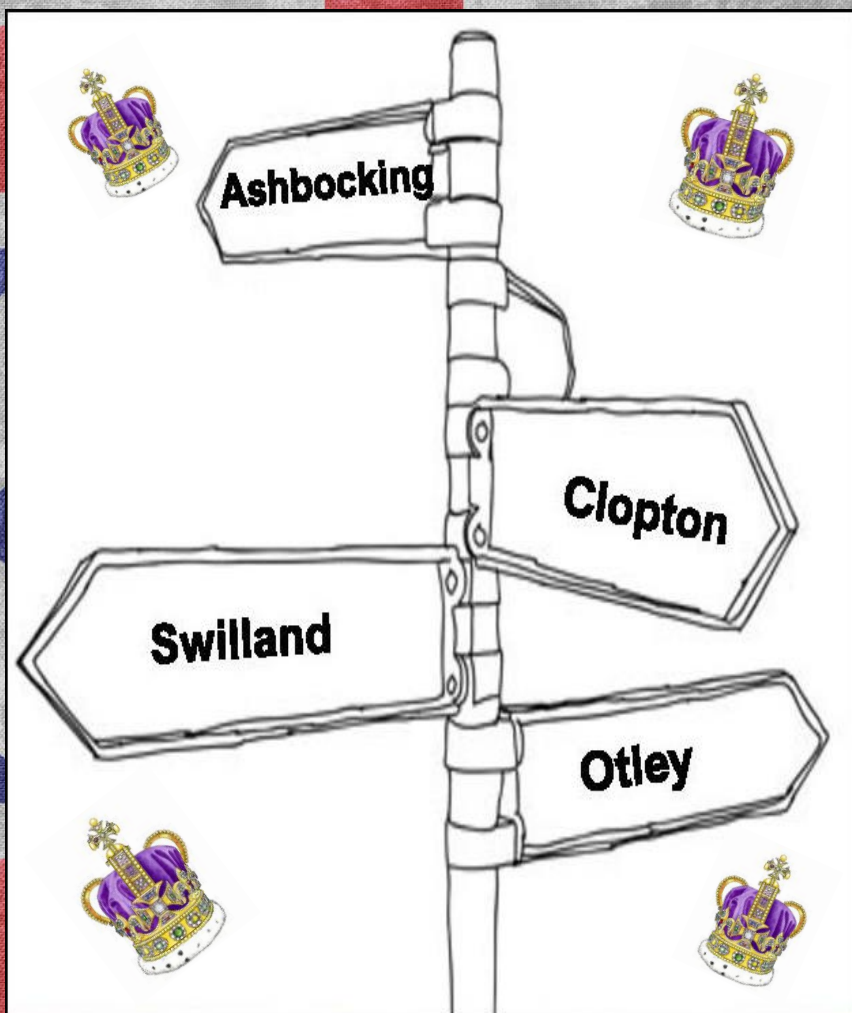


The Signpost



News from the Parishes

A Word from The Editor.....



Welcome to the **May** edition. After what has felt like quite a wet and cold final month of Spring, I am hopeful that this coming month will be warmer, especially because May, this year has three bank holidays! Many of us are having Coronation parties which would be lovely to be held outside although typically British, as we are, back up plans are in situ if the weather doesn't play ball. All the details of what is going on across the villages is inside this edition. We shall look forward to watching another historic moment shared among viewers worldwide at the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla, now confirmed to be Camilla's title in place of Queen Consort. Any photo's taken during the parties or your own celebrations, please send them in so we can share them with Signpost readers next month.

I am very much looking forward to other elements of May such as getting my flowers out of the greenhouse and my pot plants organised and having our own home grown produce as soon as it warms up. We had a false couple of spring like days and then we had to revert to a couple of log fires this week. I wish you all a happy and warm May!!

If there is anything else you would like to see within the magazine, whatever it may be, I would gratefully receive it for consideration for upcoming editions.

If you would like any family or friends' birthdays, exam results or anniversaries celebrated, then please do let me know and I will include in next month's magazine.

**The next magazine will be the June issue,
with a deadline of 24th May 23.**

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News of the Carlford Churches and details of online Worship can be found on the website carlfordchurches.org and within the Mini Grapevine. If you would like to receive the Mini-Grapevine weekly via email, please register via the website carlfordchurches.org or with Mark Cresswell – mark@carlfordchurches.org. There are links on the Carlford Churches website to the Facebook page, Mini-Grapevine and The Signpost. The Carlford Churches Facebook page can be accessed directly <http://facebook.com/carlfordchurches>.

Should you wish to speak with Rev'd Katrina Dykes or a member of the benefice team,
please telephone 01473 735183.

Keep safe, enjoy the Coronation celebrations and take care till next month..

With best wishes, Amy

The May Magnificent

MAY is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:

Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;

But the Lady Month, May,

Why fasten that upon her,

With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter

Than the most are must delight her?

Is it opportunist

And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:

Her reply puts this other

Question: What is Spring?—

Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,

Grass and greenworld all together;

Star-eyed strawberry-breasted

Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin

Forms and warms the life within;

And bird and blossom swell

In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing

Mary sees, sympathising

With that world of good,

Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind

With delight calls to mind

How she did in her stored

Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:

Spring's universal bliss

Much, had much to say

To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple

Bloom lights the orchard-apple

And thicket and thorp are merry

With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes

Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes

And magic cuckoo call

Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth

Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth

To remember and exultation

In God who was her salvation.



March 2023

At last the dry weather has ended and we are now getting what used to be known in the past as February fill dyke, it appears from my observations that both spring and autumn appears to be a month later weather wise than in the past. March started off being as dry as February but after the first week it has rained almost every day and the total for the month has been 4.15 inches. This brings the total rainfall for the first three months of the year to 4.55 inches.

Russell Ling

May Weather Sayings.....

- *Hoar frost on May 1st indicates a good harvest.*
- *A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.*
- *In the middle of May comes the tail of winter.*
- *If it rains on 1st May, it will rain twenty days during the month.*
- *A wet and windy May fills the barn with corn and hay.*
- *A cold May is kindly and fills the barn finely.*
- *"Mist in May, Heat in June
Makes harvest come right soon".*
- *Sweet May hath come to love us, Flowers, trees, their blossoms
don; And through the blue heavens above us, The very clouds
move on.*

Did you have these growing up in the 60's?



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1st May - May Day and unbridled merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.



For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: 'for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?'

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down – only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.



May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and – since 1833 – Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.



There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

‘The life of man is but a span, it flourishes like a flower

We are here today and gone tomorrow – we are dead within an hour.’

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as there is about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.

Wildlife to look out for this May

- **Queen Wasps** – These have emerged from their winter torpor and are starting to nest.
- **Common Blue Butterfly** – as its name suggests, its widespread and can be found in a variety of grassy habitats.
- **Hedgehogs** – May is a month in which they breed, make sure they have access to your garden, water or a hedgehog house.



Terrifying Twisters

On May 26th in 1917, tornadoes struck central Illinois, killing 101 people. Originally thought to be just one tornado that wreaked havoc along a 293-mile-long path, the outbreak was later determined to be four to eight tornadoes. One of them lasted 4 hours and followed a track 155 miles long (including the distance travelled while in the air). Mattoon and Charleston were especially hard hit by an F4 tornado (original Fujita scale). In Mattoon, almost 500 houses were destroyed.



According to newspaper reports:

‘Straw was driven 1/2 inch deep into a tree a flagpole with a flag was blown four blocks and planted upright in the ground, books and other items were carried 50 to 70 miles away.’



Otley and District Gardening Club

Dear Readers,

A busy month has passed, and it doesn't seem to be slowing down any time soon. Being out in the garden is calling me very loudly, but the weather isn't making it particularly conducive with this past time.

Mum has got some vegetables in to grow from seed, and my sister has been busy getting the borders ready for the coming summer season. I'd like to get some annual flowers sewn in the coming week to add some stock to the Otley and District Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale coming up this month.

May 27th and 28th are the days we're having the plant sale this year. It'll be the same setup as previous years with driveway stalls in Otley at Anerley House, Helmingham road, IP6 9NR and at Old House Cottage, The Green, Ashbocking IP6 9JZ. Liz and Steve Stegman will be running the Ashbocking stall and Issy Lincoln and Sue Montgomery will be running the Otley stall. This year the proceeds will be split between The Local First Responders Scheme and Otley and District Gardening Club Funds. In previous years we've not taken any money for club funds, but in order to improve the notability of some of our speakers, we've decided we need to invest some money back into the club. This was agreed by the members at the AGM last month.

If you have any plants you can donate to the plant sale, please email me phil@florabundant.co.uk or call me on 07880627984 and I will make sure they get distributed to the stalls.



Our next speaker is Sue Sharman from Swann's Nursery talking about "Orchard Trees and their maintenance". She really knows her subject well and will make it entertaining. Please come along if you're interested. I know the Otley Community Orchard team will be there taking notes. Members cost £2.00 and non-members are £4.00. The meeting is at Otley Village Hall on Monday 1st May at 19:30.

We look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

Phil Pollard

The Green Chairman

Otley and District Gardening Club

"Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,"

Royal Brainteasers



King Charles III's Coronation:

1. When was Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation?
2. Who designed Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation dress?
3. How many parts does a coronation service fall into?
4. What did Prince Charles receive from Queen Elizabeth II when she was crowned?
5. How many Coronations have been held at Westminster Abbey?
6. Who will conduct King Charles' Coronation?
7. How many guests attended Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation?
8. How many nations and territories were officially represented at Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation service?
9. What is the name of the crown placed on the head of Queen Elizabeth II during her Coronation service?
10. What is Prince William expected to do at King Charles III's Coronation?
11. How many people watched Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation on TV in the UK?
12. How many journalists lined Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation route?
13. What was the first documented coronation at Westminster Abbey?
14. Which two monarchs **did not** have coronations?
15. What happens during the 'anointing' stage at a coronation?
16. Who was the first King of England?
17. When was coronation chicken invented?
18. How long did Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation last?

(Solutions on Page 35)

Bishop protests about election law changes

A senior Church of England bishop has raised serious concerns about new election laws that he believes could adversely impact “the poorest and the most marginalised.”

The Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, has spoken out against new regulations that mean voters will have to bring photo ID with them when they come to the polling stations. The new rules come into force at local elections in May.



DID YOU KNOW.....

Birthstone: Emerald symbolises success and love

Awareness Event: National Bike Month

May is the third and final month of spring.

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "*Marry in May and you'll rue the day*". The Cornish have a superstition that it is bad luck to purchase a new broom in May.

1st is **Lei Day** in Hawaii. Leis are garlands or wreaths that are often made with native Hawaiian flowers and leaves.

1st 1931 the Empire State Building was officially opened.

2nd 1885 Good Housekeeping magazine goes on sale for the first time.

2nd 1933 The first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.

4th 1904 Construction begins by the United States on the Panama Canal.

7th 1915 A German U-boat sinks the RMS Lusitania killing 1,198 people.

7th 1840 Piotr Illyich Tchaikovsky (Russian composer) was born.

8th 1886 Cola-Cola is invented.

10th 1773 Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

12th 2008 The Sichuan earthquake took place in China. More than 69,000 people were killed, over 370,000 injured, and nearly five million made homeless.

14th -15th 1948 Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end. Next day the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

17th 1973 The Watergate hearings began in the US Senate and were televised nationally.

20th 1983 The journal Science reported the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

23rd 1998 In a referendum, the people of Northern Ireland voted to accept the Good Friday Agreement. 75% were in favour of a Northern Ireland Assembly.

26th-27th 1923 100 years ago, the first Le Mans 24 hours endurance motor race was held.

27th 2013 Bill Pertwee, British comedy actor best known for his role as the Chief ARP air raid warden William Hodges in Dad's Army, died.

29th 1953 New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

30th 1943 The Bergen-Belsen concentration camp was established in Germany. The former prisoner-of-war camp was converted into a holding camp, mainly for Jews. Tens of thousands of people died of starvation & disease due to the overcrowded, unsanitary conditions.



Drinking from My Saucer

by John Paul Moore



I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

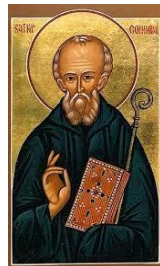
If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.



10th May - Comgall, The Saint for Those In Education

Here is a great saint for all teachers, head teachers and principals of educational institutions, and indeed anyone whose vocation is to train and equip others. For Comgall (c 516 – c 601) was founder and first abbot of Bangor, which became the largest monastery in Ireland. And large means LARGE – for including several daughter houses, the total population is reckoned to have been 3,000.



If you have ever run an educational institution of 3,000 pupils (!), you will know it takes a special kind of person to cope with that, and Comgall seems to have been perfect for the job. A biographer at the time called him ‘the outstanding father of the monks in Ireland, known for his insistence on study and strict discipline.’

Comgall’s rule had what it took to succeed. It was ‘strict, holy and constant’, both ‘graced with the hope of salvation and made perfect in love’, according to the 7th century writer Antiphoner of Bangor. Above all, followers were to love Christ, and reject the love of money.

Comgall also had a gift for friendship, for on the death of a close friend, he wrote in grief: ‘My soul-friend has died and I am headless; you too are headless, for a man without a soul-friend is a body without a head.’

Like heads and principals today, Comgall knew a lot of important people. He had trained Columbanus and knew Columba, whom he visited on Iona. They even preached the Gospel together in Inverness, to the pagan chieftain Brude.

A Royal Quiche



What does King Charles III’s coronation quiche tell us about the history of British dining.....

King Charles III and Queen Camilla have announced a quiche as the official dish for the Coronation. The quiche has been devised by a Buckingham Palace chef. The idea is that people will cook it at home, as part of a Coronation Big Lunch, a nationwide and international feast.

The recipe (sounds delicious!!) features a traditional shortcrust pastry with added lard, encasing a cream-and-egg filling of spinach, broad beans and cheddar, spiked with tarragon. Similar to coronation chicken which was the dish of choice for Queen Elizabeth's 1953 Coronation, it reveals a lot about the inevitability of multiculturalism in the kitchen. The core of any British coronation is that we should celebrate Britishness. But what is a French staple doing at the centre of the table?

Maybe it is because, like George V's 1927 empire Christmas pudding, itself devised by a French chef, the quiche is meant to tell us something about who we are. But messages can get lost over time. The Christmas pudding was meant to show the greatness of belonging to the British empire but is now more likely to remind people of the violence at its heart.

The first coronation of a British monarch since 1953 comes at a time of reckoning for the monarchy, the royal family and the Commonwealth.

Significant moments, like the crowning of a new monarch, are revealed through the meals served to celebrate the big occasion. King Charles III is reportedly going for a shorter, simpler ceremony than his mother did in 1953. Charles is not the first king to try to impose moderation on royal ceremonies.



From 1189 until 1830, when William IV decided it was an unnecessary extravagance, new monarchs in England were feted with a coronation banquet. George IV, whom William succeeded, was well known for his love of rich French foods. So, it is no surprise that his turned out to be the banquet to end all banquets.

On July 19 1821, 1,634 diners convened around 47 tables laid in Westminster Hall for a mid-afternoon feast. A hand-written ledger gives us a glimpse of the hundreds of dishes served, to the tune of a reported £250,000 (equivalent to £27 million in today's money).

(Above The Coronation Banquet of King George IV in Westminster Hall, 1821.)



At the top table sat the new king and six male members of the royal family. The first course was made up of 20 dishes including *les filets de poulards*, *sautés aux champignons* (chicken sautéed with mushrooms), *les cotelles d'agneau, panées, grillées*, *sauce poivrade* (breaded, grilled lamb chops in a pepper sauce), and *le paté chaud de caille à l'espagnole* (a quail pie, served hot).

Two courses followed, with even more dishes: 22 and 31, respectively. The meal included sole cooked in champagne, turtle soup, a spun sugar vase filled with meringues and a pastry temple. And it was topped off with ices, biscuits and fresh fruit – melons, grapefruits, plums and nectarines.

Any cultural animosity that persists between the British and the French is held with much greater ambivalence in the kitchen than elsewhere. Fine dining in Britain has long been influenced by new trends from across the channel. When George IV employed the most celebrated chef of his day, Antonin Carême, to cook in his London and Brighton homes in 1816, Carême observed that much of Britain's diet was, in fact, French.

(Right, *The Royal Banquet, the Bringing Up of the First Course, 19th July 1821*)



By opting for a French dish, Charles follows in the footsteps of his forebears. George V's English Christmas pudding was devised by a French chef. And Elizabeth II's menu for her coronation lunch, much like that for George IV's coronation banquet, was written almost entirely in French, though it told a British story.

Elizabeth's 1953 lunch, like George IV's banquet, began with a turtle soup, which Carême had declared to be Britain's national soup. He was right. The soup took pride of place at banquet tables throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. But it only existed because of Britain's exploitation of overseas colonies. It therefore tells the nation's violent colonial history, whether or not this was the intended message of those who composed Elizabeth's menu.

The soup was followed by a fish course which had been given the name of *delices de soles Prince Charles*, after the heir, thereby signalling the continuity and stability of the monarchy. Lamb cooked *à la Windsor* followed, along with green beans, asparagus, and later strawberries, all presumably locally grown.

(Right- A Street party in honour of Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953)

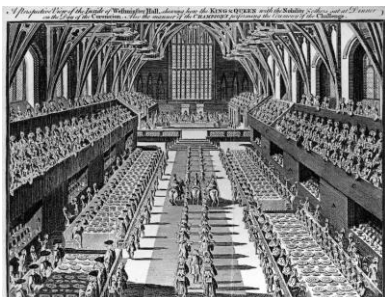
Locally grown food was also a great passion of an earlier monarch: George III. Though most often portrayed in popular culture as “mad King George” (he did suffer from mental illness), in his lifetime he was known as “Farmer George”. He wrote articles on agriculture using the pen name Ralph Robinson.



Contrary to his son George IV's predilection for rich French cuisine, George III preferred more typically British flavours – fruit tarts and simple dishes of egg and spinach. But even here, Britain's food story had European inflections.

The ledgers in which a daily record was kept of the king's dinners interspersed French and English words to describe dishes of roast meat, ragouts and puddings. Since the British king was also the Elector of Hannover, and his wife, Queen Charlotte, a German princess, there are hints of German eating in the royal ledgers too. When it comes to food choices, flavours and cooking techniques, Britain was, and remains, part of Europe.

(Below Coronation banquet held by King George III and Queen Charlotte at Westminster Hall, London, England, 1761.)



Charles III shares George's passion for agriculture. He is well known for his environmentalism and his commitment to organic farming. Along with the quiche recipe, people wishing to host their own coronation lunch can download recipes for Ken Hom's coronation roast rack of lamb with Asian-style marinade, and Nadia Hussain's coronation aubergine.

Britain's love of curry was the key flavour in the coronation chicken dish invented by Rosemary Hume and Constance Spry at Le Cordon Bleu London for Elizabeth in 1953. These flavours are mirrored in Hussain's recipe, which, she writes, is based both on her own mother's cooking and what she makes for her children.



Charles's choices might be intended to recognise the multiculturalism of Britain today. But they are also a reminder of the difficult legacy of empire. The stories we tell about ourselves through our food weave together the things we want to say, and the things we cannot help but reveal.



So, if you would like to make your very own Royal Coronation Quiche, click the YouTube link below to watch the official video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmR9BaXWviY>

25th May - The Venerable Bede – Great Historian

The Venerable Bede was an outstanding scholar who accomplished several 'firsts'. He was the first historian to date events from the birth of Christ. He was the first person to write scholarly works in the English language. And, of course, his world-famous, magisterial *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, completed in 731, is still in print today.

Bede was born in about 673, and sent as a child to Wearmouth monastery, and then later transferred to the monastery at Jarrow. His was a quiet life: he probably never travelled further than Lindisfarne to the north, and York to the south. In about 692 Bede was ordained deacon, and then, in about 703, he was priested.

Bede once described his own life: "I have devoted my energies to a study of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have always been my delight." It sounds unremarkable, but Bede's fruitfulness has been extravagant: his writings have informed and influenced millions of people over 14 centuries.

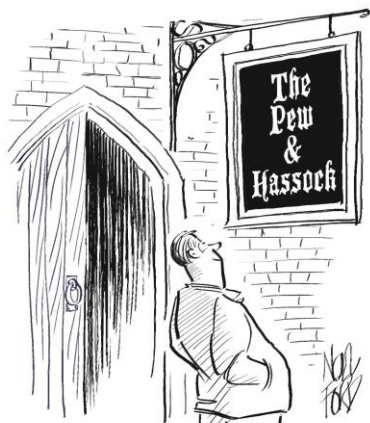


As a theologian, Bede translated the Gospel of John into Old English, completing it on the very day that he died. He also wrote commentaries on various books of the Bible.

But Bede's outstanding gift was as an historian. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is one of the most important sources that we have for understanding early English history. Bede was scrupulous in his use of sources, clearly identifying them. He also was careful to distinguish between fact, hearsay and legend. He had a healthy scepticism, and certainly did not believe that everything he was told was necessarily true.

His *Ecclesiastical History* tells the history of Britain up to the year 729. It starts with the story of the Celtic peoples, who converted to Christianity in the first three centuries after the death of Christ. Bede then moves on to the invasion of Britain by the pagan Anglo-Saxons, in the 5th and 6th centuries. They themselves were in turn converted by Celtic missionaries from the north and the west, and by Roman missionaries coming up from the south and the east.

Bede himself lived during the time of the Anglo-Saxon church, of which he was a wise observer of its various problems. He urged that episcopal visitations, confirmations, and Holy Communions should be held more frequently – for the good of the Church.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forbears

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

ASHBOCKING



We have just come back from our first outing this year in the caravan. Most years this would have been in March, but it was too wet. We were lucky enough to have some sunshine, but it was still very cold. The weather forecast leads us to believe we are in for a heatwave in May! I do hope we at least have some

warm and sunny weather for all the Coronation celebrations. It is unfortunate that Ashbocking is not having its own event, although we are having a village event in June. We wish everyone who is organising Coronation celebrations a superb day with lots of fun.

Ashbocking's coffee morning will be held on Friday May 5th between 10:30am and 12:00 noon at Hawthorns, The Green, which is accessed via Ashley Grange, from The Green. We look forward to welcoming you for our own Coronation coffee morning.



Knit and Stitch has been moved from the first Monday which is a BH to the following one on 8th May, at 10:00am. We look forward to getting together to continue projects or to start new ones and enjoy a natter and coffee. We have members coming from other villages too which makes it special to hear news from outside Ashbocking. The more the merrier! This is also at Hawthorns, plenty of parking available.

The services in Ashbocking church are on Sunday 14th May at 11:00am, coffee available after the service. Everyone is very welcome.

You are also invited to the Lay led service on Sunday 28th May at 11:00am, everyone welcome and to stay for refreshment afterwards.

Please do join us for these services and meet others in the village.

The Otley and District Gardening Club, which includes Ashbocking, is holding a driveway plant sale in Ashbocking and Otley. Ours will be on the driveway of Oldhouse Cottage, as you enter the village from the crossroads, on 27th and 28th May between 10am and 4pm. This is to raise money for Local First Responders

*'If you want the rainbow,
you've got to put up with the rain.'*



Scheme, and club funds. If anyone has plants or seedlings, extra to requirements and would like to donate them to the sale we would be very grateful.

Linda Pollard

Linda Pollard 07887537152 or 01473 890836 (for details of any of the above)
Church Wardens: John Pollard 07786 803490
Duncan Bray 07933 705350

CLOPTON

It was lovely to welcome family and friends of Anneke and Tom to their son's baptism on April 2nd. Lots of the family had travelled from Germany for the occasion. It was lovely to have one of the hymns sung in German and also to hear the Lord's prayer said at the same time in both German and English. We are delighted to welcome Finley Thomas Cole into our church family.



Jenny and Andrew had arranged a secret party following the service on 9th April. It was my last Sunday as churchwarden and a great surprise to see so many people at the church. The lovely cake and wine after were enjoyed by all of us. Thank you to them both for all the work they did and to everyone for the wonderful garden voucher and flowers.

In May, our Hobbies Morning will be on Wednesday 3rd between 10am and noon. This is a very friendly group, and anyone is always made very welcome. Tea and coffee is provided, and we pay £2 to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

The Coffee Morning in May is on Wednesday 17th from 10am until noon. This is free and gives people a chance to meet up and chat with old and new friends. Come and join us, everyone is very welcome. It will be hosted by June and Michael Hook.

Doris Main

Marking the Retirement of Doris Main as Clopton Churchwarden

At the end of March bell ringers from the Suffolk Guild of Ringers were delighted to ring a peal for Doris Main who retired as Clopton Churchwarden after many years of dedicated service to Clopton church. To ring a full peal takes a certain amount of stamina but more so concentration for two to three hours depending on

the number of bells involved and the weight of the bells. Some ringers, but not all, find it rewarding to ring peals and they are often rung to mark special or significant events both national and local. To ring for Doris made this peal particularly special. The details of the peal are below as recorded on Bellboard, the bell ringers record of ringing performances.

The photograph is of the ringers standing in order of the bell they rang working anti-clockwise from back row right, ringer of bell number one to front row right, ringer of bell number 6.



The Suffolk Guild, Clopton, Suffolk St Mary
Wednesday, 29 March 2023 in 2h 44
(11–3–19 in F#)
5040 Surprise Minor (7m)
720 each London, Wells, Primrose, Norwich,
Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge

1. Ian J Culham
2. Paul A J Bray
3. Nigel F C Gale
4. David I Stanford
5. P Mark Ogden
6. James A Smith (C)

Rung for Doris Main, retiring as Churchwarden after more than eighteen years of dedicated service to Clopton Church.

David Stanford, Clopton Bell Ringers

Clopton Coronation Celebration

Clopton village will be kicking off festivities for the Kings coronation weekend with an evening of live music, food and drink. Free entry to all. The event will be host to Suffolk performers Adam Thomas, followed by band Kiss the Teacher (ABBA tribute)

The Clopton beacon will be lit at dusk in honour of the King.
Please bring chairs/picnic blankets with you on the evening.



Drinks available from mobile bar the Wonky Donkey. BBQ by Chef Maria Ella Cakes also available to purchase on the night. Bring your spare change and take part in the raffle, with over 20 amazing prizes to be won.

All funds raised will go towards the Otley and Clopton Community First Responders' charity enabling them to buy lifesaving kits. Each kit contains a Defibrillator, observation equipment and breathing apparatus. Each first responder will require their own kit totalling £2,300. We hope that the evening will be a success and will be well supported.

**Join the celebration at this FREE event on Friday 5th May 6:30pm-10pm
Clopton Village Hall, Manor Road, Clopton, IP136QN**

OTLEY

Announced by our bright, new, blue and white banner on the church gate, April's services at St Mary's fell on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Although there was no donkey on Palm Sunday, Gail and Zoe made good use of other props to help us to think about humility. On Easter Day, Pauline, Kate and Sharon complemented Katrina's sermon with a dramatic rendition of the three women visiting the empty tomb as recounted in Matthew's Gospel; Helen brought out the best of the hymns; the flower arrangers had excelled themselves; Karin had created a beautiful Easter Garden in the church; we enjoyed chatting over coffee and eggs afterwards.



The next service in Otley, at 9.30am on Sunday 7th May, will be family worship with a coronation theme. Please join us to mark the occasion and pray for King Charles ahead of the festivities in the village later in the day.

Thank you to everyone who provided hospitality and refreshments at the warm welcomes on Wednesday afternoons during January, February and March, and thank you to Otley Community Council for giving us free use of the village hall. We want to continue to provide somewhere for people to meet for chat and refreshments, so please join us for "Cuppas and Cake" on the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall between 2 and 4 pm, when we hope to continue the friendly conversation – free tea/coffee and cake included. Young and old, regardless of address, all are welcome.



At our annual meetings on 16 April, Penny retired as secretary of the PCC after over 30 years of exemplary service, and near-faultless minute-taking and administration. She also stepped down as electoral roll officer. Thank you, Penny, for such wonderful service to St Mary's. I will attempt to take her place.



We are very sad about the closure of Otley Baptist chapel, where our Christian brothers and sisters have worshipped faithfully and witnessed to the people of Otley for so many years. Our prayers go out to those who had to take such a hard decision, but they leave an enduring legacy in the many people whose Christian faith they have nurtured and whose lives the chapel has touched.

James Hall

Afternoon Tea

As we had plenty of interest in Afternoon Tea in April in aid of raising money for the First Responders kit, Joan, Liz and Sue are offering another date for tea on the afternoon of Friday 26th May at 1 North Cottage. Space is limited so to secure your place at only £15.00 per person please book early with Joan on 01473 890715.

The Otley Players

The Otley Players are back in business with a light-hearted evening of entertainment loosely themed around "Beside the Seaside" on the evening of Saturday 3rd June at the village hall.

There will be a "Seaside Landlady" type three course meal served during an evening interspersed with quizzing, sketches, village entertainment and singing for all.

It promises to be a fun evening with something for everybody. Spaces are limited so be one of the first to secure your place as tickets will be in demand at a bargain price of £15.00 ea.

Table service, bring your own tipples.

Box office – Joan on 01473 890715

**I DO LIKE TO BE
BESIDE THE SEASIDE**



Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles the Third

We hope by the time you read this in Signpost that you will be fully aware of the party which we are going to hold in **Church Lane, Swilland on Sunday 7th May between 1-3pm open to all residents in the village. That includes the High Road, those houses along the B1078, the houses around Manor Farm, Kirby Lane, Newton Hall Lane, the farms on the Swilland side of Otley Road, and the houses on the Swilland side of Clopton Lane.**

It's going to be a great occasion for everyone to meet up and socialize. There are commemoration medals for all the school children of both Swilland and Witnesham. **All** children who haven't had a medal presented at the Witnesham School ceremony prior to the coronation will be able to receive theirs at the party so that's a good incentive to attend!

All you need to bring to the party is yourselves and your own choice of food and drink. We have sourced the tables and chairs for the event, but if you have bunting or decorations for the tables, please bring it to make it really festive.



We are going to have a singalong featuring songs from many different eras from the 40s right up to the present day. Our musical director on the day will be Clare Dungey, our very own successful play director who lives near the Pub for anyone who doesn't know her. Clare has asked that everyone spends time on their musical scales in readiness, so voices are tip top tuned on the day.

In the event that the weather leaves us in the lurch, we plan to hold the celebration in the Church, but we are all hoping for a lovely sunny day.

All Swilland residents are also invited to join Witnesham villagers in an earlier sing song outside Witnesham Church after the Sunday service there at about

11:30am. I am told there are going to be some refreshments at the event, which in the event of bad weather will migrate to the Village Hall a few metres away, so why not make a day of it and join in both festivities to celebrate King Charles's Coronation.

We planned back in November last year to organize a combined or two separate village parties, but it hit snags. Hence the proposed events we have for everyone on the day.



Many of you reading won't have been alive at the last coronation. Those of us who were generally received some sort of memento. I received a coronation spoon from the Borough of Wimbledon where I went to school at the time, and still have it albeit in need of replating; maybe I will get it done one day. We similarly wanted to do something commemorative for all our children in the two villages. The school came up with the idea of coronation medals which are very popular with the kids of today, and this was funded by the Parish Council. Many thanks to Richard Nicol and the other councillors who made this all happen financially.

Our administrative director in this venture has been Gina Wilden, she of many skills and talents. She organised medal purchases and did much research on other possibilities during the winter before the decision to purchase medallions was agreed and funded. Grateful thanks to her and for the publicity for the event with Clare

It only remains for me to wish everyone a happy coronation holiday and look forward to welcoming all to the party in Church Lane.

Brian Williams
Mob: 07768285670



SWILLAND CORONATION PARTY



You are warmly invited to join with your fellow villagers to celebrate the Coronation of

 **King Charles III** 

On Sunday 7th May, 1-3pm

In Church Lane, Swilland

Medal Presentation Musical Singalong!

Tables and benches will be provided so just bring along your own picnic and choice of drink.

If you have any Coronation bunting or decs, please bring them along to decorate the tables.

We will distribute Swilland Coronation medals to any children at the party who have not received one through Winesham School.

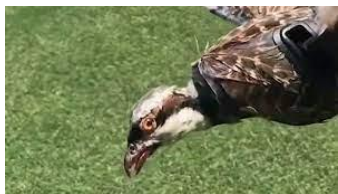
(In the case of inclement weather, the party will be held within St. Mary's Church, Swilland so don't be put off by our British weather!)



Stories from The Stranger Side of Life

Taxidermy Bird Drones Launched

Scientists are giving dead birds a second life by developing taxidermy bird drones.



The team at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro is taking birds that have been preserved through taxidermy and converting them into drones in order to study flight. “If we learn how these birds manage energy between themselves, we can apply (that) into the future aviation industry to save more

energy and save more fuel,” Dr Mostafa Hassanalian, a mechanical engineering professor who is leading the project.

World’s Greatest Gate Is Named

The world’s greatest gate has been named by the Gate Appreciation Society. The Dafydd Davies-Hughes’ gate on Ynys Llanddwyn has “magnificent Celtic spirals”. On the Facebook page of the Gate Appreciation Society, a photo of the gate has attracted 42,000 likes, reported the broadsheet, adding that “any gate that manages to elevate humdrum functionality by means of individualism and artistry could have won”.

Divorcee Burns Wedding Dress

A woman celebrated finalising her divorce by setting fire to her wedding dress and telling her ex-husband she is “the best he will ever have”. Lauren Brooke, from North Carolina, US, had been married to her former spouse for 10 years before they divorced. She said: “The intent was to show the fact that divorce is hard, ugly and painful for all parties involved.” She added that she wants other women to know they don’t need to feel “ashamed” when it comes to divorce.

You May Be Scrolling Three Miles of Content

“Phone addicts” are scrolling through the equivalent of three miles of content every year. Researchers who surveyed 2,000 people, found that the average person scrolled the equivalent of 519 inches: 43ft 3in, or 13.2 metres, every day – the equivalent of the height of the Elizabeth Tower, which houses Big Ben, each week. Experts suggest switching to a more basic handset to remedy the issue.



Man Surprised to Be Flight's Only Passenger

A man from Lancashire was surprised to discover that he was the only passenger booked on his flight from Belfast to Portugal. Paul Wilkinson, a 65-year-old father



of one, said he initially thought his plane had been delayed or cancelled, since there were no other passengers at the gate when he arrived. "I spoke to the stewards waiting to take the passports, and they said, 'Oh, Mr. Paul, you're VIP today..."

You're flying on your own,'" he said.

Boy Sets Football-Juggling Record

A 10-year-old in China broke a Guinness World Record by juggling a football with his feet 8,147 times in one hour. Tang Jinfa, who was awarded the title for most football (soccer) touches with alternating feet in one hour, said: "In our soccer club, many teammates can juggle the ball over 1,000 times with both feet, but I am the best performer." His dream is to represent China at a future World Cup.

Designer Compost Is The 'In Thing'

"Designer compost" has become the "latest luxury must-have". A rise in DIY gardening and growing environmental awareness are "fuelling demand for top-notch compost" and producers are feeding farmyard animals with organic fruits and vegetables to ensure the muck they produce is of the highest quality. One said, "it's like making wine, although making wine seems very glamorous, and making compost is very unglamorous", so "maybe it's like making yoghurt".

Laughing At a Fall Is 'Not Harassment'

A judge has ruled that laughing at a colleague if they fall at work is not harassment. Employment judge David Maxwell told a hearing that the "slapstick" nature of slipping over means that some people might find the "misfortune of others" to be funny. The ruling came after kitchen worker Kesarajith Perera said his boss Hesham Badra laughed out loud as he slipped while doing his pub job in Harrow, north-west London.



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst,
for they are sticking to their diets!"

The Pothole Crisis Deepens

If you drive, you already know this: the potholes are getting worse.

Some experts have warned that one in five of our roads will be undrivable in the next five years, unless we get to grips with the crisis.



In its recent annual survey on the state of the country's roads, the Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) has found that about 37,000 miles of road, or 18 per cent, are in very poor condition. Without intervention, these roads have less than five years of 'life' left in them.

But intervention costs billions of pounds. This latest 'Alarm' report estimates that now more than £14 billion is needed to fix all of England and Wales' potholes, and generally get the country's roads back up to standard.

Looking further ahead, the AIA predicts that while just over half of all local roads are in good structural condition, the remaining 100,000 miles of roads may need to be rebuilt in the next 15 years, unless adequate maintenance is speedily introduced.

It is not as if the government is ignoring the problem. Jeremy Hunt has provided an additional £200 million one-off payment to fix potholes on our roads. That is in addition to the Government's annual £500 million pothole fund. This means that in 2023/4, the Government is going to pour an eye-watering £700 million into holes in our roads.

Meanwhile, research by the RAC Foundation has found that one in 24 road bridges across the country are substandard, and therefore unable to carry heavy vehicles.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "Whether it is potholes or bridges, there is only so long that councils can continue to patch things up before bigger cracks literally start to appear in the road network."



RUSSELL LING REPORTS

The Country in Wartime

It was during 1940 when items in the shops started to become scarce as factories and workshops were turned over to war production. There was no plastic bags then and bought items were put into paper bags and even these got scarcer as time went on. The only items that had to be wrapped was meat and fats, shoppers were expected to bring their own bags and a basket to put them in. It was during the war



years when queues first started as sometimes items were in short supply and then suddenly became available, as soon as the word got round a queue rapidly formed to obtain the desired product. During those early years of the war if any customer asked for an article not on display, the answer they got was "Don't you know that there is a war on" after a time the message got through. Christmas time was probably the hardest

for families to bear as it was very difficult to travel anywhere except by train. New toys for children were unattainable so second hand toys were in much demand and fetched very good prices. There were kits to make aeroplanes and warships of balsa wood which could be purchased to be made up and sold as well.

There were only a very few turkeys and chickens available for Christmas and these would fetch a high price. In spite of all the restrictions and shortages the Christmas holiday did give everyone a break from the eternal bad news that we received at the beginning of the war. Seaside holidays was a thing of the past as the beaches were mined and concrete blocks plus metal pole barriers were put up to make it difficult for any possible German landing force. These and pill boxes were the only defences that were available if this event happened in the early part of the war in this area. First World War veterans joined the home guard and there was also the Secret Army which I have written about earlier. All the newspapers were still printed but they were a fraction of the size that one gets today. Firstly, the printing paper had to be imported and secondly there were no adverts as



'If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first.'

— L Wyse



everything was rationed or not available. I think the news that was published gave a fairly accurate account of the progression of the war, bad news was not kept from us but anything that would keep our spirits up was given a good airing. The other source of news was of course the wireless as it was then known, unfortunately the Germans jammed the programmes mainly in the evenings when all the best programmes were on. This took the form of an uneven noise which could spoil the entertaining programmes such as ITMA "It's that Man Again". William Joyce who had defected to the Germans had his own programme opening with "This is Germany Calling", giving their version of events that the war was taking. At the end of the war, he was tried as a traitor and hanged.



To be continued....

Russell ling

Mayday, Mayday, Mayday

The international distress call of 'Mayday' originated after morse code was replaced by telecommunication.

The previous morse code distress call of SOS was often misheard when said aloud.



Mayday was implemented by Frederick Mockford who used the French term for "help me", "m'aider".

This might not be specifically about the month of May, but I think it's still one of the most interesting facts about May.

An American in Otley: The Death of a Lake

Visit Salt Lake City and you are bound to see the lake after which it is named. The Great Salt Lake is the largest saltwater lake in the Western Hemisphere with a much greater salinity than the ocean. It is the remnant of a large freshwater lake, Bonneville, which formed 32,000 years ago, had a depth of 1000 feet, and came to cover 20,000 square miles of Utah and Nevada.



About 14,500 years ago the largest freshwater flash flood earth has seen occurred when the lake eroded its northwest rim. It broke free and flowed northwest toward the Pacific Ocean, forming what would become the Snake River.

By 11,000 years ago, the lake's saltiness had developed - it had no outlets and only a few inlets so that the minerals washed down from the surrounding mountains



transformed the fresh water into heavily salted water. The Great Salt Lake was formed, its size and depth held in balance by waters from the Bear, Ogden-Weber and Jordan Rivers that flowed into it and the process of evaporation that reduced its volume. For most of its life, the lake has been about 35 miles

wide, 75 miles long and with a maximum depth of 33 feet and an average depth of 16 feet. It had a surface area of 950 sq. miles and over 15,000,000-acre feet of water. Until the last 100 years, its ecosystem was relatively stable.

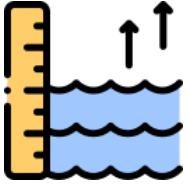
The Great Salt Lake is critical to Utah's economic and climatic wellbeing. While no fish live in the lake, tons of brine shrimp are harvested each year and become fish food. The lake moderates the winter and summer temperatures of Utah's arid climate. Cold air flowing over its warmer water increases snow fall in the nearby mountains, making the state a mecca for winter sports. The lake contributes over \$4 billion to Utah's economy and provides 30,000 jobs. (<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/drying-great-salt-lake>)

Because of its climate, Utah is heavily dependent on irrigation to support its population and economy. While it does not draw water from the lake for irrigation, the lake is still impacted. Utah's water comes from reservoirs, wells, and rivers and the state uses 4.46 billion gallons of it per day. This makes Utah, by some calculations, the leading water user in the country. Between 82% and 85% of the water goes for agricultural use, 4% is used for indoor use, and 8% is used for outdoor watering of lawns and plantings. "Much of this (last) amount is considered waste because people water sidewalks, driveways and streets; water during rainstorms; turn their water on too early in the spring; or water in the heat of the day (when much of the water evaporates)." (<https://utahrivers.org/are>) It is the water drawn from the northern rivers that is impacting the lake's future.



The Great Salt Lake is drying up and, according to recent studies, may collapse in 5 years if its current water loss continues unabated. An article in the January 13, 2023, Smithsonian Magazine highlighted the problems. The Wasatch Front, from Logan to Provo is thirsty. Its population is growing. “People living in the region . . . divert 3.3 trillion litres of water, not from the lake itself, but from the handful of streams feeding it.”

(<https://www.science.org/content/article/utah-s-great-salt-lake-has-lost-half-its-water-thanks-thirsty-humans>). By the end of summer, 2022 the problem had grown acute. The lake has lost 73% of its water and 60% of its surface area. Each year since 2020 it has dropped 1.2-million-acre feet and the water level is now 19 feet below average. When winds blow across the lake, they pass over the exposed lakebed. A toxic mix of dust is carried by the winds onto the Wasatch Front – dust containing antimony, copper, zirconium, and arsenic. (<https://www.smithsonianmag.com> as cited above.)



To save the lake and the air quality, residents and politicians know that urgent action is required. However, that means sacrifice and there is no agreement on whose ox will be gored. Ideally, each resident should use considerably less water on their lawns, in their gardens, while in their showers, and at their factories. The lawns in public spaces should brown out in the summer. This would reduce the amount of water diverted from the rivers that feed the lake.

State legislators this year could come to no real agreement about how much the public should sacrifice. Perhaps the greatest water savings initiated by this year's legislative session was to approach farmers and ask for voluntary watering reductions. The inducements would be hefty crop subsidies to entice farmers to stop growing forage crops, and especially water-hungry alfalfa. This crop is grown extensively on Utah's farmland and one-third is sold to China. Forage crops suck up 68% of the water diverted from rivers to agriculture. (<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/editorial/2022/12/04>)

I would like to believe that enlightened self-interest will prompt our citizens to save a natural wonder and an economic treasure. However, I am uncertain. Too many here believe that this is a temporary problem that the melting of this year's large snowpack will solve. It won't, but minds are hard to change.

*“Unfettered inquisitiveness, it is clear,
teaches better than do intimidating assignments.”
- Augustine*

Others who know the problem won't be solved through melting snow believe that someone else needs to sacrifice their lawns and gardens. Still others know that the farm vote in Utah is a reliable Republican vote, and it doesn't pay to make the voters mad. Utah is a Republican stronghold.

Meanwhile, my family has reduced the watering of our lawn and gardens. We have replaced one-third of the grass with decorative stones, and we only grow vegetables in pots where we can control the amount of water we apply. All our watering is governed by timers set to the state's requirements. We have low-flow toilets and shower heads and try to recycle water where we can. Other than worrying, I don't know what else to do.



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3rd – 11th June 2023

Communities Will Count Wildlife In 'Undisturbed' Churchyards

Parishes across England and Wales are registered to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities *A Rocha UK* and *Caring for God's Acre*, as well as the Church of England and the Church in Wales, will take place from 3rd to 11th of June this year.

In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted. Churches across all denominations take part in the count each year.

The data will be used to determine where rare and endangered species are located in the country, and also to aid churches of all denominations to increase biodiversity on their land.



This year, species on some of the 17,500 acres of churchyards in England alone will be mapped, with a further 1,282 acres of churchyards in Wales.

As graveyards and church land are usually undisturbed, they can be host to a great variety of wildlife not seen in other green spaces. Old churchyards often have fantastic flowery and species-rich grasslands.



Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week.

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, who is the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Environmental Affairs, said: "Hundreds of thousands will have watched Sir David Attenborough's new documentary on wildlife in the British Isles. Registering for this initiative is a brilliant way for churches to encourage a local response and help to restore the natural habitats on our doorstep."

SMILE LINES

Found in church pew-sheets....

The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church hall this Friday at 7pm. The congregation is warmly invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.



Fire

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London, but it was put out before any serious good was done.

— *Ronnie Corbett*

Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, “Thank you, but I don’t think I could stand it!”

Married

How many women can one man marry? A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quick: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.

Blessing



It was the five-year-old boy’s first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child’s out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child’s head in a gentle blessing instead.

The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; “He’s put it *on my head!*”

Miscellaneous observations

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark, to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Proof-reading needed!

The following true-life headlines found in local newspapers make you wonder: is proofreading a dying art?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter
Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash Expert Says
Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
Miners Refuse to Work after Death
Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
War Dims Hope for Peace
If Strike Isn’t Settled Quickly It May Last Awhile
Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures



With the Local Elections in mind this month:

If you want to find out what’s wrong with a man or woman, elect them to public office.

Solutions to the Brainteasers on Page 8

King Charles III's Coronation: quiz answers

1. 2nd June 1953
2. British fashion designer Norman Hartnell
3. The coronation falls into six parts: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture (which includes the crowning), the enthronement and the homage
4. A special hand-painted invitation to the Coronation
5. There have been 39 coronations in Westminster Abbey since 1066
6. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby
7. A total of 8,251 guests attended The Queen's Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey
8. 129 nations and territories were officially represented at the Coronation service
9. The St. Edward's Crown
10. Prince William is expected to kneel before the King and kiss him on his right cheek as a sign of respect
11. 27 million people in the UK (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television
12. There were more than 2,000 journalists from 92 nations on the Coronation route
13. The first documented coronation at Westminster was that of William the Conqueror on 25th December 1066
14. According to Westminster Abbey, the two monarchs who did not have any coronation were **Edward V** (the boy king), who was presumed murdered in the Tower of London before he could be crowned, and **Edward VIII** who abdicated 11 months after succeeding his father
15. Seated in the Coronation Chair, the monarch was anointed with oil
16. The first king of all of England was Athelstan (895-939 AD)
17. Coronation chicken was created by Le Cordon Bleu London to be served at the Coronation Luncheon in 1953
18. The Queen's Coronation service began at 11.15am and lasted almost three hours

How did you do?



Coronation Wordsearch

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Can YOU discover the missing words?

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QUEEN

CROWN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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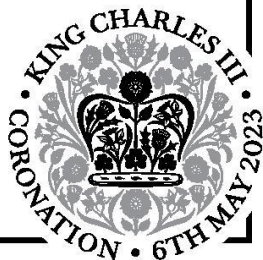
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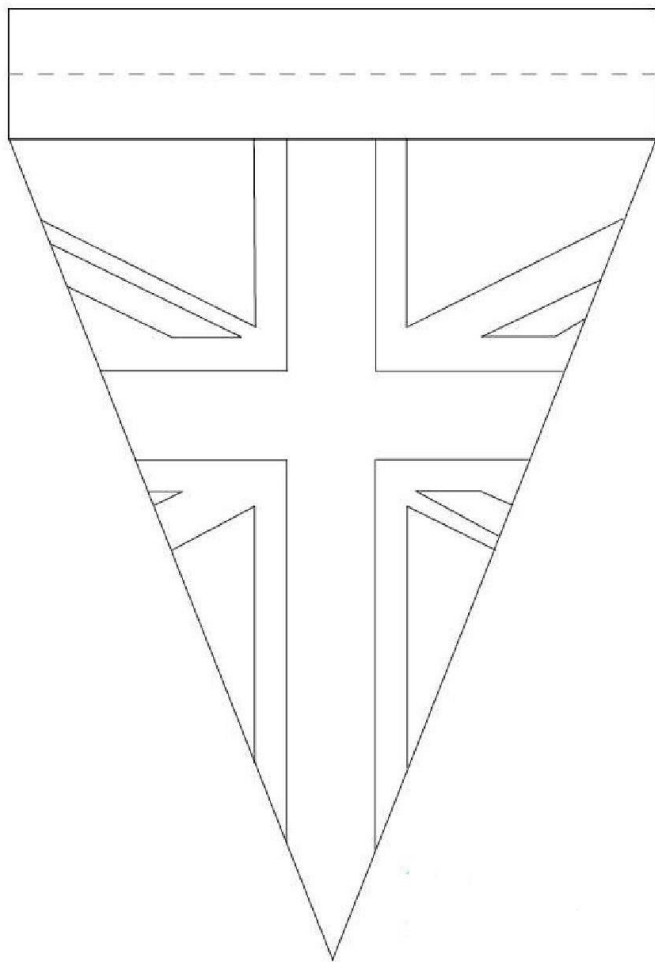
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BUNTING

PALACE



Colour In and Print Your Own Bunting For The Coronation



**Why did the student
eat his homework?**

Because his teacher told
him it would be a piece
of cake!

**What do you call
a huge pile of cats?**

A meow-ntain!

**What did the pig
say on a hot day?**
I'm bacon.



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