10 - Rev. Norman Morris!
3rd - £5 - Mandy Black
More Monthly Draw
January
1st Prize... Sarah Burke
2nd Prize. Cynthia Jones
3rd Prize.Joyce Yapp

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Restorative Justice – What is it? How does it work? : Public Meeting on Saturday 4 February at 3 pm at the Methodist Hall, Bishop's Castle: Speaker: Marian Liebmann, Trainer in Restorative Justice with experience in UK, Africa & Eastern Europe All welcome. Admission free. Afternoon tea. Sponsored by Clun Valley Quakers

LENT GROUPS: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22 February. There will be Lent Groups as usual at Churchstoke (details under Churchstoke) and at Wentnor Rectory. At Wentnor we shall have five sessions using the new York course "Handing on the Torch – sacred words for a secular world" with tape contributions from Archbishop Sentanu, Rachel Lampard, Clifford Longley, and Bishop Graham Cray. Meetings on Thursdays I March; 2.30pm ; 8 March 2.30pm ; 15 March 2.00pm; 22 March 2.30pm ; 29 March 2.30pm. All are welcome. Please give your names to the Rector 01588 650244 Booklets £3.75 These sessions will be excellent and will take our faith further so do think of joining in even if you can't make all five sessions.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCMs): These meetings are the AGMs of the Church and are important as review the past year and make decisions about the future, so everyone in the parishes is welcome to attend and should feel encouraged to do so!
Dates are as follows:-
Ratlinghope APCM Monday 5 March Coppice Farm 7.30pm
More APCM Wednesday 21 March Wentnor Rectory 7.30pm
Lydham APCM Thursday 22 March venue 7.30pm
Wentnor APCM Monday 26 March Wentnor Rectory 7.30pm
Churchstoke APCM Tuesday 27 March Courthouse 7.30pm
Snead APCM Thursday 29 March venue TBA 7.30pm
Hyssington APCM Friday 30 March Efail Hen 7.30pm
Myndtown APCM 16 April venue Handless Farm 7.30pm
Norbury APCM Thursday 19 April Lea Farm 7.30pm

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 8 February - to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 and THIRD TUESDAY in the month, NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 21 Febuary –Please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 to make a booking Age UK: Mrs. Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 – is your Age Concern Parish Link – who will be pleased to help you. .

BENEFICE BOOK GROUP: Contact: The Rector 650244 Meeting Friday 10 February 2.30pm The Barns, Norbury to discuss "The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks " by Rebecca Skloot – and Saturday 24 March 2.30pm Caroline's at the More – to discuss Trollope's "The Way we live now".
The Bible Study Group Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! Current study: the Epistle to the Hebrews - at the Wentnor Rectory. Contact: The Rector 01588 650

ANNUAL MORE QUIZ
Friday 17 February 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Inn on the Green
Contact: Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244 OR Doris Wright 01588 650360 to book!
Light refreshments – Tickets £7 – in aid of More Church

THIRTY YEARS AGO! The Vicar of Bishop's Castle had been selected for a course at St George's, Windsor, a Church Hall Lottery was begun for a new Church Hall at Norbury (the Church Hall had been damaged by fire) and launched at the Poultry Whist Drive in December, and Ratlinghope Youth Hostel was thanked for hosting the Whist Drives, The Bishop of Hereford, John Eastlaugh, was planning a Pilgrimage in May around the diocese taking in every deanery and place associated with St Thomas of Cantilupe, a new suffragan see of Ludlow was being created, the Diocesan Education Centre was to be called the Bishop Mascall Centre, The Dean of Hereford, Norman Rathbone, was retiring after thirteen years, and Clun had just completed a vast renewal of its bells!

AROUND THE WIs Norbury & District WI: Thursday 9 February Speaker: MARIE McLEISH "Aromatherapy" Hostesses: Jenny Burdett, Shirley Betton, & Rose Jones Flowers: Elsie Corfield Competition: Wayside Flora.
Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 16 February "A Supper Dish" Speaker: Mrs. Sarah Screen Competition: Prettiest Tea Towel Teas: Anthea, Doris, Sarah.
Onny Valley Social Club: Usually meeting at Norbury Village Hall New members welcome. Monthly meetings First Tuesday afternoon in the month through the year in Norbury Village Hall. Tuesday 7 February: Mrs. Angela Turner: Talk & Slides on her Porridge Project in Dar es Salaam.
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**.**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals:
Betty Kinsey (84) Churchstoke Saturday 26 November
Doris Irene France (98) Snead Monday 5 December
Keith Mansell (77) Ratlinghope Friday 6 January

Doris Irene France (1913-2011) died recently – her nephew Preb. Dick France (Rector of the Wentnor group, 1995-1999) pays the following tribute… "When I came to be Rector of Snead in 1995, my Aunty Doris was still living at Lower Snead Farm, where we had often visited her and Uncle Jack when we were children. Jack had died 15 years earlier, but Doris kept the old house bright and welcoming, with stunning displays of flowers and an ever-growing collection of gnomes that were the delight of many who drove past. She was a warm supporter both of Snead and of Churchstoke churches, and so it was appropriate that on December 5th we had services in both churches, the burial service at Snead, where she has joined Jack in the churchyard, and a happy service of remembrance and thanksgiving at Churchstoke, finishing with her favourite hymn, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Her son John, over from Australia, spoke on behalf of the family, and I added a few of my own memories. Doris was a wonderfully straight-forward person, clear in her views, which could be strict, but generous and open to other people as well. She lived to help others. In her later years in Shrewsbury her 'granny flat' became a veritable knitting factory, producing a steady stream of knitted toys and figures, most of which were sold in aid of the Air Ambulance. We are proud to have bought the very last clown for our grand-daughter's first birthday in November. Aunty Doris' knitted Nativity Set adorns our old church on the Welsh coast for the carol service each Christmas Eve.
We all miss her very much, not only her six children and their families, but also the neighbours and friends whose lives she enriched during the many years at Lower Snead. But there is nothing to regret about a peaceful death at the grand age of 98. Rather we thank God for a long life, well lived to the benefit of so many people, near and far.

Keith Mansell of Ratlinghope died suddenly on 27 December**.** He was well-known locally as Chairman of Myndtown Combined Parish Council and locally and nationally as major t figure in the Gliding world. All of us in the Onny Valley owe him a debt of gratitude for his huge contribution to community life around us and we extend our sympathies to his widow, Christine, to Scott, his son, and to Crystal, his daughter, her husband, Pater, and their children, Ryan and Emma, at this sad time. Scott contributed this tribute at Keith's funeral: "Keith was born in Birmingham on the 23rd June 1934, educated at King Edwards School and first experienced gliding in the school cadet corps. He also learned to shoot, ride a motorbike and take part in rock climbing in Wales and Scotland. After leaving school he trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. During this time he took up golf and was told he had a natural swing. He joined the Midland Gliding Club in May 1958, a month before his 25th birthday. His enthusiasm was so great that he only missed two weekends in the first year for annual holiday. Consequently he gained his Silver badge the following year, qualified as an instructor the year after that and became the Chief Flying Instructor in August 1961, holding the position until 1968.

About this time he became a member of a syndicate in one of the first 15 metre Darts produced in which he flew several competitions. He gave up being Chief Flying Instructor to become the Club Chairman (following Bob Neill). This position he held for 20 years and in recognition the Club made him an Honorary Life Member and President of the Club.

During the time of his Chairmanship the Club experienced numerous challenges particularly site problems. Keith's far-sighted policy of buying land at every possible opportunity and negotiating good terms with neighbours resulted in the Club now owning all the land from which it operates. After Keith's chairmanship of the Club it was short of a treasurer, so Keith stepped in and held the position from 1988 to 1996 then again from 2005 to 2009.

Keith retired from instructing when he was 70 but continued flying solo or in two-seaters with other experienced gliding friends. Notwithstanding his commitment to the Midland Gliding Club he also served on the British Gliding Association's Executive Committee for 37 years, including 23 years as treasurer. He retired from the committee in 2008 but remained the BGA Company Secretary, a trustee of the Planning and Environment and Philip Wills funds and a regional Safety Officer. He was awarded a BGA Gold Medal in 2005.

In 1993 he became the BGA delegate to the Royal Aero Club, and Treasurer in 1996, a position he still held when he died. He was the first Treasurer of the Royal Aero Club Trust and was still on the Royal Aero Club Memorabilia sub-committee.

He was awarded a FAI Tissandier Diploma and the Royal Aero Club Silver Medal, followed by the MBE in 2011 – all for services to gliding. Keith was also active in the local community, being Chairman of the Parish Council, Treasurer of the local Dial-a-Ride and a member of various committees. He took up game shooting in 1962 in the Ludlow area and was the sole remaining member of the original group.

Christine and Keith were married in November 1960 having known each other since they were 10½. In 1973, when their son Scott was 5½ and their daughter Crystal was 3½, they moved here, to Ratlinghope, so that Keith could be nearer the Gliding Club. Sometimes it was too near, especially if the Club was short of an instructor for the day – he would disappear and return after dark.

Crystal married Peter Hamar in Ratlinghope church and produced two children, Ryan now 10 and Emma 7, whom Keith adored. He took Ryan, in particular, to the Club as often as possible in the school holidays and found him a most useful and willing helper. That ladies and gentlemen, is the story of a very busy man who could never say No!

NOTICEBOARD

FLOWERS/CLEANING: (From now on please see the enclosed sheet) Many thanks for all the Christmas decorations! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22 February

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 - 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.

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Know someone who would like one? Please encourage sales & distribution! Please contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jane Frank 01588 620711 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)
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.
Photocopying at The Rectory: 5p per sheet – reductions for longer runs.
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.