

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes... "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" so said St Augustine fifteen centuries ago and early this month we shall have passed the rigours of Lent and the challenges of Holy Week to once again celebrate Easter.... "Christ is Risen" says the priest at the Easter services... "He is Risen indeed!" replies the congregation in joyful thanksgiving! Its extraordinary that across the centuries and across the continents of the world the conviction that God sent His Son into the world to suffer and die for all our sins only to be vindicated by God - rising again on Easter Day - so offering our human race new, eternal life for us in Christ – continues to sustain and inspire Christians! We in the West may have grown old and cynical, having heard it all before, perhaps only half half-believing if we believe it at all, but in earlier times and still in many parts of the developing world the Christian message of Easter is received in great hope and expectation! It's the Hope with a capital H that says that despite all devil can throw at us, despite sin, disease and death, Christians can with St Paul say that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus". Its quite a thought that when all seems lost and in the words of Sydney Carter "and the world's turned black", we have always, in the words of St Patrick's Breastplate, the loving presence of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, with us, around us, before us, and behind us throughout this life and beyond! Its quite a thought and a conviction to carry us through our lives!

A HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO EVERYONE!

SUNDAY SERVICES

Monday 29 March 12 Noon Stations of the Cross Churchstoke

Tuesday 30 March 12 Noon Stations of the Cross Churchstoke

Wednesday 31 March 12 Noon Stations of the Cross Churchstoke

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1 APRIL

10.30 Chrism Eucharist Hereford Cathedral

6.30 Benefice Maundy Eucharist Lydham

GOOD FRIDAY 2 APRIL

10.30 Liturgy for Good Friday Churchstoke (Jon Price)

2.00 "*Meditation, Hymns & Prayer*" Part one Norbury & Good Friday Walk "Following the Cross" to

Wentnor 4.00pm "*Meditation, Hymns & Prayer*" Part two Wentnor

EASTER EVE 3 APRIL

7.30pm Easter Vigil Hyssington

EASTER SUNDAY 4 APRIL

8.30 Holy Communion Lydham

9.45 Family Communion Ratlinghope

11.15 Holy Communion Norbury (David Jelves)

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (Rev J. Evans)

11.15 Holy Communion More

6.30 "Easter Praise" & Holy Communion Wentnor

Sunday 11 April Easter 1

8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope
 9.45 Holy Communion Wentnor
 10.00 Morning Praise Hyssington (David Jelves)
 11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke
 6.30 "Spring Lamb Service & Evening Prayer Norbury

Sunday 18 April Easter 2

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor
 10.00 Holy Communion Snead
 10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE More
 11.15 "St George's Day" Theme Service Lydham
 11.15 "Spring Lamb" Service Churchstoke (David Jelves)
 6.30 Evening Prayer Ratlinghope

Sunday 25 April Easter 3

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury
 9.45 Holy Communion Myndtown
 9.45 Morning Praise (Lay) Ratlinghope
 10.00 Hyssington Utd Service
 11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke
 6.30 "Songs of Praise" More

Sunday 2 May Easter 4

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington (Rev Jo Evans)
 10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE Ratlinghope (David Jelves)
 11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (Preb. Michael Pollit)
 11.15 Morning Praise Norbury (Oliver Goode & LMT)
 6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor (Barry Preston)

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

7 April No Service; 14 April Snead; 21 April Ratlinghope; 28 April Norbury; 5 May Lydham
 All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes.

AT THE CHURCHES

The Local Ministry Team runs a **Prayer Line** which is like the School Snow Line. You phone the first number and we phone several volunteers to pray for any worrying situation you feel you need help with. Prayer request number: contact 0782 7750 665. The Local Ministry Team members are An Remfry (Ratlinghope); Anita Bright (Wentnor & Myndtown), David & Mary Hardham (Ratlinghope), Oliver Goode (Norbury), Trish Macmullan (Snead); Janet Wilcoxon (Lydham & More), David Jelves (Churchstoke), Jon Price & Rev Norman Morris. Margaret Wallsgrove (Hyssington) attends. Rev John Daniels, currently part-time Ministry officer for Bradford diocese and a parish priest in that diocese, is the new Diocesan Local Ministry officer.

Snead Church looks wonderful with newly restored floorboards and pews! Really excellent! Thanks Pam, Trish and to everyone at Snead for getting this job done! Come and visit! Better still come to one of Snead's monthly services! Our smallest pariah and Church!

SCTG shropshire churches tourism group

Ratlinghope and probably Churchstoke (in Wales but in the diocese of Hereford which includes Shropshire churches) are joining the new **SCTG shropshire churches tourism group** The first meeting of the Steering Group of this brand new organization met recently and already plans are in place to produce a new brochure to replace the very out of date "Explore & Enjoy Shropshire Churches" produced 5 years ago. It will be a membership organization for the whole county. Membership means such churches join Churches Together in Shropshire and to Lichfield Diocese. They will also be on the diocesan website and the Lichfield website. The cost is £45 for a two year membership about 40p a week so well worth it if a church is open for visitors.

More Church Monthly Draw: Results for **February** 1st Prize Mr. & Mrs. C. Middleton; 2nd Prize ; Margaret Burd; 3rd Prize M G.R. Whale

Results for **March:** 1st Prize Kevin Bickley; 2nd Prize Jan Shelley; 3rd Prize: Dorothy & Pryce Hamer

Many thanks to the organizers of the Friday 12 March "Myndtown Quiz" QUIZ OF THE YEAR! between Snead Church & Myndtown Church at the "Three Tuns". There was a huge turn-out and the Myndtown teams just pipped the Snead teams! We won't mention who won but all the teams did well revealing remarkably good knowledge of British Prime Ministers!

UP AND COMING EVENTS

On Saturday 28 March there will be a **Children's Activity Day – Craft Day** - at Norbury Village Hall, organized by the Rector, Sue Cooke and the Sunday Stars Team 10.30 – 2.30pm –

The day is always a good one. The day will also include our famous World famous

ANNUAL EGG ROLLING Contest at 2.30pm - always great fun!

Children are welcome – 5-11 year olds - with teenagers welcome as helpers - under fives

with a parent/carer, please. £1 per child (£2 per family)

Bring hard-boiled eggs & pack lunch/Drinks provided.

Friday 16 April 7.30pm Asterton Stables – "The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher" with reference to "Lady Audley's Secret" and possibly Wilkie Collins and/or "Arthur & George". **Friday 28 May** 7.30pm - The Barns - "All Quiet on the Western Front" & "Catcher in the Rye".

The **Bible Study Group** Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! We will resume study of St John's Gospel at Wentnor Rectory after Easter on Friday 16 April at 4.00pm at Wentnor Rectory. Contact: The Rector 01588 650244.

Saturday 8 May "Onny Valley Concert- A Shropshire Tapestry"

With Val Littlehales, David Preshous. Bob & Marian Gatward, Nigel Sustins & other local artistes to raise funds to restore the Ratlinghope Sin-Eater's funerary monument.

Norbury Village Hall

7.30pm.Refreshments & Raffle. Tickets £5 All welcome!

Offers of support welcome too!

Further details 01588 6450244

URGENT! In the spring it's our ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING TIME!

Our Annual Church Meetings are very important. All PCC members and all other members of our congregations and beyond are warmly encouraged to attend. Our lovely churches need lots of support from their parishioners! As I said last year and say above, we always need new officeholders and PCC members from time to time, so if you're not involved yet, this might be your year! These annual meetings are happy occasions and we really need everyone to attend! We would love to hear your ideas and views, please.

Thursday 8 April Lydham 7.30pm Upper Broughton Farm

Wednesday 6 April Snead 2.30pm Lower Snead

Friday 9 April Hyssington 7.30pm Cefn Farm

Monday 12 April Wentnor 7.30pm Wentnor Rectory

Tuesday 20 April Churchstoke 7.30pm St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 21 April More 7.30pm Wentnor Rectory

Thursday 22 April Norbury 7.30pm Lea Farm, Norbury

Friday 25 April Myndtown 8.00pm Handless Farm

HERE AND THERE

What's in a Name? A few weeks ago, the "Daily Telegraph", under the headline "Stan Still, Anna Sasin's behind you", carried the news that a survey had revealed Britain's most embarrassing and bizarre names! Its hard luck if your parents made the following choices! Stan Still, Anna Sasin, Hazel Nutt, Barb Dwyer and Justin Case are among the nation's unluckiest people whose parents perhaps were not as bright as they could have been. Other "Unfortunate Names" include Mary Christmas, Paige Turner, Chris Cross and Barry Cade. Curious American names discovered on the Internet include Carrie Oakley, Anna Prentice, and

Bill Board. "When the parents of some of those people mentioned named their children, many probably did n't realize the implications at the time, a spokesman for TheBabywebsite.com said, who commissioned the research. The researchers also found American examples which included Dr Leslie Doctor and Doctor Thoulton Surgeon, a vet in Connecticut, Dr Payne, a plastic Surgeon in Ohio, Les Plack , a dentist in San Francisco, and Phil Manek, a doctor in Florida. Retired Airman Stan Still, 76, said sadly his name had been "a blooming millstone around my neck my entire life".

Recorder Players Wanted!

John and Frances Williams would like to set up a small, informal group of recorder players in South Shropshire. Hopefully the group would meet on a regular basis to explore (and enjoy!) the recorder repertoire. The actual rehearsal venue and times would only be arranged once we know who is interested and where they live and this could be discussed at a first meeting. Adults only and an intermediate ability would be required but players don't have to be particularly far advanced and the emphasis really would be on enjoying and making music together.

Further information - please phone Frances Williams 01743 790769 or email: musicatleasowes@googlemail.com

SUMMER DATES: Please contact the Rector if you would like a listing. More details will follow nearer the date of the event.

Saturday 24 April LMT Worship Workshop with Canon Dick France Hyssington Village Hall

Tuesday 13 May Jon Price's "Fresh Expressions" Trailer Launch by the Bishop of Ludlow Churchstoke Vicarage 9.00am

Saturday 15 May Family Day & Hog Roast Churchstoke Vicarage

Wednesday 18 May Ratlinghope 2011 Weddings Event Cttee Meeting

Saturday 22 May Annual Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid Wentnor Rectory 10.30 -12 Noon All Welcome!

Sunday 30 May 10.30 Benefice Myndtown Pet Service

Weekend 5/6 June MORE FESTIVAL Saturday 5 June "More Breakfast" Lydham Village Hall – in aid of More Church; **Saturday 5 June** More Church "Concert – given by Local Talent Young & Old!"

7.30pm; **Sunday 6 June 6.30pm** More Festival Evensong

Friday 25 June Lydham "Wine & Cheese Party" at "Parkside", in aid of Lydham Church

Friday 2 July The Churches look Ahead!" "2015" Evening at Lydham Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 9 July Leasowes Concert for Ratlinghope Church 7.30pm

Sunday 11 July Inter-Parish Cricket Norbury Football Stadium 12.30pm

Saturday 17 July Table Top Sale & teas Lydham Village Hall for More Church

Sunday 18 July Upper Onny Country Show Norbury Village Hall & grounds

Saturday 24 July Open Garden & Coffee Morning Adstone Farmhouse – in aid of Wentnor Church 10.30 – 12 Noon

Saturday 25 July Hyssington Annual Open Church & Churchyard Afternoon

Sunday 1 August Annual Snead Duck Races & Festival Evensong

2010 Harvest Festival Dates As ever, it's quite a task arranging nine Harvest Festivals, so here's the current state of play. Any problems please contact the Rector but I am hoping to stick with these dates so I can soon book Preachers.

Sunday 12 September 11.15 Lydham Harvest Festival & Harvest Lunch (Lydham Village Hall) ...*early because of September weddings & the Michaelmas Fayre*

Sunday 19 September 10.00 Snead Harvest Festival

Sunday 26 September 11.15 More Harvest Festival

Sunday 3 October 6.00 Ratlinghope Harvest Festival Preacher: Jon Price

Friday 15 October 6.30 Myndtown Harvest Festival

Sunday 17 October; 3.00 Hyssington Harvest Festival; Wentnor Harvest Festival 6.30

Thursday 21 October 2.00 Norbury School Harvest Festival

Sunday 24 October 11.15 Churchstoke Harvest Festival & Harvest Lunch; 6.30 Norbury Harvest Festival

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO....At the 1996 Swanwick Conference, a year ahead, it was planned that every deanery would produce 50 35mm color slides which would be made into a video as a picture of the life of

the diocese, anyone remember seeing that? A Herefordshire Festival was planned for July 1995 (I remember this taking place and very impressive the Festival was too - Rector); Rev Terry Bryan in his editorial said that "Christ is Risen" is the greatest message the world has ever heard; the Deanery Synod agreed to its own Deanery Strategy as part of a Diocesan Strategy and it was published in full in the magazine – the point was made that Christians and their churches were well-integrated into the community whereas in towns Christians were more likely to be separate communities; a Churchstoke correspondent asked if there was laughter in heaven? BC was fundraising for North Transept repairs; Rev Graham Earney from the diocese of Bath & Wells was appointed the new Director of BMC, Ludlow; a VE DAY commemorative Tea Party was planned in Norbury Village Hall in May for all senior citizens and their friends; and notice was given that from 1999 Hereford diocese along with all other dioceses was going to have to take up the burden of Clergy Pensions from the Church Commissioners at a rate of 20% per stipend (its now 40%!) and it was announced that Rev Dr Dick France would be instituted to the Wentnor Group of parishes in July 1995.

MARGOT DANIEL: An appreciation of the life and times of **MARGOT DANIEL** by David Preshous at her Memorial Service which took place at More on Saturday 4th December 2009.

"Many, many things about Margot are unforgettable, but perhaps most of all her face. It was a beautiful face, a complexion that spoke of a life spent out in the elements – in wind and rain and sun. You might meet her looking contemplative and serious, but when her eyes met yours, they would sparkle with the pleasure of recognition, illuminating her face with the inner kindness that was her nature. And then would come that smile, as warm and dazzling as a shaft of sunlight.

I particularly remember Margot on two or three occasions when at historical exhibitions she donned her Land Army uniform (now a prized possession of Clun Museum). Amazingly, after some seventy years, it still fitted her well, and in a sense it epitomised her character – a hard-working, outdoor girl, game to accept a challenge and to do her bit. She talked with pride and satisfaction about her years as a Land Girl, and when displaying her uniform was always most anxious to point out the carefully-darned stockings! Margot kept a diary for a large part of her life. This is now deposited in Shropshire Archives in Shrewsbury. In the year 2000, she gave Lydham, More and Snead WI a delightful talk called *Lessons from Life*. Her early years were spent near Hoylake on the Wirral, and she clearly enjoyed very happy times with her parents and two brothers, John and Peter. Sadly for her, John went to farm in Australia, and Peter, a Spitfire pilot with the RAF Volunteer Reserve, was killed in a flying accident in 1939.

After leaving school at 15 she worked for several years in an office in Birkenhead. She became a Ranger Guide Captain, leading camps in the Delamere Forest, and when the war started she went out each night with her father as a Volunteer Fire-fighter.

Robert Gwyther will tell us more about her years farming in Wales which reinforced her deep childhood love of the countryside, and her appreciation of its need to for careful stewardship.

When she first moved into this area she lived at the Roveries, but later found a home at Avenue Lodge, Linley, where she became a close friend of Sir Jasper and Lady More, and of Emma Bullock with whom she was later re-united in Abbeyfield House. Avenue Lodge, its contents and its garden, reflected Margot's character – a seemingly glorious confusion of trees, treasures, books, plants, papers, and paintings (for she attended art classes, and exhibited some of her pictures locally) - vital components of her all-embracing enthusiasm for the world around her.

Though she was happy and self-sufficient living on her own with her beloved dogs, Margot was not a 'loner'. She was member or life-member of a large number of Societies – National Trust, Council for the Preservation of Rural England, The WI, Civic Society, SWSHAS, Caradoc Field Club, and Wildlife Group– and in none of these was she a passive member. If outings were organised she would be on them, often with a bag of sweets to share around on the coach. At meetings, she would sit at the front, complain vociferously if the speaker mumbled, and ask pertinent questions at the end. Even when, latterly, age, a comfy chair, and a warm room conspired to make her drop off during a talk, she would always wake in time to join battle at the end. Robert will say more about her achievements in Bishop's Castle, notably with the Civic Society of which she was a founder member.

Margot was a determined and vigorous champion of the countryside and its conservation, with a particular love of our great trees, most especially the Linley Beech Avenue. She was for many years a vigilant Tree-Warden, and woe-betide any developer who attempted to remove a tree or part of a tree without consulting her! She could be stubborn, tenacious, and even aggressive in her crusade to prevent what she saw as any form of rural vandalism, but she was always to be respected for genuine and honourable intention. In More and Lydham, Margot was a regular church worshipper, and a stalwart of the WI. At fetes she would work on the Plant Stall, bringing to bear her impressive botanical knowledge. Her loyalty, integrity and wisdom, all given unstintingly, made her an invaluable asset to the life of these small communities. Many of you will remember how until quite recently, she was to be seen anywhere and everywhere, doggedly propelling her bicycle.

Margot enjoyed entertaining her family when they visited the area – and she would arrange picnics to show off the beauty of her neighbourhood. On her 90th Birthday her family and friends reciprocated with a lovely party in Jill Thomas' garden.

To the end of her long life Margot offered herself to the service of those around her. Two of her mottoes, derived from her Guiding days, were '*Do at least one good turn every day*' and '*Whatever you do, do it with a good will*'. She is widely remembered for her many small kindnesses, as well as for being both a formidable opponent and a powerful ally. Her good humour and that unforgettably radiant smile, never far below the surface, made it difficult to be angry with her, even when she was on the attack.

The theatre version of Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise to Candleford* featured a bible song of which the refrain was: *Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone, Dare to have a Purpose True, Dare to make it known*. Although this referred to the Biblical Daniel, I have always thought it fitted admirably the fearless and purposeful Margot Daniel!

When Margot was brought down by a stroke in September, we all felt that we had lost her, and it is really and truly a cause for rejoicing that she has been released from further pain and distress.

At the last, I like to think of her as she would be, walking happily in an eternal garden, with her dog beside her, and perhaps even sporting a new uniform as God's trusted tree-warden, tending the Tree of Knowledge."

CHRISTENING: Iwan Rhys Evans Churchstoke Sunday 28 February

FUNERAL: Derrick Ivor Evans (84) Churchstoke 14 January

Myndtown Combined Parish Council

The Parish Council now has a new web address www.myndtown.org.uk In due course it is hoped that the website will provide information relevant to the Parishes. It is also hoped to set up a business directory on the site for local businesses, be they plumbers, electricians, b&bs, gardeners or anyone running their own business locally. If you would like your contact details and maybe a link to your own site in the directory, please send your details to philip@myndtownwines.co.uk. The bigger the directory the better for everyone and it is an ideal opportunity to have a web presence, so please do contact us.

Myndtown Combined Parish Council 2010

Meetings: Norbury Village Hall 7.30pm Mondays 8 March; 12 April; 10 May AGM; 5 July; 6 Sept; 8 Nov. Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

Age Concern Lunches for those 60 & over at The Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12 Noon for 12.30pm **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in the month – **NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 14 April** – to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 BY 3 April AND third Tuesday in the month, **NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 20 April** please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280.

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

Local public transport?

DIAL-A-RIDE Wentnor to Bishops Castle & back every Friday pick-up 10.00am Wentnor Church & Wentnor Shop (can stop at Norbury) return 12.45pm from Tuffins BC.

SHROPSHIRE LINK ring 01743 210368 – need to make a booking a day or two before.

Find out what is going on across the **Hereford diocese** at the website at www.hereford.anglican.org - have a look at the Noticeboard. For details of service times at the Cathedral, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the cathedral website www.herefordcathedral.org.

Norbury & District WI: Thursday 8 May; Speaker: "Gardening in the Clouds"; Hostesses: Shirley Betton, Rose Jones & Jane Semple; Flowers: Ann Littlehales; Competition: A single Flower.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 15 April; Speaker: Jim Gaffney: "Bishop's Castle Land & Community Trust" Photograph of Bishop's Castle; Teas: Janet P & Joy.

Onny Valley Social Club: Usually meeting at Norbury Village Hall; .Social gatherings & outings for the over-fifties: well worthwhile – do join! Contact: Pat Varcoe 01588 650204 New members welcome.

Tuesday 6 April Beetle Drive; **Friday 7 May** 7.30pm Idris Evans "Collecting Collectables" **DAY TRIPS** **21 April** Stratford upon Avon; **19 May** Forest of Dean & River Trip **16 June** Train & Tram Museum (early start & late return).

Churchstoke Mothers Union: Contact: Olive Fitzhugh 01588 620698 The **Mothers Union** has a scheme to provide holidays for families in need – any recommendations, please contact the AFIA Holiday Organizer at the Mother's Union 01432 373306 or email: mothersunion.hereford@surefish.co.uk

Churchstoke "Over-Sixties": Meet alternative Wednesdays 3.00pm Churchstoke Community Hall contact: Jay Frank 01588 620081

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

FLOWERS/CLEANING

Wentnor:

4 – 11 April Mrs. V Cockburn (Flowers) & Mrs. A Parry (Cleaning)

18 – 25 April Mrs. L Middleton (Flowers) & Mrs. R Jones (Cleaning)

Ratlinghope

4 April Mrs. J Brandon & Mrs. V Harley

11 April Mrs. M Cooke & Mrs. J Pinches

18 April Mrs. J Ryan & Mrs. A Remfry

25 April Mrs. C Mansell & Mrs. P Sansom

2 May Mrs. M Atkins & Mrs. M Hardham

Norbury:

April Mrs. H Eustace & Mrs. M Rose

May Mrs. R Howells & Mrs. H Atherton

Lydham: April Mrs. A Jones + Easter team decorating May: Miss J Wilcoxon

More April Mrs. M Denwood + Easter team decorating May: Mrs. B Butler

NOTICEBOARD

Want a Magazine?

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 10.00AM – 12 NOON - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros - please support our village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible!

Run up the Flag! Here's an offer to everyone in the Wentnor Group of parishes and beyond - every man, woman and child - those living in Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, More, Lydham, and Snead - mark your birthday, pet's birthday, wedding, anniversary, exam success, passing your driving licence, whatever, by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flying from the Wentnor Flagpole - pay only £1 to the Benefice account which supports all the churches. The flag could fly for you! Any day of the year!

Contact Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244.

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.

MICHAELMAS FAIR EXHIBITION, 2010.

SWSHAS has agreed in principle to organize another Local History display this year, in the Cadet Hall (18th – 19th September).

Last year, the 'combined operation' involving a number of local groups worked out very well, producing a variety of insights into the history of Bishop's Castle. We are writing to ask if you would be willing to tackle a similar project this year. It will be greatly appreciated if you can help.

The subject we have chosen this year reflects the growing problem of breaking new ground after some twelve years of exhibitions! We think that it would be interesting to focus on the Victorian & Edwardian period (1837-1911) when, even in this area, there were great changes and developments. Obviously, it will be impossible to avoid reusing or recycling some material already exhibited, but it should be possible even there to give a new slant... the impact of new inventions, rebuilding, and changing attitudes to social life.

A provisional title is "*Happy and Glorious*" (*SW Shropshire in the Victorian & Edwardian Era*). We think that, as last year focused on Bishop's Castle; it would be good to include in our coverage some of the local rural communities.

Attached below is a brief breakdown of possible topics. If you feel able to assist again this year, could you select a topic you'd like to tackle (or by all means suggest something else from this period). **Whatever you decide, could you please let us know as soon as possible, whether you are willing to help – as we need to consider very soon whether or not the project is a starter!**

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

South-West Shropshire in the Victorian and Edwardian Era.

1. **BEFORE VICTORIA** – a Rotten Borough and a remote, undeveloped area.

2. **VICTORIAN / EDWARDIAN ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Church rebuilding & spread of Methodism.
- Roads – turnpikes to new highways.
- Railways – building of BCR. Snailbeach District Rly.
- Industry – the mines' zenith in 1870s.
- Agriculture – open villages, enclosures, new machinery.
- Education & Schooling. 'County' schools 1902.
- Soldiers of the Queen (and King).
- Social Change – Market town growth, shops, entrepreneurs.
- Inventions: cars, photography, electricity, postal services.
- Estates in C19th (Walcot, etc).
- Poor Law – workhouses.
- Government – MPs. New County and Rural District Councils.
- Housing – Shropshire cottages second worst in England - survey in 1869!
- Architecture – houses, bridges, etc.
- Manners & Morals.
- Literature – the Arts.
- Sports & Pastimes.

3. **PEOPLE & PERSONALITIES.**

- Clergy
- Gentlemen – the Squirearchy.
- Roles of Women.
- Tradesmen, e.g. pharmacists, etc.
- Politicians
- Farmers & farm workers.

4. THE END OF AN ERA – SPECTRE OF WORLD WAR I.

Hyssington

Easter greetings to everyone.

The Easter Vigil will be held on Saturday 3rd April at 7.30pm – that's our Easter service! Please come!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 9th April 7.30 at Cefn Farm

Please come if you have an interest in the future of our church, everyone is welcome

April Services

11th April 10.00am Morning Praise with David Jelves

25th April 10.00am United Service

Quiz night

22nd April 7.00pm in the village hall

Tables of 4, £10 per table. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

Just turn up it will be fun.