## **Adlestrop**

Yes. I remember Adlestrop— The name, because one afternoon Of heat the express-train drew up there Unwontedly. It was late June. The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat. No one left and no one came On the bare platform. What I saw Was Adlestrop—only the name And willows, willow-herb, and grass, And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry, No whit less still and lonely fair Than the high cloudlets in the sky. And for that minute a blackbird sang Close by, and round him, mistier, Farther and farther, all the birds Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

#### BY EDWARD THOMAS

# Weather September 2019

Until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September we had a month of dry weather with at times some very warm days. It is not unusual to get what is known as an Indian summer at this time of year but what is concerning is the low rainfall that we have had so far in 2019. The dry weather ended on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month giving a total of 1.70 inches of rain for September, the year's total so far being just 14.70 inches.

"Growing old is inevitable ... growing UP is optional"



### The Two Minute Silence

Schoolgirls in 1918 were warned that they might never be married. So many prospective husbands had been killed in World War 1, that their chances could be slim. It's hard for us to imagine the slaughter. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people, ending only when the Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

The idea of a 'Two Minute Silence' originated in South Africa. The first minute was to be a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, and the second minute was to remember the fallen. It was taken up by King George V, writing, "it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities."

It had an immediate impact. An observer wrote, "The whole World Stands to Attention. From the Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, on the ships at sea, in every part of the globe where a few British were gathered together, the Two-Minute pause was observed."

The Great War was said to be 'the war to end all wars'. But it wasn't. About three per cent of the world population were to die in World War 2. Today's 11th November commemoration, repeated on the nearest Sunday, now incorporates all wars.

The Royal British Legion describes the Act of Remembrance as a deeply personal act available to everyone, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and their families, across all conflicts.

In keeping the Two Minute Silence, many will long for the day when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

# **Otley & District Gardening Club**

Happy Autumnal greetings to you all.

Well, what a successful talk we had last month, when David Coop from Elsoms seeds came to Otley to give us some instructions about Compost, but it wasn't quite what we were all thinking. We were all deliberating the health of our compost heaps, but David's presentation was about what exactly is in our bags of compost. From Coir to wood fibres, green waste to grass cuttings, your average bag of compost usually contains all of them. We also learnt how using the right compost for the right job was paramount to your gardening success. Seed compost contains very little nutrition, as seeds contain all the nutrients and food they need. So, using a multipurpose compost can actually harm the seedling roots, burning them with its fertiliser. I think it's safe to say, we all went away with some useful information that we will hopefully be putting it into practice.

Next month's meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm at Otley Village Hall. Please come along if you're particularly interested in Snowdrops. We have Joe Sharman from Monksilver Nursery who is a leading authority on the subject. You don't even have to be a member; you can come along and enjoy our speakers' presentations as a guest for just £4.00 a meeting.

I hope you're all busy getting your tender perennials into the green house and maybe spreading manure onto your roses and flower beds. Whatever you're doing in the garden, I wish you all the best of luck.

The Green Gardener, Phil Pollard

# **OUR FASCINATING LANGUAGE**

EAVESDROPPERS are people who deliberately try to hear other folk's conversations without being detected. Centuries ago houses in England had no gutters or drain pipes. Instead the roofs extended far beyond the walls of the house to enable rain water to drip to the ground away from the building. This area between the dripping rain and the house walls was originally known as the 'eavesdrip' but eventually became called the 'eavesdrop'. The eavesdrop obviously served as a good shelter for passing pedestrians who, in their efforts to stand as far away from the rain as possible, would stand very close to the walls of the building. Standing this close they could overhear conversations going on inside the house, and folks who gained information in this way became known as 'eavesdroppers'.

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

## **ASHBOCKING**

After a wet October we find ourselves in November and wondering what is in store for us this winter, and whether the church heating will be adequate to keep us warm. Fortunately, we do have blankets to keep our knees warm so make sure you get one if need be.

The church looked lovely for the Harvest Festival service to which we welcomed Charlotte Cook, Otley College Chaplain, who led us in prayer. Rev Clare Sanders took the service and we enjoyed a very good quiz on potatoes!

It was only the next day when it became obvious that it was not just humans that had enjoyed the provisions. Every one of the wheat sheaves had had their tops eaten off by the church mice. We must have the fattest mice in the benefice!

However, I can say that we had very generous gifts of dried good for FIND and thankyou to all who contributed. Likewise, for the perishable produce, which went to Witnesham Nursing Home, they were extremely pleased.

The next service at Ashbocking is Remembrance, which will be led by Rev Fred Woods, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:50am prompt. It is necessary to be in church in good time as we need to start promptly to accommodate the two-minute silence at 11:00am.

There are some alterations to the Christmas services. If you picked up one of the service sheets showing the dates, please be aware these have changed.

The revised date for the Carol service is now 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 4pm. Everyone is invited and to stay for mulled wine or coffee, with mince pies afterwards. Children are invited to come in nativity costume if they wish. We also hope to have a scratch choir again this year so if you like singing and want to join us we would love to see you.

The Christmas day service has now been moved back to 11:00am from 10:30am, to ease the travelling between services for our clergy.

Everyone is welcome to come to any or all of our services.

The next coffee morning is on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Linda and John Pollard's home, Hawthorns The Green Ashbocking, found at the end of Ashley Grange, at 10:30am until 12:00noon.

Church cleaning for November is Nel and Rex Peries.

Knit and Stitch is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am and also Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is a final meeting regarding the Bazaar on Tues 26th November at 7:30pm at Hawthorns, The Green, to finalise arrangements and jobs. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to join us.



The Christmas Bazaar is being held on December 7th in the church starting at 10am until 3:30pm.

Refreshments, including soup and rolls will be available all day, with tea and coffee and soft drinks.

This is a final plea for anything you have to donate for us to sell. We are taking books, nearly new condition goods, clothing and toys, as well as bric-a-brac and jewellery. We are busy making hand-made gifts too. The pressure is on!

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed, your support is much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing many of you on the day. Come and find the treasure on the map or draw a winning ticket on the Tombola, try your hand at guessing the weight of the cake, and buy some gifts for Christmas.

Linda Pollard

# **CLOPTON**

Thank you to Julie and Al Brand who rode for Clopton in the annual Church Ride and Stride. Nineteen riders visited the church.

The November Hobbies Morning will be on Wednesday 6th November from 10am until noon in the Village Hall, everyone is welcome.

The Remembrance Service will be reverting back to its usual venue of the American 493rd Bomb. Group memorial off Snipe Farm Road. The service will start at 10.50am on Sunday 10th November.

Wednesday 20th November is the date of the next Coffee Morning. It will be held in the Village Hall from 10am until noon and will be hosted by Penny Moon. Please come and join us.

Doris Main

## **OTLEY**

Otley is in the Carlford Benefice which now has nine churches in it. We all met at St Marys to join in a special service at the end of September. We were pleased to welcome the Reverend Charlotte Cook, who is based at Otley College acting as Chaplain there and working with the Lightwave project.

The service was taken by Clare and Charlotte and was extremely well supported by our churches. We ended with coffee and a chat and all had an enjoyable time.

We welcomed Otley Primary school to the church on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> October for their very own Harvest Festival service led by Clare.

Our Harvest Festival service was held on Sunday 6th October. We sang in thanks for 'sweet refreshing rain' but were not expecting the deluge which accompanied our service!



Nevertheless, a congregation of 46 people braved the rain and flooding including the Otley scouts, cubs and beavers who presented their colours and joined in with the service. They especially enjoyed Clare's quiz about vegetables!

The Church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and the pew ends and font were adorned with wheat, barley and hops.

There was an enormous amount of food donated and the collection of £190 was donated to Farm Africa, which is a charity which trains farmers and forest communities in Eastern Africa to grow more food, look after their livestock and use resources sustainably. Produce brought to the service was taken to Families in Need, in Ipswich. (*report by Nigel Crowley*)

Rose Rogerson has been holding coffee mornings for Macmillan Cancer Support at her home for many years. This year she was not able to have it at her house, instead the venue was Warren Farm, home of Alyson and Ian Chilvers. Some people were worried that it was too far out of the village and might therefore not get enough support. Well they were wrong! A lovely big sign was put up at the Post Office and word of mouth helped to pass the message on with Alyson herself going around the village informing people about the change in venue. Warren

Farm was buzzing with visitors who enjoyed tea, coffee, a draw, delicious cakes and of course a chat. Rose's well-trained team had done a good job in organising the morning. We signed a card for Rose and Peter sending our good wishes to them both and we could tell them that the coffee morning raised £684.00 - a fantastic result. Thanks to everyone who came and contributed so generously and special thanks to Alyson for hosting the coffee morning. (*report by Karin Upson*)

Our next big service will be on **Remembrance Sunday** at the War Memorial, starting at **10.45am on the 10th November.** 



Otley's annual Firework display is being held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> November** at the Village Hall. The gates will be open at 6.30pm for a display at 7.00pm. There will be soup, hot chocolate and hot dogs on sale to warm you up! Ticket prices are Adults £4.00 Children £2.00.

On the **16**<sup>th</sup> **November** at the village hall at 7.30pm, the Otley Players (TOPS) are presenting "Country Capers" which is an entertaining mixture of comedy, tap dancing, ukulele playing and much more. The evening includes a 3-course meal, all for the price of £12.50.

Tickets are available from Joan Parish Tel: 890715. You are advised to book early!

The next Coffee Morning will be held on **14**<sup>th</sup> **November** at the home of Brian & Christine Childs, Lime Tree Place, Helmingham Rd, where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

We were sad to hear that the Venerable Ian Morgan, who was our Archdeacon, recently passed away after a long illness. We offer our condolences to his wife Tracey and family.

Angela Treloar

# Village Diary for November

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Otley White Hart Annual Charity Poker Tournament 3.30pm £8.00 donation to Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Nov 7th Friendship Club – David Papworth "France - South of Lyon"

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Otley Coffee Morning 10.00 am

Nov 21st Friendship Club – Card Making

Nov 28th Community Lunch at The White Hart 12.30

**Church Flowers:** Linda Peek

**Church Cleaning:** Richard & Angela Treloar

# Calling all Singers!!

We are looking to get a choir together for our carol service on Saturday December 21st 6pm at St Mary's church, Otley.

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who is interested - particularly tenors and basses.

We would like to start as soon as possible so that we can co-ordinate and find rehearsal days.

Please give me a ring on **01473 890539** as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

Karin Upson

# **SWILLAND**

# Christmas Draw - Saturday 7th December

Tickets are now on sale. They have been distributed to a lot of people to sell. Please contact me if you would like some to sell. Later in the month we shall be pleased to receive items for the prize list. On 7th December from 12 o'clock we shall be serving a light lunch of soup and filled rolls and mince pies. The draw will take place at 1 o'clock. Do come and join us. This will replace our monthly coffee morning.

## **Pub Church**

Our second Pub Church was held in the Moon and Mushroom on 6th October. This was well supported with about a dozen people including two children. It was informal with prayers and hymns (with a keyboard) and readings and thoughts that people had brought along. Thank you, Mark, for organising this. Lunch was available afterwards for those who wanted to stay. We hope to repeat it in the Spring.

There will be a Remembrance Service at the Swilland Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 12.15 p.m.

On 9th November from 9-12 a.m. there will be a Working Party to tidy the Churchyard and clean the Church and brasses. Many hands make light work! Do come and help.

Advance dates for your diaries: Carol Service: 15th December at 11 a.m. Carol Singing round the village: Friday 20th December.

Ann Kent

# **Coffee mornings:**

2nd November- Ann Kent, Red Court

## Flower Rota:

3th – 10th NovemberMargo Barker17th – 24th NovemberGill Reidy1st – 8th December (Advent - greenery only)Jackie Williams

"Security is not the absence of danger, but the presence of God, no matter what the danger" – Anon



# **RUSSELL LING REPORTS**

These days with high capacity combines most of the harvest is finished by the end of August but in the horse age it was more like the end of September. There were a number of reasons for this the main one being that more crops had to be drilled in the spring as the time and capacity to plough and drill the land in the autumn which now occurs was limited. The older varieties of wheat and barley matured later and the straw was much longer than the varieties that we have today and the



yields were less. The grain had to cut with a binder and the sheaves were then shocked to wait until it could be carted home by horse and waggon. We did have some wet Augusts some years and then the ears of wheat would often sprout, the shocks then had to be pulled apart and remade and wait until they had dried out before being carted to the stack yard

and made into stacks following which they had to be thatched to keep the rain

out. A considerable amount of manpower was required to carry out all these operations. Finally the stacks were threshed out during the winter months to obtain the grain to use or sell.

All the above is now carried out by one machine the combine with a trailer to take the grain back home to the farm. Two men now carry out this operation compared to six or seven before, this is progress.

Russell Ling

# **An Alternative View....**

"Happy on the rack of torture..." Now there's an interesting thought, what does it mean? How can you possibly be happy when faced with the grim prospect of pain, suffering or even death? Well the answer might lie in a simple understanding of the ancient Greek philosophy known as "Stoicism". Marcus Aurelius, Seneca and Epictetus are the main characters in this story. Marcus Aurelius was a Roman Emperor in AD 161 who collected his thoughts and observations on life into a series of writings called "Meditations". These have become the centre piece of stoic philosophy.

At the heart of stoicism is the view that we cannot control external things that happen to us, but we can control our inner response to those things. Happiness is something that comes from within, a mindset if you like. Happiness is not gained from having things such as money, good health, a family. It's possible to have these and still not be happy; these are "indifferents" as the stoic philosophers would say. At the heart of stoicism are four "virtues" - wisdom, morality, courage, and moderation. By practicing these, daily inner happiness will come.

Now let's bring ancient philosophy into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. "Modern Stoicism" is an international movement lead by a group of leading academics, mental health specialists and educationalists. Their aim is to promote the stoic approach to life as a way of balancing the pressures of 21<sup>st</sup> century living with our inner search for happiness.

Stoic week happens each October and includes a free online 7-day course in stoic practice - 20 minutes per day is all that is required to complete it. Conferences are held across the globe and this year for the first time in Athens, the spiritual home of the ancient Stoics. University of London hosted "Stoicon-X London", an event open to everyone, featuring talks and interactive workshops on a range of stoic themes. The audience was a complete mix of beginners and those in the

know, from all walks of life and many in a professional capacity, all looking for a way of dealing with modern life. Everyone had a different story to tell.

The "Modern Stoicism" website acts as a central point for the movement and features a collection of well written articles and information about the subject in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century context. The main players, who include the Emeritus Professor of Ancient Thought at Exeter University, are all enthusiastic, approachable and keen to connect with anyone wishing to roll out stoicism into the wider community. Across the country there are a growing number of local stoic 'meetup' groups who get together to chat about life and how a stoic approach can help.

Personally, I came to stoicism through one of life's trials. I found it via YouTube and brought it to life by stepping out of my comfort zone and attending the London conference. I've found it an interesting and intellectually engaging subject to explore. I'm keen to connect with anyone interested in exploring stoicism. I'm no expert in it, but I certainly believe it will help me in my search for inner happiness and the ultimate goal of being happy on the rack of torture.

Chris Taylor christaylorotley@gmail.com

# **Smile Lines**

# **Farming**

Reporter: "What do you think is the trouble with farming these days?"

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Old farmer: "Well – in my day when we talked about what we could raise on 60 acres, we meant maize, not bank loans."

## Hold on

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."



Success

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished!

Gone out

I am a mental tourist. My mind wanders.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Word Search

Search for the words from the word list. Circle the words when you find them.



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Q: What do you call a duck who likes watching fireworks?

A: A firequacker



Q: What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?

A. Dinomite

Q: What did the hat say to the scarf?

A: You hang around, and I'll go ahead.



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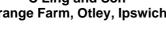
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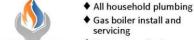
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