



Shirenewton Parish Magazine

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We are delighted that we are able to bring you printed copies of the Parish Magazine again, and we plan for this to continue unless circumstances dictate otherwise. The May and June editions are available on the Church website at http://www.shirenewtonchurch.info/2015_parish_mag.html.

CORONAVIRUS-COVID19

Coronavirus-covid19 is bringing social life to a halt in the UK and we all know we must take sensible precautions. While communal events are banned and the Church in Wales has stopped Church services and meetings, people may feel isolated and alone. To overcome this, the Christians among us may be interested in the link to the Redemptorists website where you can download the weekly reading sheets that are normally distributed in Church.

https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/regular-downloads-anglican?utm_source=Anglican+Regulars&utm_campaign=e7c800616b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_18_02_35_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d53d96a6d5-e7c800616b-218198459&mc_cid=e7c800616b&mc_eid=75e61babc0

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister, Gilly Lambert, takes a simple eucharist every Sunday at 10 a.m. via zoom. If you would like to join the group, please email Gilly at lem.shirenewton@gmail.com and she will send you the link. See also her article on page 8.

Holy mass can be accessed on Sundays online at <https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/1/messages/46158>.

The BBC's coronavirus-covid19 update website is at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000gnx3/bbc-news-special-coronavirus-your-essential-update> where the latest reliable news is available.

Dave Cornwell has set up a link on the Church website to advise on how to communicate whilst isolated. This is at

http://www.shirenewtonchurch.com/one_off_events/2020-Communicating-whilst-isolated.pdf

Congratulations to our 200 Club winners in April:

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| 1. Elizabeth Moore | 2. Brian Harper |
| 3. David Thomas | 4. Bob Millar |

RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS À BECKET CHURCH, SHIRENEWTON

Unfortunately, St Thomas à Becket Church, Shirenewton will not be re-opening just yet. Although the easing of Welsh Government lockdown restrictions will permit churches in Wales to re-open for private prayer from Monday 21st June, churches have to meet strict safety measures in order to re-open for individuals and household groups to pray. The Church in Wales has worked with the Welsh Government on the safety measures churches will need to implement in order to re-open. These include maintaining a two-metre distance between people, providing a monitoring service, and a strict hygiene and cleaning regime. Churches will have to complete a COVID risk assessment before re-opening.

The Shirenewton PCC is unable at this time to provide the necessary monitoring service or put in place the necessary cleaning regime, so we cannot complete the risk assessment to obtain the permission of the Archdeacon to re-open. Our primary concern must be the health and wellbeing of clergy, staff, volunteers and visitors. We hope to meet the requirements as soon as possible.

All churches will remain closed for services, including weddings, funerals and baptisms at this time. As the social distancing rules are reviewed over the coming weeks, it is the PCC's fervent hope that the Church will be able to re-open safely.

The notice from the Church in Wales is printed in full over the page and the full guidance can be found at https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/Reopening_churches - guidance v4 - Final.pdf.



Churches can re-open for private prayer

Churches in Wales can re-open for private prayer from Monday 21st June as the Welsh Government eases lockdown restrictions.

Churches which are able to meet strict safety measures can re-open for individuals and household groups to pray. However, all churches will remain closed for services, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Church in Wales has worked with the Welsh Government on safety measures churches will have to implement in order to re-open. These include maintaining a two-metre distance between people and ensuring sufficient hygiene and cleaning protocols. Churches will also have to complete a COVID risk assessment before re-opening.

As a result not all churches will be able to re-open at this time. Precise opening hours for private prayer will vary depending on each church's capacity to open safely. A significant factor will be the availability of volunteers to monitor social distancing and ensure churches are kept clean. While welcoming the news that churches can now re-open for private prayer, the Church's bishops say public safety must be the first consideration. In a statement, they say, "A cautious approach to re-opening, based firmly on Welsh Government guidance, is essential. What has been announced is the giving of permission. There is no requirement, from Welsh Government or the Bishops of the Church in Wales, to re-open at this time. "Whilst we all look forward to the day that all our churches can open safely, we urge local safely within the guidelines. Match your opening arrangements to your capacity to address necessary safety measures. Our primary concern must be the health and wellbeing of our clergy, staff, volunteers and visitors."

The Archbishop of Wales, John Davies, added, "We are grateful for the permission which has been given to open churches for private prayer where it is both safe and practical to do so. This will bring spiritual comfort and support to many people, particularly in these tense and anxious days. While we are still unable to hold services, it is a hopeful sign that we are coming through this pandemic. We are very grateful to our clergy and volunteers who will now be working hard to ensure the churches that can open can do so safely by meeting our robust criteria."

While church buildings remain closed for services, people can continue to join in worship and fellowship online in the many services now being broadcast. Digital church – from live-streamed eucharists on Facebook to

prayer meetings on Zoom – is available across Wales. Check out your local church's social media pages for information or find a service through the Church in Wales website at <https://bit.ly/3dEVySx>

For the full guidance and safety criteria, see <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/> or contact Archdeacon Ambrose Mason 01291672152 archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

FROM THE VICARAGE

Julian E LI White

Dear People of the Parish,

Are you profoundly absorbed in the in-depth analysis of the present Covid situation and alert to the wider social implications it is having?

Or, like me, are you fed up to the back teeth with the way it is presented by large chunks of the media?

I am sick and tired of the way that (endlessly) we are confronted by the drone of parents who (a) agonise over whether it is safe to send little Tasmin back to school or, (b) why don't 'they' (whoever 'they' might be) open schools fully and at the earliest opportunity?

But, frustrating as it sometimes maybe, we live in a time where recently imposed rules and regulations must be observed. In this respect our churches are not exempt.

The Church in Wales, in line with many other agencies and organizations, have recently relaxed 'lockdown' regulations. I am most relieved to hear this. I was concerned, some months ago, when the church apparently 'put up the shutters' and locked up places of worship, at the earliest opportunity, throughout the land for the duration of the epidemic. Yes, I appreciate their concern for public health and safety and yet I keenly felt for those members of the public (and, as my colleagues will testify) who were denied access to a place traditionally conducive to peace and personal contemplation, whether an 'official' service or not was offered.

The relaxation of 'lockdown' regulations is both welcome and a challenge. Can you help?

I propose that the churches in our grouped parish proceed with caution.

To this end I anticipate that we open our buildings a couple of times per week. I have in mind, say, two sessions within a limited time scale. In practical terms this would involve a volunteer being present for an hour as the Church in Wales decrees that during these hours each property must be staffed and social distancing observed. Hand cleanser and face masks will be provided by the parish church. Also, various parts of the building will be cordoned off with barrier tape. At closing time each flat service in the permitted section will be wiped down with an antiseptic cloth. As you will appreciate, this is an unprecedented situation and will be no doubt like every other virus, issue adapted as needed.

To operate such a project we, obviously, need volunteers and therein lies the problem. Can you help? Full clarification will be given to the volunteers prior to opening. If you (and a partner, who would be most welcome) can fill some, or part, of these hours please contact me by telephone (01291 622317) or email (jel.white@btinternet.com). We would like very much to offer this opportunity to open the church but need your support please.

God willing, we shall soon be back to 'normal service' in our churches. Until then, may you keep safe and once again enjoy the freedoms which have been curtailed over the past few months.

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MESh and Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Volunteers from Shirenewton, Mynyddbach and Earlswood have set up a community self-help group to look after people's shopping and other needs if they are required to self-isolate or restrict their movements. They are reaching out to let everyone know they are there and can provide help if needed.

They have arranged leaflet drops to every part of the Mynyddbach-Earlswood-Shirenewton Community (MESh) and you can download a copy of the BBC template which they used at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-51880695>.

If you need help, just call or text a message to the number on the post-card and help will be at hand. If you have not received a post card/leaflet drop please contact Jeni Harper at jeh45_wales@yahoo.co.uk.

MESSAGE FROM GAVO

(Gwent Association of Voluntary Organizations)

We have been given **£25,000** by Welsh Government to distribute in small grants to support voluntary groups who are actively providing vital COVID-19 support to their communities in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire and Newport.

To find out more and to apply please visit our website <https://www.gavo.org.uk/covid-19funding>

On this page you will find some other Coronavirus-related funding opportunities; you can also use the Funding Finder to find even more.

If you're after **non-Coronavirus specific opportunities**, we note some of them on [our Funding page](#), including funding for those affected by Storm Dennis, as well as local grassroots grants in Newport & Caerphilly and Food Poverty small grant in Caerphilly. Don't forget you have access to the free Funding Finder from this page too.

The claimants group needs to have a constitution, but SCC may be able to host the claim on the group's behalf. Please contact the clerk to SCC for more details.

REMOTE SERVICES FOR SHIRENEWTON

At the start of Lockdown everything seemed to move so fast!

From one week all being normal, to the next learning to sign the Peace so we didn't need to shake hands, and worrying whether we should wear gloves to serve coffee, to suddenly finding all our churches closed and services suspended was shocking and left many of our community feeling isolated and distressed. No one knew quite what to do. We talked about the possibility of webcasting services, but by then we were already banned from the building and it was hard to know what to do.

Inspiration struck when in April I saw that the Church in Wales' Bench of Bishops had licensed a short service of Spiritual Communion for use by communities who could not meet to share the Eucharist. In the few weeks since Lockdown began, many of us who were still working have become a lot more comfortable using video conferencing and a few feelers suggested that there was an appetite to try a "virtual service".

An initial Zoom session was set up as a trial with for those who had expressed an interest and it seemed to go well, certainly well enough to agree to do another service the next week, which we put on general release and the services have now become a regular fixture, with attendance growing each week.



It still feels a little strange to be broadcasting the service from our dining room – I felt I needed to stand up, not sit down and the top of the piano seems to offer the best height and lighting combination – but as with so many things it has become our “new normal”.

The service itself lasts only around ten minutes and includes a reading from the gospel and prayers. It has been described as, “a wonderful way to recharge at the end of a busy week.” After the service itself, there is a chance to catch up for a quick chat before life moves on, though sadly we cannot share homemade cakes and coffee as we do after church!

If you would like to join the mailing list to receive invitations to the Zoom meeting room where the service is held so that you can join for the service, or just for a little company and chat, please email me at lem.shirenewton@gmail.com. I can provide instructions on how to set yourself up, if you haven't yet braved the virtual world.
We look forward to seeing you online!

FUTURE EVENTS

All planned events are, unfortunately, very much subject to the progress of the coronavirus-covid19. As far as we are aware, all future events have been postponed and will take place at a later date, and some may be cancelled. Please contact the organiser of the event to establish its current status, as shown below:

Trip to Canterbury Cathedral—5th July—Julian White

Call My Bluff Winetasting—10th July—Kevin Bounds

Bring and Share (Mark Smith from the Antiques Roadshow) - Friday 9th October—we hope this will go ahead! Please watch this space for further news.

SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1090167

We hope everyone is keeping safe during these last few months. I've been delving in the archives again and I thought this programme for the 1983 pantomime would be of interest. I'm sure many will see familiar names—see pages 16 to 19.

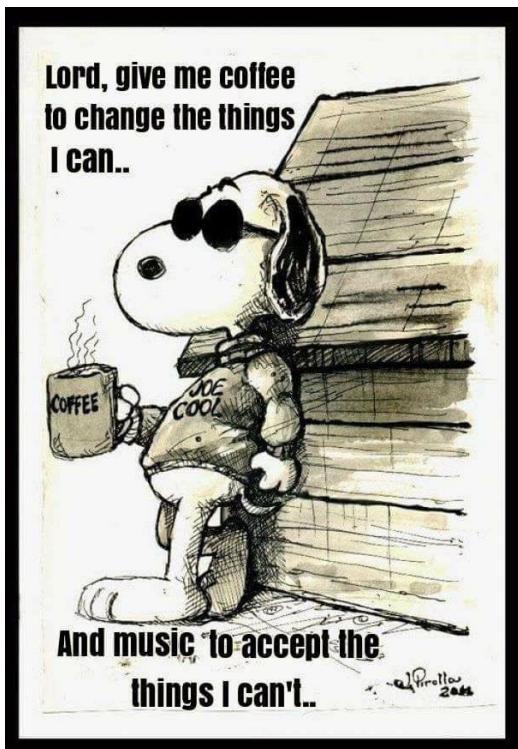
CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY IN THESE TIMES ----

Lockdown did not prevent Chepstow Choral Society members – in individual ways – joining in commemorating and remembering VE in its 75th Anniversary year, and members throughout our area independently joined with singing *We'll Meet Again* as the nation gathered in various ways to thank all who have contributed so much for us all, and indeed all who continue to do so.

Sadly, the outlook for all choral societies is not looking optimistic for the rest of this year. Our annual Christmas music programme is extremely unlikely to take place, but at a Zoom committee meeting earlier this month, the committee agreed to look at options later in the year which may allow us to possibly sing a few carols in some designated outdoor areas with safe distancing, but that is very much for future discussion and consideration, and could only happen within the rules.

However, by logging on to our website (www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk), it will be possible to find out any updates about resumption of rehearsals and

future programming. Chepstow Choral Society, like all other societies, is obviously subject to National and Welsh Government advice and permissions for any resumptions. Information will be relayed on the evolving situation in forthcoming weeks/months as and when situations become clearer. It is well recognised that singing is one of the “high risk” activities, and is likely to be one of the last to resume as we all know it. Meanwhile, thanks to all our audiences, supporters and membership for your on-going support in these difficult circumstances. Marjorie Duerden (Asst Mus Dir, CCS.)



Shirenewton Community Council

The Community Council held its second virtual meeting on 1st June 2020

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

He acknowledged that once again, due to government restrictions on attendance at meetings it had to be held remotely. Unfortunately the public were still unable to be involved in this meeting which was via Microsoft Teams, but Councillors were pleased that residents had taken the opportunity to raise issues beforehand with either the Clerk, their ward Councillor or County Councillor (details below), and would encourage them to continue to do so until open meetings are able to be held again.

Council considered the following planning applications:

DM/2020/00380 Little Grondra Farm, Shirenewton

Use of existing access and new garage.

Councillors recalled the previous application to convert the milking parlour to a residence, and that that conversion was proceeding. There had been concern over the proposed new access from the road to serve only the converted milking parlour. The current application sought to share the main access to the farm and in consequence the double garage was to be built on the farmyard side of the conversion. Construction to be of stone and slate. Council's recommendation was for approval.

DM/2020/00390 Gaerllwyd Farm, Newchurch

Change of use of existing agricultural building to B1 use.

Councillors recalled the application last year for change of use to B1, B2 and B8 (DM/2019/01158 which was withdrawn). They further noted two large agricultural barns behind the original Gaerllwyd Farmhouse which fronts onto the B road at the Gaerllwyd road junction. The barns are accessible from the road which leads off from the junction to Newchurch and Devauden. The road, which is a narrow country lane, rises from the junction and then follows the line of the ridge so the barns are quite visible for some distance across the Mounton valley and beyond. The local characteristic is deeply rural and the site is prominent in the landscape.

Vacancies on the Community Council

There are two co-opted vacancies for members to represent the Shirenewton ward and one vacancy for the Earlswood ward.

If you are interested in supporting the community and would like to join the Council, then please contact the Clerk (details below)

Councillor	Telephone number	E-mail address
Shirenewton ward		
Philip Butter-worth	641704	Philip.b@shirenewtoncc.org.uk
Dr James Grose	641690	James.g@shirenewtoncc.org.uk
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Mynyddbach Ward		
County Councillor Louise Brown	0759897 9719	louisebrown@monmouthshire.gov.uk louise.b@shirenewtoncc.org.uk
Jayne McKenna	01291 691774	Jayne.m@shirenewtoncc.org.uk
Earlswood ward		
Ken Morton	650268	ken.morton@hotmail.co.uk
Vacancy		
Newchurch West		
Ian Martin	650014	Ian.m@shirenewtoncc.org.uk
Clerk to the Council Hilary Counsell	421307	shirenewtoncc@gmail.com

The application did not satisfy Policy RE3 as there is no existing enterprise disclosed in the application to which this business activity could contribute nor is there a business case in support to demonstrate the benefits of the proposal to sustain employment and/or the local economy because the nearest local settlement is Shirenewton village some 3 miles distant and no significant housing pool which might provide employees and benefit from the new activity within 8 miles. The lack of public transport (confined to a single sparse bus service) will compel employees and customers to travel by car contrary to Welsh Government policy.

No independent structural survey had been provided to demonstrate that the building is suitable for conversion.

The local telephone exchange had still not been updated, there is no fibre cabling and consequently broadband speeds are minimal and unsuited to business use.

There was no report from the Highways Department. Highway safety would be compromised by the site access being from a single track country road around 100m from the main road junction. The application site is clearly a subdivision of the original farmyard and the granting of planning permission would set a precedent for the remaining half with all that that implies for a much larger development. No toilets or washing facilities were proposed.

The bat report was undertaken in winter when bats are in hibernation. A further survey in spring/ summer time should be provided as bats have been observed in the immediate vicinity. The bat report further indicated that the roof is in a poor state of repair and the application lacked detail in the necessary repairs including any upgrading or roof lights.

The application lacked detail of external lighting and roof lights, and the steps to be taken to ensure there is no light disturbance to residents, wild life and the dark skies.

No time, noise, machinery operation or vehicle movement restrictions were proposed and these are needed to protect the rural and residential surroundings in the event that MCC grants consent.

Council was not against refurbishment of this building but felt this application was not suitable in this very rural location.

Recommendation: Refusal.

Monthly police report –

17/5/2020 – Report of 2 off road bikes in Wentwood Forest.

19/5/2020 – Report of a car entered on Chapel Lane, Earlswood. The owner of the vehicle was working in a nearby field and left the vehicle insecure. A CD player was taken from the dashboard. No other damage caused.

There were no reports of outbuildings broken into/thefts since last month's report, apart from the above, but please stay vigilant and make sure all your property is safe and secure.

Please report any suspicious activity/crime at the time via either 101 or 999 if you deem it an emergency. If it is low level you can also report via email on contact@gwent.pnn.police.uk

Other items of interest

Waste Collection

The County Council has resumed garden waste collection, the week commencing the 25th of May for those with permits. The Household waste site at Five Lanes re-opened on the 26th of May, based on a booking system, full details of which can be found on the MCC website including site rules to maintain social distancing:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/household-waste-recycling-centres>

Resignation of Councillor – on 2nd June Councillors were disappointed to receive the resignation of Councillor Jane Smith-Haddon who has given much support and commitment to the work of the Council. This leaves the Council with four vacancies, three in the Shirenewton ward and one in the Earlswood ward. This is a serious situation and an unprecedented number of vacancies, the Council urges interested residents in the community to contact the Clerk.

Dates of future meetings are Monday 6th July and Monday 3rd August at 7.00 pm. Future meetings will be held on their usual monthly date and, if possible they will be held in the Recreation Hall and open to the public, but if restrictions are not lifted they will be by remote attendance of Council members.

Find more information in draft copies of the minutes on the Community Council notice boards. Previous, approved minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's website

www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk

Shirenewton Community Council

VACANCIES

The Community Council should have 10 members,
5 representing Shirenewton, 2 representing Mynyddbach,
2 representing Earlswood and 1 representing Newchurch West.

The Council now has only 6 members with 4 vacancies, 3 of which are in Shirenewton ward and one in Earlswood.

This is a serious situation and more members need to be recruited.

Councillors aim to represent the local views and interests of residents and protect the future of the community. With a limited budget, the Council aims to support local organisations and amenities such as the recreation field and play area.

If you are interested in the future of the local community and can attend one meeting a month, please contact the Clerk at shirenewtoncc@gmail.com or phone 01291 421307.

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Contact the Clerk to the Community Council - Mrs Hilary Counsell

Tel: 01291 421307 E-mail: shirenewtoncc@gmail.com

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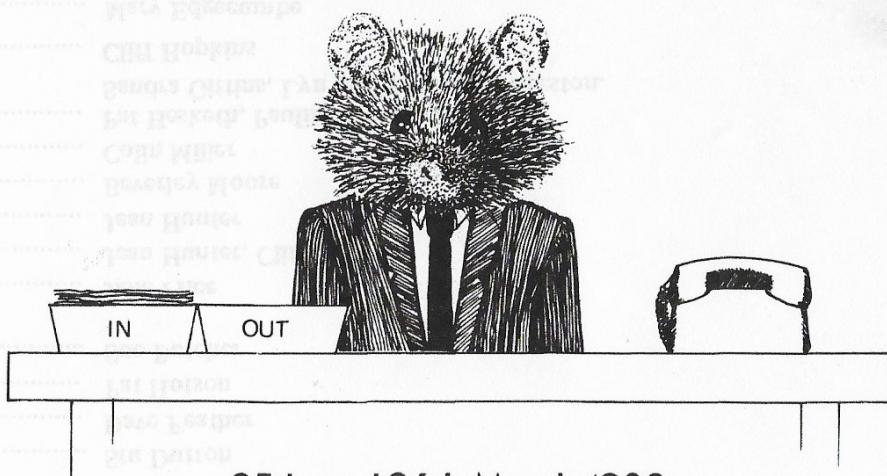
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The play directed by.....
Understudies.....
Stage Manager.....
Assistant stage manager.....
Set design.....
Decor.....
Lighting design
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Properties.....
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Production management.....
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Admissions.....
Refreshments.....

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OF APPEARANCE.

..... Denise Adams
..... Geoff Harris
..... Pat Hesketh
..... Stu Dutton
..... Dave Feather
..... Pat Hotson
..... Sue Butcher

..... Jane Price
..... Jean Hunter, Cliff Hopkins
..... Jean Hunter
..... Beverley Moore
..... Colin Miller
..... Pat Hesketh, Pauline Dutton,
Sandra Gittins, Lyn McFarlane, Pat Preston.
..... Cliff Hopkins
..... Mary Edgecumbe
..... Pauline Dutton
..... Anne Hughes, Helen O' Keefe, Alison Priest.
..... Pat Preston, Pat Hesketh
..... Howard Stanley, Paul Edmunds
..... Frank Basnett, Betty Knox
..... Jo Butcher, Bob Butcher, Mavis Bryant,
Gerry Lewis, Gail Price, Pat Preston, Pauline Dutton

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Shirenewton Bible Study Group is a friendly group who meet on one evening a month in the home of one of our very hospitable members to study the bible.

We focus to the readings from the lectionary for the Sunday preceding our meeting, so you can come along at any time, you won't have missed anything! Although many benefit from attending regularly, there is no obligation to do so and many members come when they can.

The Bible Study Group will not be meeting during the current coronavirus-covid19 outbreak, but will start again as soon as possible

If you would like to join the group or to be kept informed of the location of meetings, please ask to be added to our distribution group by contacting me via lem.shirenewton@gmail.com or calling 01291 641175.

Gardening Corner

As I'm writing this, I can't believe that we have reached the longest day already. Fortunately, we have had a decent amount of rain in the last week, which has saved the garden. Things really were starting to look pretty bad with large chunks of supposed lawn looking very brown indeed. I supposed lawn as in truth, there are more dandelions and daisies than grass, with other escapees from the garden such as ajuga, ox-eye daisies and various herbs! Most of these were the only green plants showing as the grass had all but disappeared due to the lack of rain and withering sun. You might expect it to look rough by say the end of August, but June is plain ridiculous. I have never watered a lawn in my gardening life – which is now in excess of 60 years – and I didn't intend to start this year. I did have to resort to watering the vegetable beds and also some of the flower garden, as even well-established flowers were starting to wilt and die. Because of the current situation with Corona virus, there may be many of you reading this who are 'gardening' for the first time. By that I mean you are perhaps growing your own food and perhaps flowers as well. This year hasn't been easy, so if you have had any failures either with sowing seed, and it not germinating well, or you have lost plants later, then please don't despair. Hopefully many of you will continue with your efforts once life returns back anywhere near to what could be regarded as normal. There is something special above deciding on what you are going to have for dinner and then what vegetables you might choose to accompany the main course. You cannot beat a stir fry, where the pak choi, shallots (or large spring onions), courgettes, sugar snap peas, French beans and calabrese, have travelled a matter of yards and not miles. So, if you have struggled then please stick with it as you aren't alone. Even with my many years of experience, I still get problems the same as anyone else, and it doesn't matter what the weather every year, some things will do better than others. French beans and runner beans for example, have been particularly bad for me. I've sown the seed many times and every time I might get three or four plants out of every twelve sown. Some of the seed was saved from last year's harvest and some was fresh bought, but they are all acting the same.

Carrot germination was also 'patchy' – I certainly won't have to thin some of them out as there are not enough to make this a chore. My tomatoes were also looking really good and we managed to ensure that they avoided the hard frosts in May, but the heat has also slowed them right down as the temperatures in the tunnel have gone through the roof. Tomatoes prefer a temperature of around 70 degrees and up to about 75 or 76 degrees. Once you hit *0, then they stop growing, so any greenhouses must be well ventilated and shaded. For the large greenhouse I always paint the glass with greenhouse shading – a specially produced 'paint' that is a lot like whitewash.

I have tried watering down white emulsion to try and save a bit of money in the past, but it isn't anywhere near as good as the proper thing! I chose one very

hot day to paint the glass, an even with windows and doors wide open, the temperature was the high end of the 80's. It doesn't take long to paint the glass, as I usually use a paint pad or roller on the end of a pole. By the time I had finished, the temperature in the greenhouse had already dropped over ten degrees.

There have been one or two other failures as well, but that is all part of working with nature – it will always have the upper hand. There have also been one or two self-powered failures – like one bed of onions and the calabrese. I always grow my onions and leeks from seed now (except shallots where I save some of the previous years crop for next years plants), prick the seedlings into pots and then plant out early to give them a good start. Unlike the beans I had good germination early on, so good crops of show onions, and general eating onions, sitting in trays ready for planting. I was left with one variety sitting in the greenhouse, and wondered why. I had planted more than enough beds up and didn't want any more, so wondered where I had gone wrong. Back to the seed packets and catalogues, only to find out that one of the beds had been meticulously planted with spring onions, which I had sown by mistake as 'normal' onions, whilst the trays remaining were the ones that should have been planted. By the time I realised my mistake the spring onions were well established, so rather than pulling them out, I interplanted with the right ones and gradually thinned the spring onions out for salads. They are now too big (and too hot) for their main purpose, but waste not want not, as they are chopped and thrown into the stir fry instead. I also had a major failing in the calabrese department. Again, the sowing went well and there were plenty of good strong healthy plants looking to go into the ground. The Assistant head gardener did query the number, but I assured her that they were for different maturing times and that we would have calabrese throughout the summer. She wasn't convinced and so I went ahead with the planting. We now have three whole beds of maturing calabrese – all at the same time – so some sixty odd heads of calabrese with a lot of smaller side shoots following on behind. There are only so many broccoli gratins that can be baked and the result put in the deep freeze for later in the year. Calabrese anyone?

Talking of failures, when we first moved to Barn Farm (over thirty years ago), I started on bringing the hedges into management and planted new ones where needed. When cutting the one hedge, I cam across a single elm. As many of you will know, these are now quite rare in the countryside as Dutch elm disease, which started in the 70's, has killed most of our elm trees. The only place you will find elm in any sort of numbers is the Isles of Scilly, which is 'up-wind' and far enough from Cornwall for the elm beetles to reach naturally and so they remain healthy. Beetles become infected with the disease which they carry in their mouth parts, spreading it as they bore into the trees to lay their eggs. The trees in effect kill themselves as they block their essential vessels off in an effort to stop the disease

spreading, but in effect they kill the tree above the blockage. This is why so many elms which stay alive below the infection, send new suckers out – only for these to also die some twenty years later when the young trees become large enough to be of interest to the beetles again. Brighton had also done a good job in protecting their numbers of really large mature elm by felling every tree, infected or not, outside in the countryside to create a ‘cordon sanitaire’ wide enough that infected beetles couldn’t travel across the gap. Unfortunately, I see that they have lost their long-standing battle as some of their precious elms have succumbed to the disease after all this time. Anyway, going back to our elm, I left it to grow because of its rarity. It was never going to make a pretty looking tree as it has struggled to survive with an ash and oak as close neighbours, but I thought it might last long enough to take over from one of the other’s in time. Sadly, this has not been the case, as this year it has shown the tell-tale signs of getting the disease and is slowly dying. This is a surprise as I’m not aware of any other elms anywhere near, so it does make you wonder where the beetles with their infected mouths have actually come from! It became a sobering thought that, when I first started my forestry career back in 1974, one of the first jobs I had was working on an estate in Somerset, where we were regularly felling large elms that had died as a result of the disease. Here I am, nearly fifty years on and coming to the end of my career (I’m semi-retired but still work half time for the Forestry Commission in England), where we are now losing all of our ash due to Chalara ash dieback – both diseases brought into the country from (ultimately) Asia. I wonder which tree species will be next which leads me on to a plea – please don’t buy any imported trees – always home grown. We already have oak processionary moth in the SE, which leads to a public health issue (the caterpillars shed their hairs, which can spell trouble for those of us already suffering with asthma). The biggest threat by far though is a disease carried on olive trees, so please don’t be tempted to buy any other than those guaranteed to have been grown in this country. I can’t even pronounce the name of the disease – let alone spell it without access to Forest Research papers – but suffice to say that if it does arrive in this country, then be prepared to lose nearly all of our trees as it takes no prisoners and can affect ALL woody species. A treeless Britain? Fortunately, not something I will see in my lifetime, but maybe our grandchildren’s.

I digress. Less of this doom and gloom, this is meant to be a gardening page. So, what’s happening at present. Well we are reaching the point where most things are in the ground and growing – kind of – sorry I’ve got to think positive thoughts now! Most things are doing well and we have been eating our own produce pretty well every day. New potatoes are being dug in the large greenhouse and the potatoes outside have now fully recovered from being singed by the May frosts.

The earlies will be dug in about four weeks-time, which is when we get to the end of those in the greenhouse. The main crop will stay until about August. Broad beans, snap and mangetout peas and French beans give a nice bit of variety between the endless calabrese – I know – that is my fault, and the salad crops are well on the way, although we have been cutting our own lettuce for at least six weeks and have had three or four of our own cucumbers in the last fortnight. Shortly it will be time to dig up our garlic and shallots, and once removed the beds will be planted up with winter greens, which are coming on nicely in the large greenhouse. The Brussel sprouts have been in growing for several weeks as they take longer to mature, but this time I've tried something different, by planting them at wider spacing, and planting summer cabbages and cauliflowers in between. As you may have picked up from previous articles, I grow the greens under fine meshed netting in order to keep the pests off, which works very well, so by trying this, I'm hoping to maximise production. The summer crops, will be harvested, leaving the sprouts to carry on to winter.

In the fruit garden we have all but finished picking strawberries. With the wet weather rot, slugs and mice are beating us to the last of the berries, so I have virtually given up on them now. Instead, our attention has turned to our raspberries, blueberries and black currants, which have now taken over from the strawberries. The first blueberry and raspberry jelly has already hit the dining table and boy, was it good! Once these crops finish, the final event will be the cultivated blackberries, which hopefully will come in about time for the various apples we grow. That said, we have noticed that blackberries seem to be getting earlier each year – long before the first cooking apple is anywhere near big enough to harvest. Most will end up in the deep freeze until we can mix with the cookers – one of my favourite puddings.

The bees have been a real challenge this year with the first swarms back at the end of April. May was a bit quieter, with just one swarm – but this was one of those that had a mind of its own. I pretty well knew that when I shook the swarm out of the trees and into the collecting box, only for the bees after a couple of hours, to go back into the tree again. I shook them off again and this time they stayed in the box. That evening I moved them to where I was going to place them, and transferred them into a proper hive. The following morning, I went back to feed them and get them settled, only find that they had done a 'runner'. There's gratitude for you. I have had one more swarm which took to the hive immediately, but lost another since. Hopefully there won't be any more as I am now out of spare hives. I will try and combine some of the colonies later in the year when I see how they are performing, but I have never been that successful when doing this. Ultimately you combine a swarm, with another hive that is not doing very well. For this you have to kill the weaker hive's queen (which I hate doing), put a sheet of newspaper over the top of the hive, and then put the swarm hive on top. *Continued on page 30*



Nerys's Natty Nosh

NO, I HAVE NO FLOUR BUT YES, I DO
HAVEpotatoes.

You WILL not believe it, but this cake is made from potatoes,
it is absolutely delicious, keeps moist for weeks.

Lemon potato cake

Ingredients

350g Maris potatoes

200g butter/ dairy free spread

155g caster

sugar1

1 tsp lemon

essence

Grated rind of 1

lemon

2 tsp baking

powder

4 eggs

175g ground

almonds



Method

Preheat the oven 180C/ 160C/ Gas 4.

Prepare a 20cm sprung cake tin with parchment paper.

Bake the potatoes in the microwave/ or peel, cube, and stem.

Cream the butter/ spread with the sugar, lemon essence and rind.

Rice the potatoes and when cool add to the creamed mixture.

Beat the eggs and add gradually into the mixture.

Add the ground almonds and fold in.

Add the mixture to the prepared tin.

Bake in the oven for 40 to 45 minutes.

Decorate as desired.

If you would like to see more recipes, please join me and friends on Facebook. Look for Groups and Click on Happy Recipes to Share.



HAPPY RECIPES TO SHARE

STARGAZING

Later in the evening the Summer Triangle is overhead. This is a prominent triangle formed by the bright stars Altair, to the South of the triangle, Vega, closest to the Western horizon, and Deneb, to the East. Deneb forms the tail of the cross-shaped constellation Cygnus, the Swan. From our perspective the three stars have similar brightness. However they lie at different distances from Earth. Deneb is an extremely luminous star at 1400 light years from Earth whilst Vega and Altair are less luminous and are both much closer to Earth at a distance of about 20 light years.



The familiar seven stars of Ursa Major, the Great Bear or Plough, are to be seen in the north-west, with the "W" of Cassiopeia climbing into the north-eastern sky.

The bright planet Jupiter is to the south-east at the beginning of July with somewhat fainter Saturn to its left. By August they have moved to the south. They are joined by the Full Moon on 5th July and 1st August. At the beginning of August, the slightly orange planet Mars is in the eastern sky. It is joined by the gibbous Moon on 8th August.

Fifty one years ago, on July 20, 1969, the Apollo 11 Lunar Lander descended to the surface of the Moon and Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on its surface.

James Bradley was vicar of the parish of Bridstow, near Ross-on-Wye in Monmouthshire until 1721, when he changed vocation and became a full-time astronomer. Isaac Newton considered him to be the "best astronomer in Europe" and he was eventually made Astronomer Royal. Bradley carried out measurements that proved the Earth orbits the Sun, and that led to the first estimates of the distances of stars.

A change of subject: Just in case you are not aware: if you're a member of the local library you can access digital magazines online for free. If you aren't a member you can join the library online via the Monmouthshire County Council website. Once you have a library membership number, download the RBdigital app onto your tablet, and follow the instructions. This gives you access to a lot of current magazines including Amateur Photographer, BBC Good Food, BBC Gardeners' World, BBC Wildlife, National Geographic, Sky at Night, Country Walking, Rolling Stone, MOJO, Time, Decanter, Birdwatching, Hello, etc.!



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We have already asked our staff and our volunteers to participate but to truly reflect our history, your history, we need you.

Any questions or queries, please contact enquiries@gwentarchives.gov.uk. More information on submitting the diaries will follow.

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The bees gradually chew through the paper in order to get out, they meet the others over a short period of time, but in doing so become accustomed to each other. Hopefully the weaker hive accepts the queen and they all live happily ever after as one – at least that's the theory. That doesn't always happen in practice! WE have harvested our first honey though, so that's a start. All we need now is someone to want to buy it! Please continue to keep yourselves and your families safe as and, as always happy gardening until next time. *Steve and Felicity Hunt.*

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COMPETITION WINNERS

As part of this year's International Dylan Thomas Day 8-11 year olds across Wales were invited to enter a competition to write a poem or prose entitled "My Favourite Dream" based around the Dylan Thomas' story "A Visit to Grandpa's". We were thrilled to hear this week that Bre (Year 4) was one of the winners and Lauren (Year 5) was highly commended.

Here's Bre's winning poem about his favourite pastime, gymnastics:

Wake Up and Be Awesome

I see my dreams far off in the distance.
Shouting, calling for me. Pulling me in.
The sound echoing, like a thunder cloud.
Hard to get out of my head.

Dream big, Dream huge, Dream enormous.

One mind focussed on the goals.
Preparation, training, growing strength.
Criticism, judgement and faults.
Years, flipping to perfection!

5 rings, blue, yellow, black, green and red.

Opponents Gold, silver and bronze.
Inspiration from peers,
motivation from coaches,
courage from with in.

Dream, fantasy, ambition, hope, wish, desire.

HEART SET.

By Bre aged 9 years

To read Lauren's highly commended poem and all the other winning poems:

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/dylan-thomas-prize/dylaned/8-11-year-olds-competition-2020/>

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS

Several of our pupils have been inspired by Sir Captain Tom Moore to raise money for NHS charities:-

Olivia (in Reception) has been making and selling homemade hand and body cream to overcome the problem of dry skin from so much handwashing. If you would like to support this excellent cause by buying her special cream (which I can highly recommend), please click on the link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-ross12?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=anna-ross12&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=2ea90eb0d89e4a8a8638f88b04267382

Max L (in Year 1) has been selling home baked dog treats to raise money; this is also counting towards his Beavers World/Community badge. If you would like to buy these doggie treats (they can be posted, collected or dropped off) or simply wish to donate to their Just Giving page:

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Also, George (in Year 5) has been inspired by the amazing work that the NHS are doing and is raising money by doing 1000 press ups! If you would like to show your support and spur him on to complete this challenge, please donate to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulaSiddall>

Very proud of all our pupils and their inspirational work during lockdown. Bendigedig blant!

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Hello everyone.

As we slowly emerge from lock-down unsure whether the light at the end of the tunnel is daylight or an oncoming train, the scammers have never been busier. In Mid-May Action Fraud reported that over 1,700 people had been conned out of over £3,500,000 to COVID-19-related. That's an average of over £2,000 per person.

The confusion over 'Track & Trace' has played directly into their hands! There are reports that scammers are phoning people, saying that they are from the NHS Track & Trace Team and that they have been in contact with COVID-19. They then request bank account details so that they can send out a test kit! Needless to say, this is not legitimate. And, just because you are on the alert of the COVID-19 Scams don't forget the others which are always circulating, such as the 'TV License refund', the 'Tax rebate' and so on.

It's not only direct scams. In mid-May EasyJet admitted that it was the victim of a hack in which millions of emails addresses and over 2,000 credit and debit card details were stolen. So, if you are an EasyJet customer watch your credit card bill and brace yourself for an increase in spam. For the last couple of months the magazine has been available instantly from the Church website. Now that physical deliveries have been resumed, the latest magazine will no longer be available on the website which will revert to publishing historical copies as an online archive.

In case you missed it in last month's magazine (i.e. you didn't download it from the Church website) I'll just draw your attention to the completion of the Digital Graveyard Project.

As part of the Shirenewton 800 project celebrating 800 years of Shirenewton Church, we have digitized the graveyard records. If you visit Shirenewton Church Website (www.shirenewtonchurch.com) under 'The Church' menu item you will find 'Digital Graveyard'.

This index page then points to all the records available and provides convenient links for downloading the source material or a transcribed Excel Spreadsheet of the records. There is a graveyard map with all the plot zones identified - 11 zones, with zones A to J (no I) & L being for graves and zone K being for the burial of ashes. The Excel spreadsheet is also

displayed as a table in separate webpages (one per plot zone except for a couple of the smaller zones when there are two per page) which are clearly linked.

There is also a hyperlinked PDF file of the graveyard plan which allows you to mouse over any grave in the graveyard and immediately identify the grave number and its first listed occupant. Clicking on the link will take you to the associated graveyard record in the appropriate webpage. The burial records from 1771 onwards are available and the indexed lists are courtesy of the Shirenewton Local History Society. These, I understand, are based on the records held at The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. Scanned copies of the actual current Church burial register are towards the bottom of 'The Burial Register' section on the page (look for 'Scan of the Register of Burials 1955-date') and currently comprise 43 pages – although I've just spotted a duplicate so, by the time you read this, it may only be 43 pages or another number entirely!

This overall project has taken a massive amount of work from many parties. Bill Clark coordinated the project and has done a considerable amount of transcription work to get the old paper records into an electronic format. Bill points out that Tom and Claire Lewis helped him with a lot of the legwork i.e. in going round the graves and looking at who was where, and updating the spreadsheet accordingly. And, of course, your webmaster has spent hours converting it all into webpages and cross referencing with hyperlinks to bookmarks, etc. There may well be errors in the transcription and in other areas. As I've put the webpages together and examined the data various anomalies have arisen and Bill Clark and I have made several trips to the graveyard to cross reference anomalies in the data against actual gravestones, etc. If anyone identifies any further anomalies or errors, please let us know and we'll verify and, where appropriate, rectify! Henceforth we aim to update the records annually.

As a further endeavour, I do intend to go around the graveyard and photograph each grave and post the photos linked from each plot. This will take time and I do not promise when this will happen. I'll provide updates through my standard parish magazine column on the Church website.

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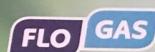
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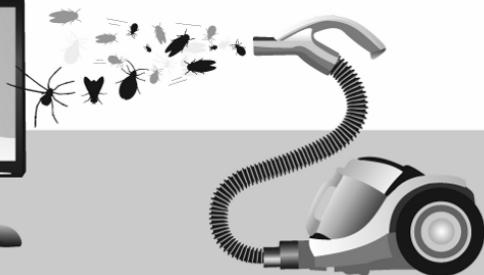


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