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Sunday 21st SEPTEMBER
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A place for the over 50s to meet new friends

Contact Carolyn 01823 283941 /Nadia 07958 246046

Come along to Frank's cafe on a Friday morning 10:00-12:00 and discover what activities could lie in store for you.

The cafe is open to members and non-members.

The centre is centrally heated and open 10:00-16:00 Monday-Friday

Weekly Activities:

Monday - The Painting Group 10:00-12:00,

Whist Club 1:30-4:00 Bridge Club 1.30-4:00

Wednesday – Flexercise & Tai Chi 10:00-12:00

Thursday - Bridge club 10:00-12:00-Beginners welcome,

Croquet 2:00-4:00

Friday - Pétanque 10:00-12:00,

Friday - Frank's Cafe 10:00-12:00

Monthly Activities:

1st Monday in month Family History 2:00-4:00

2nd Tuesday in month Parchment 10:00-3:30

3rd Wednesday in month Games 2.00-4.00

4th Wednesday in month Music Appreciation 2.00-4.00

2nd & 4th Thursday in month Mahjong 2:00-4:00

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Tim Venn (Church Warden)

John Perry (Church Warden)



Before I decided to write this editorial I first had a quick look at articles headed 'punctuation' posted on the WWW. Wow! There are so many I really didn't know where to start. However, what did quickly come to light was the difference between those written without punctuation and those with. The earliest written texts were meant to be read aloud e.g. in Church, where the reader used their own mental punctuation. Later, in legal documents, it became obvious that punctuation was needed to ensure clarification. It would seem that today's Internet has almost dropped all punctuation in brief text messages.

The Birth of Punctuation: When the '?', '!' And ';' First Made Their Mark

Punctuation is something we take for granted every day. We don't even think twice about the question marks, exclamation points, and semicolons dotting our sentences, guiding our meaning like silent signposts. But have you ever stopped to wonder—where did they come from? Who was the first person to say, "You know what this sentence needs? A squiggly thing with a dot under it!"?

The Question Mark: From Curved Inquiry to Common Use

The question mark (?) is one of the most universally recognized symbols in punctuation. But how did it come to be? The origins of the question mark are somewhat debated, but one of the most widely accepted theories is that it evolved from the Latin word *quaestio*, meaning "question."

The Exclamation Mark: A Shout from the Middle Ages

The exclamation mark (!) has an equally lively history. Also called the "exclamation point" in American English, this punctuation mark conveys excitement, surprise, or strong emotion.

The Semicolon: The Aristocrat of Punctuation

The semicolon (;) is often misunderstood today—too formal for casual use, yet not quite as decisive as a period. But when it first appeared, it was a revolutionary addition to punctuation. Originally, the semicolon was used to separate closely related but independent clauses, much as we use it today.

So, the next time you see a question mark at the end of a sentence, an exclamation mark shouting from the page, or a semicolon elegantly linking ideas, take a moment to appreciate the centuries of history behind them. Language is always evolving, and who knows? Perhaps new punctuation marks will emerge in the future to help us express ourselves in ways we can't yet imagine!

The Vicar writes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ June begins with Pentecost, celebrating the Holy Spirit's arrival and the Church's birth. Empowered by the Spirit, the disciples shared the Gospel. This reminds us that the Spirit actively equips us with gifts for service and connection. Trinity Sunday follows, focusing on the mystery of one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This



invites reflection on God's love and how we can build loving relationships with God and each other. Later, St Peter and St Paul's Day commemorates these key figures who spread the Gospel despite their differences. Peter, the Church's foundation, and Paul, the passionate apostle, inspire us with their faith, showing God can use anyone for His purposes.

Throughout June, Pentecost's power inspires our faith and action. Reflecting on the Trinity deepens our understanding of God's love and strengthens relationships. Peter and Paul's examples embolden our faith and service within our communities. These observances reinforce core Christian beliefs. Pentecost signifies the Spirit's ongoing presence, empowering believers to live their faith courageously. The Spirit's diverse gifts build Church unity and enable ministry. Using these gifts for God's purposes allows individuals to contribute to the Church's mission.

Trinity Sunday invites contemplation of God's relational nature. The Trinity's love models human relationships, emphasizing unity and respect. Understanding this encourages appreciation for interconnectedness in our faith journey.

Commemorating Peter and Paul highlights the human element in the early Church. Their dedication to Christ, despite flaws, transformed their impact. Their contrasting service examples encourage perseverance and recognizing God's work through dedicated individuals.

As June unfolds, may Pentecost inspire active faith. May Trinity reflection deepen our awareness of God's love and our relationships. May Peter and Paul's examples embolden our service within our communities. This month offers each of us an opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewed commitment.

Your brother in Christ Phil

St Peter's & St Paul's Church Bridge Coffee Mornings

The Bridge is what we have called the Welcome Area.

The Church has opened the Bridge for the return of the Monthly Coffee Mornings to be held on the last Saturday of each month and running now through the rest of 2025.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all at the next coffee morning on **Saturday 28th JUNE** Come along to have a Coffee/Tea and cakes, with a friendly chat and SWAP a book. From 10am till 12noon.

Bell Ringers -Crediton Parish Church



Bell Ringing

We are very proud of our Bell Ringing team and our bells! There are 6 bells in the tower and ringing is done from ground level. The Bell Tower is accessed on the North Side of the church.

Ringing happens for the main service on Sunday (usually ringing starts at 09.15am and rings until the service starts at 10am). Practice night is Wednesday at 7.30pm. Quarter peals (50 minutes) may be attempted up to

twice a month at 11.30am, usually on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Our Tower Captain is Giles Morley and he can be contacted on 01823 430710



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS PAGE IS RESERVED FOR YOU!

From Neighbourhood Watch

A teenager has appeared in court and admitted setting fire to seven specially-adapted minibuses at Silk Mills Park and Ride, Taunton, on Saturday 26 April.

The 17-year-old from Taunton was arrested on Sunday 27 April and subsequently charged with:

- Two counts of arson, both at Silk Mills Park and Ride, namely to an Audi A1 on Friday 25 April and the minibuses on 26 April
- Affray on 27 April
- Criminal damage to two cars on 27 April
- Assault by beating an emergency worker on 27 April.

He appeared at North Somerset Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 29 April and entered guilty pleas to all six offences. Magistrates remanded him into youth detention pending a sentencing hearing at Taunton Magistrates' Court on Thursday 29 May.

WALES AND WEST FACILITIES (GAS)

A3065 Silk Mills Road and Mountway Road.

Phase 1 Dates starts on 16/06/25 for 3 weeks

Phase 2 Dates starts on 07/07/25 doe 3 weeks

Phase 3 starts on 28/07/25 for 2 weeks

Phase 4 Starts on 18/08/25 for 3 weeks

Phase 5 Starts on 18/08/25 for 3 weeks

Phase 1 to 5 will require a one-way order on the A3065 Silk Mills Road and traffic will only be able to travel Northwards towards the A358 Staplegrove Road

Phase 3 in time for the school holidays as will require a full closure of Mountway Road

Phase 4 will require a full road closure (no road stated). Phase 5 will also require a partial lane closure on the A38 Wellington New Road

The next phase of the work, due to begin on Monday, June 16 on the A3065 Silk Mills Road.

The work will require various types of traffic management to ensure the safety of road users, pedestrians and the workforce.

A one-way system will be implemented on the A3065 Silk Mills Road between the A38 Wellington New Road Roundabout and Mountway Road, allowing only northbound traffic.

Traffic from Mountway Road will not be able to access the A38 Wellington New Road.

Before this, the Bishop's Hull Road phase will be completed around Monday, June 9, with two-way lights in place on the A38 from May 27 for two weeks.

The lights will be manually controlled daily from 7am to 6.30pm to reduce any delays.

Bishop's Hull Hill and Comeytrowe Lane will also be closed to lessen the signal times.

Road users are advised to plan ahead as some disruption is expected during peak times. ###

Bishop's Hull Parish Council News

In April there were two meetings, first the Annual meeting of Bishop's Hull PC followed by the monthlyParish Council meeting.

At the Annual meeting various local groups attended and gave presentations of the activities over the last year.

These included, The Frank Bond Centre, Playing Fields Trust, The Hub, The Friends of Netherclay Woodland, The Flower Show, The Brownies, the Youth club and the Baby Badgers group.

The Chairman thanked all the groups and the volunteers for all their work over the last year along with Parish Council Members and the Clerk. He detailed the extra responsibilities the Parish Council are taking on such as Bishops Mead open space which has now been transferred to the PC from SC. The transfer of the village play park from the playing fields trust to the PC

is in progress along with the transfer of the area formerly known as Kinglake transferring from Persimmon to the PC.

Full draft minutes can be found here: https://bishopshullparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings?view=all

At the Parish Council meeting the following resolutions and updates were received:

- Kinglake play area repairs have been carried out and the PC awaits a new ROSPA report before the land transfer will complete.
- Bishops Mead land transfer has completed and the PC are now the legal owners. New maintenance contractors have started work this week.
- The transfer of the village play park to the PC is in progress.
- It was agreed to set up a HR committee and subcommittee for management of staff.
- Councillors' areas of responsibilities were agreed.
- It was agreed to look at securing the playing fields and Bishop's Mead to prevent any illegal encampments in the future following the recent encampment at the Park and Ride site.
- An update has been received from SC that the speed reduction from Silk Mills Roundabout (near the crematorium) to just past Orchard Grove roundabout can be reduced from 40mph to 30mph. They also confirmed that the next section of the A38 would remain at 50mph rather than the PCs request to reduce to 40mph.

Next meeting — The Annual Parish Council met on Thursday 1st May 7pm at the HUB.

Does being Single Cost More to Live Than living as a Couple?

At a recent coffee morning in the village, the topic of conversation turned to the benefits of being single This got me thinking about the financial differences between living alone and living as a couple.

One of the biggest financial challenges for a single person can be housing. Whether owning or renting, accommodation costs remain the same regardless of the number of occupants.

People living alone receive a single person discount of 25% on their council tax bill, whereas a couple might share 100% of the bill.



Utility bills, such as electricity, gas, water, and Internet, also cost the same regardless of the number of people in a household. While a couple might divide these expenses, a single person invariably bears the full cost alone.

Insurance companies often offer better rates for couples than individuals, reducing costs compared to what a single person pays for individual coverage.

Travel expenses can be higher as a solo traveller because hotels often charge the same rate for one or two guests, meaning a single traveller pays the full amount.

Personally, I rather enjoy living alone and the independence it gives me, even though I might sometimes find this comes with a financial premium.

There is of course always support available to anyone struggling, regardless of your living status. Please find lots of useful information via the link below:

Help for all:

https://connectsomerset.org.uk/help4all/

Somerset Household Support fund:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/somerset-household-support-fund/

Taunton Foodbank:

https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/

Somerset Council support for adults:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/

Citizens Advice:

0808 2787842

Village Agents:

01823 331222

Take care, John Hunt.

BISHOP HULL BELLES

Bishop's Hull and District WI have changed name. to Bishop (sic) Hull Belles.

A pril signalled the renewal of membership subscriptions and we were delighted to welcome three new members. Our April meeting featured Tricia Sail as guest speaker who provided an excellent insight into the work of the Royal National Institute of Blind People ... interestingly Tricia and her friend Cathie won Series 3 of the BBC Race across the world in 2023. The April Lunch was at the Winchester Arms Trull with the monthly Coffee/Brunch event was at Willowbrook Garden Centre. Both the Scrabble and Walking groups met up during the month.

Our May meeting on 23rd will be our AGM followed by a social evening.

BISHOP'S HULL BELLES

Our May meeting was our AGM at which the Committee for 2025/6 was elected. Our guest speaker at that meeting was Nina Long who introduced us to Qigong and told us of the work of Chunyi Lin, a Qigong Master. Qigong involves meditation, controlled breathing and gentle movements offering benefits for physical and spiritual wellbeing. During May members also enjoyed a lunch and a coffee meeting. Those who play Scrabble met as did the walking group .

At our June meeting on Thursday 27th our guest speaker will be Ann Pickard, a sugar craft expert who will demonstrate cake decorations.

As I am resigning from the Committee this month this will be my last communication to you. Future information will be from Stephanie Stacey.

Regards Ann Laurette

Bishop's Hull HUB

Saturday 14th June - Cycle Cafe - back by popular demand! Bring your bike and get a mini-MOT for a donation. Teas, Coffees and cakes available.

Youth Club Dates:

Saturday 21st June, Saturday 19th July. all 7.15-9.15pm: £1 entry for fun and games, bring extra for the tuck shop.



Neighbourhood Beat Team

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<u>Brief Information About Taunton Police Station</u> -Avon And Somerset Police

K now about the working hours and contact details of the police station for any inquiries or assistance required. For easy navigation, use our interactive map to get driving directions to reach Taunton Police Station - Avon and Somerset Police, Bishop's Hull & Taunton West, Taunton.

Contact the station at 999 for any kind of emergency. Call 101 for non-emergency detailed reporting of crimes.

Other Ways To Contact The Taunton Police Station -Avon And Somerset Police To Report Crime Report Crime Anonymously To Crimestoppers

Contact Crimestoppers to report a crime without getting identified.

Visit Crimestoppers website at http://crimestoppers-uk.org/ to Report Online.

Call 0800 555 111 to Report by Phone.

Dial 141 before 0800 555 111 to block your phone number and stop call tracing.

Report Fraud And Cyber Crime To Action Fraud

If you have been the victim of a fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

Visit the actionfraud.police.uk website to Report Online. Call 0300 123 2040 to Report by Phone.

Anti-Terrorist Hotline

If you spot or suspect any possible terrorist activity, call the UK Anti-Terrorist Hotline Number at 0800 789 321.

The National Police Air Service (NPAS)

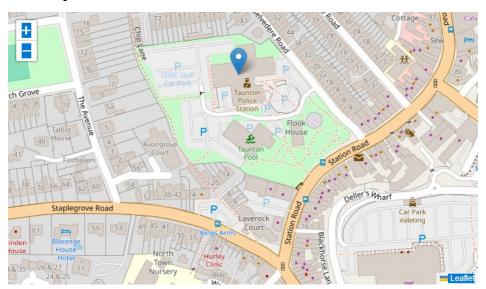
The National Police Air Service (NPAS) provides air support to all police forces across England and Wales 24 hours a day and year-round. Find details below to contact the National Police Air Service.

Visit www.npas.police.uk/, the official website, for more information. Contact the Police Air Service at 01924 292 252.

Other Useful Numbers

British Transport Police: 0800 40 50 40 Civil Nuclear Police: 03303 135 400

Map Of Taunton Police Station - Avon and Somerset Police



<u>Crime Statistics for</u> <u>Bishop's Hull</u>

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<u>Crime</u> <u>Category</u>	<u>Incidents</u>	Bicycle Theft	4
Violent Crime	49	Other Crime	2
Public Order	49 16	Possession Of Weapons	2
Anti Social Behaviour	10	Robbery	2
Other Theft	0	Burglary	2
Other Their	0	All Crime	101

Criminal Damage Arson

BISHOP'S HULL IN TIMES PAST

100 years ago



Pavoured with glorious sunshine, a garden sale of work was held at Milligan Hall in aid of the funds of St Dunstan's Hostel. The sale was organised by a group of local ladies, assisted by a few gentlemen. The idea of the sale came from Mrs Smerdon, who found no difficulty in securing the services of a number of willing helpers. The prime movers were Mrs Farrant, Mrs Peters, Mrs Blenkinsop, Mrs Cocks, Mrs Tate, Mrs Watts, Mrs Small, Mrs Balkan, Mrs Bastard and Mrs Edwards and the Misses L and K Smerdon and Tate. Needlework, fruit produce, vegetables and sweets all contributed to the laden appearance of the stalls. Besides the articles for

sale, there was a hoop-la, skittles, guessing competitions and refreshments. During the afternoon there was a good attendance of villagers. Teas and light refreshments were much in demand. Among the helpers who kindly assisted were Mrs Quartley, Mrs Soobell, the Girl Guides, Mrs Durston and Mrs M Balman, the Misses Jenks and Miss Hayman and Messrs Durban. Messrs Hatcher Ltd kindly lent stands for the fancy stalls. The St Dunstan's Hostel existed primarily for the benefit of blinded soldiers and sailors and it was a happy thought to ask Mrs Chetwood-Aiken to open the sale. Her husband, Dr R Chetwin-Aiken, was a well-known ophthalmic surgeon, whose skilled services at Taunton and Somerset Hospital and in all parts of the county earned the gratitude of many eye sufferers. The charity continues today as Blind Veterans UK. At the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of Mr Tate (who also took the gate money), to Mr and Mrs GU Farrant for so kindly lending their garden for the sale.

The Congregational Sunday School anniversary was celebrated with services being conducted by the Rev W Williams. There were large congregations throughout the day and the singing of the special hymns was much appreciated. In the afternoon a young people's service was held, when items were given by the scholars and Mr Eubulus Williams of Taunton, a former superintendent, delivered an appropriate address. Mrs Crocker sang a solo at the evening service. The services were continued on the following Thursday, when after a public tea, there was an evening meeting presided over by the pastor. Addresses were delivered by the Rev Bishop, Mr Minett and Mr G Lewis. Reports were presented by Mr Bond, secretary, and Mr Davis, superintendent. The organist at all the services was Mr Lewis and the pianist Mr Crocker.

50 years ago

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Constitutional Club when the president, Mr T Berry led members in a tribute to two late members - Mr Jack Hill and Mr Percy Irish. The secretary / treasurer, Mr KAG Stone in his report said the membership had risen to 175 with 16 honorary life members. Financially the club was stronger than ever, despite the effect of inflation and the constant rise in the price of beer and spirits. Officers elected were: president , Mr Tom Berry, vice-presidents, Messrs D Farrant, D Hembrow, C Baker, K Baker, F Baker, L Battelley and R Wright; secretary, Mr KAG Stone; stock-keeper, Mr G Adams; auditor, Mr B Underwood; committee, Messrs J Backham, F Biffen, ARB Criddle, R Fowler, K Fox, K Guppy, R Guppy, G Hooper, J Mackie and G Manning. The president also spoke of the good work of Mr S Chaplin, the Steward, ably supported by Mrs Chaplin.

Mrs Christine Vernon, of Stonegallows, received the insignia of Serving Sister from the Lord Cozens-Hardy, Bailiff of Eagle of the Order of St John. She was among men and women from all walks of life honoured for services to humanity at an Order of St John investiture at the Grand Priory Church, Clerkenwell, London.

A team from Regimental Headquarters Troop, Bishops Hull, won the shooting section match at the annual skill-at-arms meeting of 155 (Wessex) Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers) at Bulford, Salisbury Plain. The team comprised Capt John Clark, Dvr Jim Nation, L/Cpl Martin Clarke and L/Cpl Terry Gregson. They competed against volunteers from squadrons in Bristol, Plymouth and Southampton. The awards were presented by Brig Dick Randall, deputy commander South West District.

The wedding took place at Taunton Register Office of Mr Alan John Keitch, only son of Mr and Mrs H Keitch of Hillcommon and Miss Rita Elizabeth Radford, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs WE Radford of Smithy, Bishops Hull. The groom was a welder with F Piper and Sons (Taunton) Ltd and the bride was a punch operator at Debenhams. Given away by her father, the bride wore a beige dress with brown accessories. She carried a bouquet of orange rosebuds and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Angela Radford, sister, wore an orange dress trimmed with white lace. She held a posy of white flowers with loops of orange ribbon. A reception for 40 guests was held at the Anchor Inn, Hillfarance. Later the couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay, the bride wearing a cream floral dress with brown accessories.

At the Women's Institute meeting Mrs Deighton, president, welcomed a new member, Mrs Sleiman. Mrs Lintern gave a talk on the life and history of a village school and was thanked by Mrs Beer. The competition, an individual sweet, was won by Mrs Radford. Mrs More gave a competition prize, which was won by Mrs Oaten.

Iohn Hamer *****

The history of BISHOPS HULL

D efore the mid 19th century the ancient parish of Bishops Hull was not only a **D**rural parish west of Taunton including the village of Bishops Hull, the large hamlet of Rumwell, the smaller hamlets of Fideoak, with Upcott and Barr, and Roughmoor and a few isolated farms and mills along the river but also the area of west Taunton roughly bounded by the Tone as far east as and including the Town Mills, the east and south walls of the castle precinct, the road to Wilton with an extension along the west side of Cann Street as far as Shuttern and the Sherford stream on the south west. Only on the north west did this urban enclave adjoin the rest of the parish. The area probably formed part of the original settlement of Taunton comprising the minster, cemeteries and possibly a royal hall. It was presumably transferred to Bishops Hull about the time of the construction of the castle in the 11th century possibly to keep the castle outside the borough although Wilton was closer. Taunton Castle and its outer precinct, now called Castle Green, the areas later known as Tangier and Stepswater, and St Paul's medieval chapel and its surroundings were all in Bishops Hull parish. By the post- medieval period if not before that caused difficulties. In 1757 for example concern was expressed that troops had been billeted in bad houses in distant parts of the parish as well as in the Taunton area as intended. Although not formally constituted as a separate parish until 1885 it was rated separately by the 1840s when it was known as the Town Division as opposed to the main part of the parish called the Country Division. The town area until the 1880s was bounded by the river Tone on the north, Mill Lane and the outer ditch or moat of the castle on the east and south-east. West from the south-west 'corner' of the moat of the boundary followed a watercourse to Hunts Court, now Bath Place which with the lane now Park Street formed the rest of the southern boundary. There was then a panhandle of land now the west side of Cann Street. The early modern name of voking place for part of the land may indicate that it was an extension of the medieval Paul's barton. The western boundary consisted of a stream, usually called the Gaol Stream, and the Millstream, often confusingly also called the River Tone, as far north as French Weir Meadow between the stream and the river. The meadow was divided by 1842 between Bishops Hull and Taunton St James and until 1829 or later the parish officers made a formal perambulation of the boundary giving notice to St James parish. By 1885 when Bishops Hull was formally divided there had been much more development westwards and so the boundary of the new 'Within' parish was extended westwards to Long Run lane following the lane until it bends west and then taking a straight line to the river. South of Wellington Road all the Bishops Hull parish land was included and part of Wilton as far west as the junction with Bishops Hull Road. The boundary was the Galmington stream on the south and east then ran across fields to the road junction on the west. A plan to extend the parish further west to include the whole of Wellington Road and Long Run farm in 1895 was not carried out and the original western boundary of the 'Within' parish now forms the boundary between Taunton and Bishops Hull. The present parish of Bishops Hull is visually divided between the urban east and the still rural west. ##

Kitchener and that poster from the First World War

Some 175 years ago, on 24th June 1850, Herbert Kitchener, the 1st Earl Kitchener, was born. This Irish-born British Army officer and politician became Secretary of War during the First World War, when he appeared on an iconic poster asking people to join the army.

Kitchener already had a fearsome reputation, having been responsible for big colonial



victories in Sudan and South Africa. He was very widely admired by the British people, though his cool personality and eagerness to push his men to the limit made him disliked by fellow officers. But he was also described as a godly man "who did noble deeds and obtained noble results".

He had been on leave in England in June 1914 when he reluctantly accepted an appointment to the Cabinet as Secretary of State for War and was promoted to Field Marshal. Most people expected a short war, but Kitchener did not; he went about enlisting a great number of volunteers — a campaign symbolised for most people by Alfred Leete's poster using Kitchener's own face with the slogan 'Your country needs you'.

He organised British armies on a scale never seen before, but he was not to see victory. His life ended suddenly when he was drowned after the cruiser HMS Hampshire, taking him on a mission to Russia, was sunk in 1916 by a German mine. His body was never recovered, and the wreck is now a war grave. His death has been likened to the deaths of President Kennedy and Princess Diana – everyone remembered where they were when they heard the news.

A memorial fund launched by the Lord Mayor of London raised £500,000 to help war casualties and continues today. A Kitchener memorial was built by the people of Orkney on the cliff edge at Marwick Head.

<u>Churches mark 80th Anniversary of VE Day with commemorations, bell ringing, and prayers for peace</u>



Churches across England have played their part in the recent commemorations to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

The commemorations on 8th May provided an opportunity to honour the sacrifices made by those who served in the conflict. They also provided an opportunity to pray for lasting peace, echoing the spirit of unity that defined the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Across the country, thousands of church bells rang out at 6.30pm on VE Day. This echoed the bellringing that swept across the country in 1945, as churches and cathedrals joined in the national joy and thanksgiving.

Thousands of parishes held their own services of commemoration, while people at home lit virtual candles online, in honour of loved ones who had taken part in the war.

The Bishop of St Germans, Hugh Nelson, the lead Bishop for the Armed Forces, said:

"The 80th anniversary of VE Day was a time to remember with deep gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today."

He went on to say that in this "increasingly dangerous world", it was good "to offer prayers for peace. As we honour the past, so we renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and just world for all."

What about Facebook after you die?



 \mathbf{T} hat happens to our Facebook page when we die is probably the last thing on most of our minds. However, many people have an 'online presence' such as Facebook pages, Linked-in, email accounts, Instagram and all sorts of bank accounts and website pages. Who can get

access to that information?

Depending on the type of account, a relative or friend might want to close it, retrieve information or images or preserve it in some way. Making a Will is an opportunity to make a clear decision about what happens to things you own, and this includes something electronic and who carries out your wishes.

According to Facebook, you can choose to either appoint a legacy contact to look after your account, or have your account permanently deleted from Facebook, If you do not choose to have your account permanently deleted, it will be memorialised if Facebook are told about the death. Memorialised accounts are a place for friends and family to gather and share memories after a person has passed away.

Google encourages people to think about these issues and they have something called an Inactive Account Manager to let them know who should have access to your information, and whether you want your account to be deleted.

They recognise that many people pass away without leaving clear instructions about how to manage their online accounts. They work with immediate family members and representatives to close the account of a deceased person where appropriate. In certain circumstances they may provide content from a deceased user's account.

The best advice is to think carefully and make choices about what happens in the event of your passing, and carefully select someone you trust to do this. As ever this is a light-hearted introduction and if in any doubt get proper advice. Different companies have different policies and procedures so always check carefully.

Father's Day - what we most value in our fathers

Tather's Day is 15th June - a day to honour and appreciate our fathers and Γ father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many of us will make a special effort to see them on the day.

No two fathers are alike, of course, but various polls across the Internet reveal some interesting similarities of what people have most valued in their dad.

These traits include: being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, compassionate, and having spent time with them when they were young.

That's quite a list! People whose fathers had even some of those strengths have a lot to be thankful for.

EAT WELL FOR LESS DURING JUNE

FISH PIE



Take one filleted brill or haddock.
Make a thick white sauce.
Butter a fireproof dish and rub it well with a raw onion.

Put a layer of breadcrumbs, then a layer of fish.

Beat up an egg in a little milk, and pour over each layer.

Continue until dish is full. Lastly add the white sauce.

Put small pieces of butter over the top, and bake for about half to three-quarters of an hour in moderate oven.

Any fish " left overs " can be used for this pie.

BERKSHIRE PIE

2 lb. of chops 2 onions 2 tsps of sugar Pepper, salt



and allspice to taste 4 sour apples

Trim chops, peel and slice apples and onions. Put a layer of apples in a large pie dish, sprinkle with spice and sugar, then a layer of chops with pepper, salt and onions.

Repeat till all are used up.

Cover with flaky pastry.

Make a hole in top, lightly brush over with milk and bake in a moderate oven for 2 to 2½ hours.

SAVOURY STEW

1 lb. of beef steak (shin, if preferred) 1/4 lb. of pork sausages or sausage meat.

2 or 3 onions, minced or cut in fine rings.

Pepper and salt seasoning. Parsley. Flour.

Cut the meat into small pieces, and divide the sausages into small portions. Roll both in flour, pepper and salt. Place part of them a casserole (or stewing dish), sprinkle with chopped parsley and onion, then the rest of the meat, sausage and seasoning. Cover with water, cook gently in the oven or on a hot plate for 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Be careful to keep it simmering. Can be served with small dumplings, if liked, and the seasoning may be varied by using sage instead of parsley.

TOAD-IN-THE-HOLE

1/2 lb. of flour, 1/2 lb. of of meat 2 eggs Seasoning 1 pint of milk



Put the flour into a basin, make a hole in the

make a hole in the centre, and break the eggs. Stir in half the milk, beat well, and add the rest of the milk. Cut the meat into small slices, and add the pepper and salt. Put into a. greased tin, pour the batter over it, and bake in the oven for one hour.

THRIMBLE MILL PUDDING



4 oz. of flour, 1 egg
2 oz. of suet, ½ teacupful of milk
2 oz. of sugar, ¼ teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda,
2 oz. of grated apple,
Rind and juice of half a lemon.

Mix the flour, suet, sugar, grated apple and rind of lemon together. Mix to a paste with the lemon juice, well-beaten egg and milk, and last of all the bicarbonate of soda, dissolved in some of the milk. Turn into a greased pudding basin coated with demerara sugar; cover with two thicknesses of greased paper, and steam from 1½ to 2 hours.

MOUSSELINE PUDDING



1 oz. of butter 3 small eggs 1 lemon.

1 oz. of sugar, The rind and juice of

Stir butter, sugar, and yolks of eggs, grated rind and juice of the lemon over boiling water till it is as thick as honey. Beat the egg whites very stiffly and stir into the mixture very lightly, and steam for half an .hour.

MELROSE PUDDING



3 oz. of flour 2 oz. of butter ½ oz. of baking powder 1 oz. of ground almonds 2 eggs A few preserved cherries or raisins 3 oz. of caster sugar.

Measure out the ingredients. Butter a plain mould, dust it with sugar and decorate with a few cherries or raisins.

Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, beat up the eggs and add them.
Stir in the flour, almonds and baking powder, and mix thoroughly.
Pour at once into prepared mould, cover with a piece of buttered paper, and steam for 1½ hours.

Turn out and serve hot with jam, marmalade or golden syrup.

<u>Is theft in the UK spiralling</u> out of control?



Have you had your phone stolen yet? 'Snatch thefts' of mobile phones rose from 58,000 in 2023 to 99,000 in 2024 – that is a staggering 70 per cent increase in one year. Meanwhile, overall thefts from people, such as having had bags, phones and other items stolen from under a table or desk or locker, soared by 50 per cent – to 483,000 in 2024.

As for shoplifting, it is now at epidemic levels, with offences passing half a million in 2024. That is the equivalent of more than two shoplifting offences each minute, based on an average store's opening hours of 10 a day.

Psalm 55 describes it all very well: 'I see violence and strife in the city...they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it...threats and lies never leave its streets...But you, God, will bring down the wicked.'

<u>Jet lag is worse when you travel east</u>

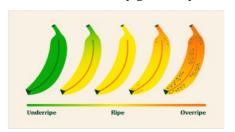
Do your holiday plans involve travelling from west to east this year? Then prepare yourself for some sleep disruption, while your body adjusts.

A recent study at the Centre of Sleep and Cognition at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in Singapore



has found that travelling east can really impede your body's natural 'sleep timing'. This is because you are in effect 'losing time'.. and that runs in opposition to your body's natural circadian rhythm, or body clock. In plain speak, this means you may find it hard to fall asleep in conformity with your new local time zone. It can take more than a week to adjust, if you have travelled east across multiple time zones. Men and women are affected the same, though the old are slightly less affected than the young.

Are bananas really good for you?



On the one hand, bananas offer good things. They count as one of your five a day, carry only about 90 calories, and are packed with the essential mineral potassium (good in lowering blood pressure.) But they are not perfect...

So, here are some pros and cons of bananas:

Pro: High in potassium, good for heart health, lowers blood pressure,

has Vitamin C, helps digestion, provides energy, full of fibre, cholesterol-free.

Cons: Can raise potassium levels too much (avoid them if you have kidney disease), can lead to wind and bloating, cause blood sugar spikes, weight gain, and disrupt sleep.

Overall, experts recommend eating no more than two bananas a day.

How many steps a day is enough?



Counting steps has, for many of us, become a part of our lives. We feel triumphant when we hit 10,000, and guilty when we notch up less than 2,000 a day.

But daily steps, which are really no more than regular daily exercise, are not just a gimmick.

Medical research has found that your daily step count, especially when taken over years, really can make a huge difference to your health and life expectancy. The Government's official statistics cite physical inactivity as responsible for one in six otherwise preventable deaths. So how many steps do you need to achieve different levels of protection? 2,000 to 3,000 steps a day — or just over a mile. This can help reduce your risk of heart disease.

4,000 to 5,000 steps – can reduce risk of chronic disease and helps reduce risk of cognitive decline.

(People who walked this far were found to have a 25 per cent lower risk of dementia.) As a scientist at the European University of Madrid, said: "This is likely because of improved blood flow to the brain, reduced brain inflammation, better metabolism of glucose in the brain, and an increase in beneficial brain chemicals which stimulate neuron growth."

7,000 to 8,000 steps, about three miles, can provide a 31 per cent lower risk of depression, and it can also lower your risk of cardiovascular disease by 51 per cent.

10,000 steps - about five miles, achieves a wide range of health benefits. But even just 8,800 steps a day has been found to reduce risk of premature death from many diseases by 60 per cent.

As a scientist at the University of Sydney explained: "It's about setting initial targets that are achievable, and then gradually working your way up to more daily steps, as you build up your capacity to handle more activity."

Does your teenage daughter feel 'safe' in school?



Almost 1 in 5 girls in England Digest don't feel safe in school

A recent study has found that as many as one in three teenage girls do NOT feel safe in school, which is a significant increase since lockdown.

What is called 'declining emotional engagement' among secondary school girls has become a 'pressing issue' for the English school system, says a report carried out by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA).

The research also found that, since the pandemic, pupils in secondary schools in England have fared worse than pupils in many other countries, as far as engaging in school life again. A pupil's emotional engagement refers to their enjoyment of school, the quality of their relationships with their peers and teachers, and the extent to which they feel safe and that they belong in the school.

Gen Z drivers hesitate to park their own cars



Two thirds of all Gen Z drivers (aged 18-to-28 years old) have asked their parents or friends to park their car for them. 96% admit they are anxious about parallel or reverse parking.

This compares to 28 per cent of Generation X (aged 45 to 60) who have asked for help in parking, and 14 per cent of Baby Boomers (aged 61 to 70).

The research, carried out by online British car retailer Cazoo, also found that Gen Z drivers get most anxious about 'parking while others are waiting' (47 per cent), 'parking between two cars close together' (43 per cent) and 'parallel parking' (40 per cent).

97 per cent of Gen Z drivers admit that they even sometimes park further away from their destination, in order to find a roomier space. Another recent survey, by Enterprise Mobility, has found that Gen Z drivers are paying thousands extra for an electric car, rather than use a petrol or diesel model. Some under-25s are even spending more than £16,000, to buy an EV as their first car.

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Eight crimes a day are committed against UK churches

On average, at least eight crimes a day have been committed against churches in the UK, over the past three years (2022 to 2024). So reports the Countryside Alliance, giving the findings of its latest campaign.

When the Countryside Alliance made Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to the UK's 45 territorial police forces, it found that there had been 9,148 records of theft, burglary, criminal damage, vandalism and assault from January 2022 to December 2024.

This means that, on average, at least eight crimes took place at churches every single day over the three-year period.

179 lead and metal thefts were recorded, along with 3,758 other thefts and burglaries, 3,237 incidents of criminal damage, vandalism and arson, and 1,974 cases of violence. The worst-hit areas were West Yorkshire, (1,121 crimes recorded),



followed by Kent (655) and Greater Manchester (642).

Mo Metcalf-Fisher, Director of External Affairs at the Countryside Alliance, said:

"Horrific attacks on churches and places of worship continue to happen all across the country. Criminals treat them as easy targets, brazenly stealing from and causing criminal damage to these focal points of our communities.

"Churches and places of worship are meant to be places of sanctity and refuge. Increasingly, however, they seem to be being subjected to awful acts of crime on a regular basis. "We cannot allow these cherished places to continue to be unprotected against the machinations of criminals — it is vital that the public keep a watchful eye and report any issues to the police."



A Church of England spokeswoman said: "Our churches play such a

crucial role in providing spiritual, pastoral and practical support to their local communities, helped by our wonderful volunteers. A crime committed at a church is a real setback, not just for its congregation, but for all those who benefit from its presence in their community".

Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Nolan, National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Heritage Crime said: "Stealing from, or damaging any places of worship, historic buildings and cultural sites is abhorrent. "Churches are important to many communities across the country and these crimes directly impact people who visit, worship and enjoy those spaces. They are attacks on our national and local heritage, and they can cause irreplaceable damage. "We are committed to tackling this issue and our heritage crime officers will continue to work with partners to reduce offending and raise awareness about the long-lasting damage heritage crime can have. We ask everyone to report anything suspicious online, via 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers, and have some great Heritage Watch schemes across the country people can join."

The Countryside Alliance has called on the Government to extend future funding and promotion of the Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme, provided free of charge by the Home Office to protect places of worship and associated community centres in England and Wales.

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Open Farm Sunday - 17th June



Do you have any farms near to where you live? Then this month, they might just provide you with an interesting day out!

For June brings Open Farm Sunday, which can be a "fabulous opportunity for the public to discover the crucial work farmers do in producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations."

So says the website, www.farmsunday.org . And on the day, nearly 200 farms throughout the country will be welcoming the public to come and see their farms.

From Inverness to Cornwall, about 170 farms will be putting on guided tours, self-guided walking routes and static displays as part of the event. Visitors will be able to take part in a national pollinators survey. This will involve standing near a crop area for five minutes to count pollinating insects before doing a comparative count in a different habitat.

The day is organised by the group Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF).

Notices in a church newssheet:

- Organist required: to work with small but trying priest and congregation.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group meets Thursday. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers to meet at 7pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

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15th June - Who was Evelyn Underhill? (usually on this day)

Evelyn Underhill was an English Anglo-Catholic writer, poet and novelist. She is known for her numerous writings on religion and spiritual practice. Underhill was born in Wolverhampton in 1875, and during her lifetime published 39 books and more than 350 articles and reviews



She married Hubert Stuart in 1907. Together they travelled regularly to Switzerland, France and Italy, where she pursued her interests in art and Catholicism and visited numerous churches and monasteries. She pursued a daily routine that included writing, research, worship, prayer and meditation.

During the First World War Underhill worked at the Admiralty in the naval intelligence (Africa) department. In 1921 she became an Anglican and later changed her views about conflicts and in 1939 she became a Christian pacifist.

From 1924 she became widely respected as the creator of Anglican retreat houses in the UK. Her first was at Pleshey, a small village in Essex. These were havens of peace and prayer where many drew closer to God; sought His will for their lives and found renewed strength on their return home. Underhill also believed that retreat attendees should be warm, comfortable and well-fed as their physical well-being was just as important as their spiritual needs.

In her 50s, her writings became more focused on the Holy Spirit, and she became a prominent figure as a lay spiritual director, guest speaker, radio lecturer and a proponent of contemplative prayer.

Underhill died in Hampstead, North London, on 15th June 1941, aged 65 years. ##

- There will be a shared supper at church this Sunday with prayer and medication to follow.
- The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- The students will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

G M TREVELYAN's - English Social History A SURVEY OF SIX CENTURIES Chaucer to Queen Victoria

In the reigns of Henry VII and VIII English ships began to trade in the Mediterranean as far as Crete. In 1486 an English consul was established at Pisa, where there were English merchants exploiting Florentine rivalry against the Venetian monopoly. But our goods still reached Italy chiefly in Italian ships.

Meanwhile the Portuguese were rounding the Cape of Good Hope and opening the oceanic route to the Eastern trade, a fatal blow to Venice. More slowly the English followed them along the west coast of Africa, in defiance of their claim to monopolize the Dark Continent. As early as 1528 William Hawkins, father of a great line of seamen, traded in friendly fashion with the Negroes of the Guinea coast for ivory. It was his more famous son John who in Elizabeth's reign made the Negroes themselves an article of export, and thereby almost destroyed the legitimate trade with the natives, who learnt to regard the white man as their deadly enemy. In the reigns of Edward VI and Mary the West African trade in its proper form was still being developed: besides voyages to the Canaries, to Archangel and ventures as far as Moscow; but except the cod fishing off Newfoundland, nothing was done beyond the Atlantic by Englishmen before the reign of Elizabeth.

Although the 'vent of cloth' was still conducted mainly on the old lines and in the old European markets, it was constantly on the increase, supplied by the ever growing cloth manufacture in the towns and still more in the villages of England. After a stationary period in the fifteenth century, the cloth trade was again 'increasing by leaps and bounds. 'Enclosure for pasture' was a result. Even before such enclosures were much complained of, foreigners had marvelled at the incredible number of sheep in England.

The manufacture of wool into finished cloth involved a number of processes, not all carried on by the same folk or in the same place. The capitalist entrepreneur passed on the raw material, the half-manufactured and the finished cloth from place to place, employing various classes of workmen or buying from various classes of masters in the process, buying from various classes of masters in the process.

William Forrest, in Edward VI's reign, grows prosaically lyrical over the ubiquitous cloth trade that employed so many kinds of skill:

No town in England, village or borough But thus with clothing to be occupied. Though not in each place clothing clean thorough, But as the town is, their part so applied. Here spinners, here weavers, there clothes to be dyed, With fullers and shearers as be thought best, As the Clothier may have his cloth drest.

Most of the weaving was done on the domestic system; the loom, owned and plied by the goodman of the house, was set up in garret or kitchen. But the fulling-mills on the western streams must needs be more like factories, and some weaving was already done on what may be called the factory system. The clothier John Winchcombe was so rich and so princely that after his death in 1520 he became a legendary hero of ballad as 'Jack of Newbury', a rival in fame to Dick Whittington himself. Tradition said that he led a hundred of his prentices to Flodden Field and feasted King Harry at his house. The Elizabethan ballad proceeds to describe his factory of cloth:

Within one room, being large and long
There stood two hundred looms full strong.
Two hundred men, the truth is so,
Wrought in these rooms all in a row,
By every one a pretty boy
Sate making quilts with mickle joy.
And in another place hard by
A hundred women merrily
Were carding hard with joyful cheer
Who singing sat with voices clear.

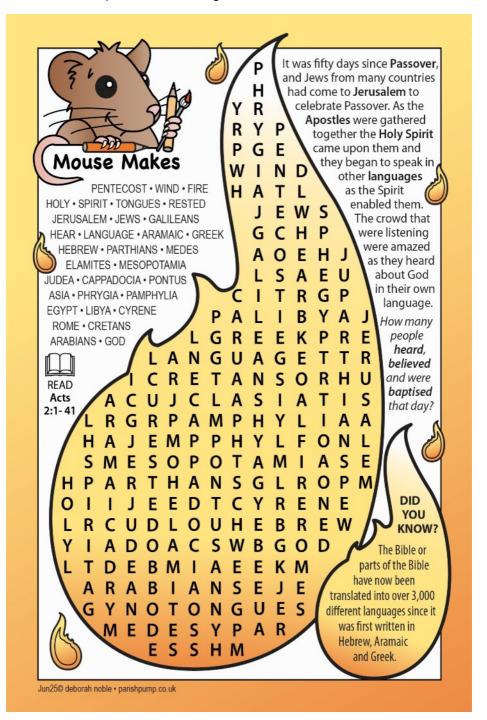
Possibly the cheerfulness, certainly the numbers, of the hands in the factory, are exaggerated by the retrospective ardour of the poet. Jack of Newbury of course founded a county family. His son supported the King against the Pilgrimage of Grace, acquired abbey land, and sat in Parliament.

The volume of internal trade was far greater than the external. England still imported only luxuries for the rich. Her people were fed, clothed, housed, and warmed by home products.

The rivers were a great means of transport especially for the heaviest goods, like the railways today. Even inland towns like York, Gloucester, Norwich, Oxford, Cambridge, were to a large extent ports on rivers.

But the roads were used, then as now, for all local distribution and for much traffic in bulk. The badness of the roads, though execrable by our standards, was not absolute. In dry weather they were used by wagons, and in all weathers by pack-horse trains. As far as possible the roads followed by commerce kept to chalk and other hard soils, of which much of England is composed. Where they had to cross marshy or clay belts, the traffic helped by causeways; some of these were built by the merchants who needed them, in the absence of any effectual road authority. Leland notes the causeway between Wendover and Aylesbury, 'else the way, in wet time, as in low stiff clay, were tedious to pass'.

Even for long-distance traffic of heavy goods the supremacy of water over road was not complete. Southampton, for example, flourished as a port serving London. Certain classes of goods were regularly unshipped at Southampton and sent by road to the capital, to save the vessels from the necessity of rounding Kent. ###







Dean's letter

Christ beside us in the joys and sorrows of life

One of the great gifts of the Church, and to the Church, is the way in which we are invited to share in the significant life events of our communities. As we share in baptisms, confirmations and weddings, there is a great opportunity for us to be a part of people's real lives in real ways.

A key moment in the Christian journey is the moment of Baptism. John Chrysostom in the C4th said, 'When we immerse our head in water, just as if in a grave, the old man is buried, and having sunk down, is entirely hidden once for all; that, when we emerge, a new man arise again. Just as it is easy for us to be immersed and to emerge, so it is easy for God to bury the old man and raise up the new.'

For Christians baptism is important as it puts us in the place of Christ and we start a new way of life. We become part of Christ's body. Titus 3.5 describes baptism as 'the laver of regeneration'; it is an antitype of the Exodus (as we see in 1 Cor 10.1-2). It is us being born again from above (John 3.5). Above all, Baptism is the giving of the Spirit - which is the principle of the Christian Life.

It is our entire life, and indeed death, which are united in the death and resurrection of Christ. In Baptism we are united to God by adoption, having access to the divine life. And in Baptism we find ways of sustaining ourselves on the journey of life. As Lancelot Andrewes put it, 'By Him taught all our life long that we know not, put in mind of what we forget, stirred up in what we are dull, helped in our prayers, relieved in our infirmities, comforted in our heaviness'.

Toby Wright



LONDON GARDENS. "DAILY TELEGRAPH" PRIZES

Amateur gardeners living in the metropolitan postal area who have entered for The Daily Telegraph London Gardens Competition — and others who are thinking of taking part in it — have little more than a month left to them for the work of preparation. Entries close on June 1, 1925, and thereafter the judges will visit the gardens of competitors at times and upon dates that will be communicated in due course.

Despite the backwardness of spring — its cold, and chilling winds and lack of warmth —-gardens in all quarters of the great city are proving what can be done by intelligent industry and dogged determination. Plants and flowers will grow, even in London, if they are given the chance; the job of the gardener is to give them that chance under the best available conditions. To some extent his labours must be affected by the weather, but the man who works in the belief that the sun will shine one day — reaps the best results, and deserves them. That Londoners, in increasing numbers, are adopting this policy is plain from the recent improvement in London's gardens - a change that must be evident to all who have eyes to see.

If further proof were required of the welcome alteration in the average Londoners attitude towards matters horticultural, it could be found in the support accorded The Daily

Telegraph competition. Up till the present the entries received are about 50 per cent. more numerous than they were at the corresponding stage of the competition last year (1924), and one of their most encouraging features is their inclusion of districts which last season's competition failed to attract.

FIGHTING THE PESTS.

Competitors will probably welcome a few suggestions as to the best methods of exterminating garden pests. Snails do not burrow, but hide themselves in chinks in walls, under large stones, inside stacked empty flowerpots, or among broken rubble and ivv-covered fences. With the slugs, they are most active at night. Ordinary substances put down to trap them do not answer, the nature of their skin renders them immune. One of the few things which seem to beat them is alum, which should be sprinkled on rows of seedlings in the evening, in liquid form, 1lb dissolved in four gallons of warm water. If the garden is bounded by fields, it is useless to throw those caught over the wall, because they will return. During spring and early summer the adult snails may be seen half buried at the foot of bushes and plants. There will generally be found near them a cluster of eggs, small, round, and glass-like, about the size of large beads. These bunches should be destroyed, as they soon produce crops of youngsters.

Ed. Not much has changed in 100 years.

Gardening in June

Summer arrives

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. This brings some of the first harvests from the vegetable garden, including tasty new potatoes and salads. As the conditions become drier, keep an eye on containers and if you haven't got one, it's never a bad time to install a water butt.

Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes

Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds

Mow lawns once a week if needed – but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife

Plant out summer bedding Stake tall or floppy plants

Prune many spring-flowering shrubs

Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

Fruit and vegetables

Plant out sweetcorn after hardening off, arranging plants in blocks to aid pollination

Cover developing and ripening fruits with netting or fleece to protect them from birds

Enjoy the last harvests of asparagus this month, then leave the ferny topgrowth to grow up over the summer

Spread mulch around thirsty crops such as beans and courgettes to hold in moisture around their roots

Check for woolly aphids on fruit trees, and treat infestations with soap-based spray

Water vegetables and fruit in containers regularly, especially during dry sunny weather Go on regular snail hunts, especially on damp evenings, to reduce populations

Tie in new shoots of blackberries, raspberries, loganberries and other cane fruits

Apply tomato feed regularly to fruiting vegetable crops, including tomatoes, courgettes, pumpkins and chillies

Plant up an edible hanging basket with trailing tomatoes and herbs, and keep it well watered all summer

Rejuvenate chives by cutting the clump down to the base, for a fresh crop of new leaves in just a few weeks

Water beans and peas as they start to flower

Pull out any raspberry canes sprouting up out of their dedicated area

Take softwood cuttings of herbs such as marjoram and sage, plant in gritty compost and place on a sunny windowsill

Garden maintenance

Empty, mix and refill compost bins to speed up decomposition

Spray roses showing signs of disease, such as black spot, powdery mildew or rust

Continue watering any new plantings until they're well established

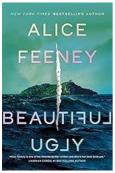
Water newly laid turf several times a week, for at least the first month

Trim fast-growing hedges, such as privet, every six weeks over the summer

Put stakes in to support tall, largeflowered dahlias and tie in stems as they grow

Check hedges and shrubs for nesting birds before you start any trimming or pruning, so you don't disturb them ###

BOOK REVIEWS



Beautiful Ugly Alice Feeney

Author Grady Green is having the worst best day of his life.

Grady calls his wife to share some exciting

news as she is driving home. He hears Abby slam on the brakes, get out of the car, then nothing. When he eventually finds her car by the cliff edge the headlights are on, the driver door is open, her phone is still there. . . but his wife has disappeared.

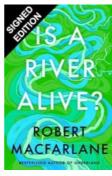
A year later, Grady is still overcome with grief and desperate to know what happened to Abby. He can't sleep, and he can't write, so he travels to a tiny Scottish island to try to get his life back on track. Then he sees the impossible — a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife.



The Message
Ta-Nehisi Coates

From Senegal to South Carolina and Palestine, the acclaimed journalist and author of modern classic Between the World and Me visits three

prominent sites of conflict in an attempt to untangle the narratives that drive people and nations to violence.



Is A River Alive? Signed Edition Robert Macfarlane (author)

A t its heart is a single, transformative idea: that rivers are not mere matter for human

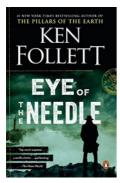
use, but living beings – who should be recognized as such in both imagination and law. Inspired by the activists, artists and lawmakers of the young 'Rights of Nature' movement, Macfarlane takes the reader on an exhilarating exploration of the past, present and futures of this ancient, urgent concept.

Is a River Alive? flows like water from the mountains to the sea, over three major journeys:

The first is to northern Ecuador, where a miraculous cloud-forest and its rivers are threatened with destruction by gold-mining.

The second is to the wounded rivers, creeks and lagoons of southern India, where a desperate battle to save the lives of these waterbodies is under way.

The third is to north-eastern Quebec, where a spectacular wild river – the Mutehekau or Magpie – is being defended from death by damming in a river-rights campaign.



Eye of the Needle by Ken Follett

This award-winning classic (and Ken Follett's first bestseller) follows a German spy, nicknamed 'The Needle' due to his

signature use of a needle-pointed blade when killing his victims. As the last remaining German intelligence agent, he has to try and save the Nazi forces from the Allies' D-Day ploy. But when he makes a huge discovery that could jeopardize it all, he becomes MI5's most wanted. With British intelligence hot on his heels, following the trail of victims he has left in his wake, The Needle flees only to stumble into the only thing he hadn't expected: an unforeseen romance that might be his undoing. In this nail-biting race against time, we are reminded that even stone-cold killers are not immune to afflictions of the heart.



Ticket to Space

Written by: Adrienne Romberger

This is an awesome way to connect young children directly to space and STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in a very real way. A child can follow along, holding the same book as it is read aloud by an astronaut from space. It makes the concept of space travel concrete, personal, and puts it right in a child's hands.

Ticket to Space is written for ages 3-8 and based on U.S. human space travel history. It is an imaginative tale, taking a child from the first American in space right up to today. Through rhymes and talking rockets, Gus, the newest rocket in town, guides kids from launch to orbit. Along the way, however, Gus has some obstacles to overcome in order to achieve his own personal dreams and goals. It's not easy for Gus, so get ready for a bumpy ride.

BBC Sky at Night Magazine



Masterclass, The Art of Solar Imaging: Seeing sunspots on a budget

A 7e're seeing a greater number of sunspots now that the Sun is at the peak of its solar cycle, and these regions of intense magnetic field are set to increase as the Sun becomes more active. You can safely reveal this remarkable magnetic activity on the Sun using as little as a filtered pair of binoculars, a telescope, or a long camera lens. In this talk we'll cover what sunspots are, what equipment and accessories you can buy on a budget to see and image their movement over time, and how to stay safe while capturing the Sun's dynamic surface.

A Little Humour

↑ Transport NSW clean-up crew 1 found over 200 dead crows on the M4 motorway recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicle impacts. During this analysis it was further noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars.

An Ornithologist was consulted to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The Ornithologist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could cry "Cah" "Cah", not a single one could cry out "bike"

A man is working concierge at a hotel when a group of 5 well dressed men walk in and begin chatting in the lobby.
Unbothered by their private conversation, he continues about his day, when his manager suddenly bursts out, steaming mad.
"Hey, what's the matter?" asked the man to his manager?
"Do you see that group!" shouts the manager, "That's the most

pretentious thing in the world professional chess players." "What's the problem with them?" asks the man to his manager. "Well the one on the far left in the three piece navy suit is Thomas Bardenhoff – grandmaster and winner of multiple European chess tours. Next to him with the green tie is Vladimir Tsaravchenko – he's a 19-year old prodigy and one of the rising faces of the newest generation of chess players. Between everyone in the tan blazer is Armand Tajik – he once won 5 games of simultaneous chess while blindfolded. Next to him in the plaid jacket and cap is Boromir Cruzchek - he invented a new opening that has yet to be beat in first time matchups. And the last one on the right in the all-white suit is Winston Staffordshire – he's undeniably the best chess player in the world right now. Listen to them bragging about their accomplishments for all to hear. All these braggadocios men should be removed from the lobby and told to never return!" The manager went over and shooed the men away, threatening to call the police if they decided to return and continue their conversations of their successes with chess. The manager returned to the man at the front desk in a huff and sat down, catching his breath. "Why did you do that?" the man asked his manager. "Because," the manger said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open fover.

Life in the Circus

couple who worked at the circus Awanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a fulltime tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she

fits in the cannon."

Sweets

gave my four-year-old grand-**■** daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."

Get a grip

Tt was said that Archbishop Tench **⊥**of Dublin, in his later years, had a fear of sudden crippling paralysis. One night at a formal dinner he sat looking more and more forlorn. Finally, he confided to the guests around him: "Well, it's come at last – total lack of feeling in my right leg." Whereupon the lady sitting next to him said soothingly: "Not at all, your Grace. It will comfort you to know that during the whole of this meal it has been my leg that you have been pinching!"

Crooked politicians

The editor of a small country L newspaper, furious over several government bills that had recently been passed, printed a scathing editorial with an enormous headline: 'HALF THE LEGISLATORS ARE CROOKS,'

Many local politicians were outraged and exerted tremendous pressure on him to print a retraction. He finally gave in to the pressure and ran his apology with the headline: 'HALF OF OUR LEGISLATORS ARE NOT CROOKS,'

**** New patio

✓ y husband was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovered the chosen area was too small. He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space. The next day he put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the ground was too hard to keep the patio level.

He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again, he stacked the 100 blocks against the house.

Observing all this, our next-door neighbour asked, "Are you going to put your patio away every night?"

It's weird, being the same age as old people.



St James the Least of All

Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... If you would like a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email us at: enquiries@parishpump.co.uk

On what security cameras in church will tell you

From The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St James the Least of All. Thank goodness the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekingese, was narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.

So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves.

I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock.

Colonel Wainwright, who served for some time in the security services, is now worried that photographs of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines – to us, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items - and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Regular weekly events

MONDAYS

10.00-11am Nia (Dance fitness) HUB
10.00-12noon Painting Group FBC
1.30-4.00pm Whist Club FBC
2.00-4.00pm Bridge (except 1st
Monday) FBC
6.15-7.15pm Zumba HUB
7.30pm Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd
Mon) HUB

TUESDAYS

6.15-7.00am Group Fitness Training
HUB
10.30-11.30am Qigong
HUB
1.30-2.30pm Tai Chi
HUB
10.00-4.00pm Board Games
7.00-8.00pm Yoga
HUB

<u>WEDNESDAYS</u> 10.00-11.00am Pilates for Everyone

HUB 10.00- 11.00am Flexercise FBC 11.00-12noon Mum and Baby Pilates HUB

2.00- 4.30pm Short Mat Bowls HUB 6.00- 7.00pm Tae Kwon Do HUB

THURS DAYS

6.15-7.00am Group Fitness Training
HUB
10.00-12noon Baby Badgers
10.00-12noon Bridge Club
2.00-4.00pm Croquet
FBC

FRIDAYS

8.30-1.00 pm Star Bubs
10.00-12n0on Pétanque
10.00-12noon Frank's Café
4.45-8.15pm Martial Arts
HUB

SATURDAYS

6.30-7.15am Group Fitness Training
HUB
9.30-11.30am Hub Gardening Club
HUB
9.00pm Bingo
Con Club

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SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS

Taunton Citizens advice - 0808 278 7842 Village Agent - 01823 331 222

Mindline, a 24/7 phoneline available to support people of all ages offering a listening and advice service for wellbeing. You can call Mindline on 01823 27689. Information about childcare http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

Taunton Foodbank

https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/gethelp/

Free support and advice about: Money, food, home, health and wellbeing, domestic abuse, problems with drugs and alcohol and parenting visit:

www.connectsomerset.org.uk/help4 all

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REFUSE / RECYCLING /GARDEN COLLECTIONS

Dates below taken from Somerset Council Website.

Please note new day for recycling and refuse collections.

Recycling: Every Thursday - all areas

BISHOP'S HULL, SHUTEWATER, UPCOTT & BARR

Refuse: Thursday Garden: Monday

<u>RUMWELL</u>

Refuse: Thursday Garden: Wednesday

STONEGALLOWS

Refuse: Thursday Garden: Monday

BH COUNCIL PRIVACY STATEMENT AND POLICY

http://wwwbishopshull.org.uk/ Parish/BHPCprivacyNotice.pdf http://www.bishopshull.org.uk/ parish/BHPCprivacyPolicy.pdf

SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL JUNE 2025

Sunday 1 June Easter 7	Holy Communion Holy Communion	08:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Acts 16:16-34 1112 John 17:20-end 1085	Sally Adams
Wednesday 4 June	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.		
Sunday 8 June Pentecost	Holy Communion Holy Communion	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Acts 2:1-21 1093 John 14:8-17 1082	David Ager
Wednesday 11 June	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.		
Sunday 15 June Trinity	Holy Communion Holy Communion	8:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Romans 5:1-5 1132 John 16:12-15 1084	Rosemary Lockley
Wednesday 18 June	Holy Communion	.10.00 a.m.		
Sunday 22 June Trinity 1	Holy Communion Holy Communion	8:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Gal 3:23-end 1170 Luke 8:26-39 1037	Christabel Ager
Wednesday 18 June	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.		
Sunday 29 June SS Peter & Paul	Holy Communion Holy Communion	08:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Acts 12:1-11 1106 Matt 16:13-19 983	Sue Martin

GRASS CUTTING



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St Peter and St Paul's PCC 2024-2025

- 1. Rev Phil Hughes (Vicar)
- 2. Tim Venn (Church Warden)
- 3. John Perry (Church Warden)
- 4. Rachel Horder (PCC Treasurer)
- 5. Beverley Keitch(Parish Safeguarding Officer),
- 6. Mark Dakin
- 7. Sue Martin
- 8. Shirley Stapleton
- 9. And you? The PCC is a great team to belong to and is there to assist the Vicar in the Mission and function of the church. If you think God may be calling you to serve in this way there are lots of opportunities, so do have a chat with one of the fab team!





