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Beck & Trent churches update

RESIGNATION OF CANON MARK ADAMS

Mark Adams has resigned from his position as vicar of the Beck and Trent Benefice and all other positions in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. We are now in vacancy and will start planning for the future.

In his time as vicar of the Beck and Trent Benefice Mark took on additional roles; he was area dean, then interim acting archdeacon of Newark. We thank him for all he did in the benefice particularly the introduction of several new initiatives which opened up the churches to a wider range of people. We pray for him as he takes on new challenges in the West Country and wish him well.

Starting 2021

We start the New Year with optimism. Scientific progress has been rapid and at the time of writing (the beginning of December) vaccination has just started. We can see the light ahead but it will be sometime still before we reach it. It is important that we carry the light of the good news of Christmas into the new year and use that to guide us in all the decisions we make and the many new circumstances we encounter.

A time of vacancy is never easy, but we have been through it before. It is a time when we all need to work together and support each other. We pray for vision and wisdom as we look to the future.

Churchwardens

All the parishes have elected churchwardens and they have been formally admitted to that position. They will serve until March 2021 when the next Annual Church meetings will be held. Please pray for them. It is a privilege to be able to serve the church in that way but it brings with it many responsibilities particularly in a vacancy.

Services in January

We are planning to return to the rota of services that we have been following, when we could, since we have been allowed to hold services in church. The sequence in January into February will be Norwell, Sutton, Ossington, Caunton, Carlton and Cromwell. These will be communion services at 10.30am. Details of these services are on the service page and will be publicised on the Beck and Trent website, on posters and on social media. The Beck and Trent website www.becktrent.org.uk will be regularly updated.

Please book for services through www.becktrent.org.uk/book or by ringing 01636 351 991. There will usually be something from the Potting Shed on the website.

If you need information or help of any kind do contact the parish administrator: email admin@becktrent.org.uk or hone 01636 555 082; or contact your own churchwardens.

2020 has been a sad and difficult year for many and our prayers are with you.

AS 2021 BEGINS WE WISH YOU ALL PEACE AND GOOD HEALTH

From the church

New Year's expectations!

I once heard a speaker who said how terrible last year had been for her, and how she was hoping this year would be a bit better. We can probably all empathise – 2020 has been terrible and we think 2021 has to be an improvement!

The speaker asked the question 'but what if it isn't? What would that do to your faith?' At the start of a new year we can be full of hope and optimism, ready to receive God's blessings for us in the year. However the reality is that for some of us, maybe many of us, 2021 may not be a golden year, or even a great year; it might be another difficult one. So what is that going to do to our faith?

We all know theoretically that the Christian life is about choosing the narrow road, and picking up our cross, but we prefer to think that it means God blessing us with every material and spiritual blessing and fulfilling our every want, not our every need. We need to focus on living out God's plan for His Kingdom, and for us.

Tough times will come. Not every year is an amazing year and not even royalty are exempt from all the tough stuff in life (remember the Queen's annus horribilis – although not many of us would say it in Latin!).

Yet God is faithful, faithful in the little things and faithful in the big things. The year may not be brilliant, but somehow God is still good. The author of love continues to love us and strengthen us as we lean on him and depend on him.

Romans 8 tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. To paraphrase a bit, the pandemic can't do it or financial hardship, or redundancy, or divorce, or illness, or loss, or stress, or demons, or disaster. The psalms tell us that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; Lamentations tells us His mercies are new every morning.

We often sing the hymn 'Great is thy Faithfulness' which contains the line 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'. Even if this year is tough, we go into it with God, and He will not leave us in our difficulties. We will never go it alone when we trust in God to see this year through with us, whatever it holds.

Blessings to you all in 2021.

Revd Sarah Patten

Principal for Wellbeing & Ministry Development, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

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Norwell	Elizabeth Jones 636365	
Ossington	Jane & Robin Drury 07951 439840	

SUNDAYS	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	St Giles' Cromwell	St Andrew's Cauntton
First 3 January Christmas 2			10.30am Holy Communion			
Second 10 January Epiphany 1	10.30am Holy Communion					
Third 17 January Epiphany 2				10.30am Holy Communion		
Fourth 24 January Epiphany 3						10.30am Holy Communion
Fifth 31 January Epiphany 4		10.30am Holy Communion				
First 7 February 2 Before Lent					10.30am Holy Communion	

From the registers

Funerals (between 15 Nov and 10 Dec)

St Mary's, Carlton on Trent	Dennis Barker	24 November 2020
Holy Rood, Ossington	William Allan Wilson	25 November 2020
All Saints', Sutton on Trent	Barbara Winifred Hardwick	27 November 2020
St Laurence's, Norwell	Annie (Nancy) Read	8 December 2020

Cremation

Sherwood Forest	Ken Crampton (Norwell)	24 November 2020
Sherwood Forest	Peter Cranidge (Norwell)	26 November 2020

Interment of ashes

St Laurence's Norwell	Peter Cranidge	4 December 2020
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*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40 v 31

An inspiring verse for the new year – hold on to it.

Juvenile Bald Eagle. Photo: Nathan Rolis/Audubon



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A big thank you to all our customers from all the staff and myself for your continued support throughout the year and for your patience with the Covid restrictions we have needed to impose.

Although very different from normal I hope your Christmas was a happy and peaceful time despite the ongoing restrictions.

With anticipation of a less restrictive time in 2021 wishing you all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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New Year Opening Hours		
Thursday	31 December	7.00am-3.00pm
New Year's Day	1 January	Closed
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Sunday	3 January	8.00 am-12.00 noon
Monday	4 January	7.30am-10.00am
Tuesday	5 January	7.30am-5.00pm
Wednesday	6 January	7.30am-12.00 noon
Thursday	7 January	7.30am-5.00pm
Friday	8 January	7.30am-5.00pm

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Best Wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Brenda Thomas

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NATURE *Watch*

January is a particularly good month to observe the iconic but invasive grey squirrel, particularly on warmer days, where they often dig up their food caches.

Squirrels have excellent spatial memories and can roughly remember where they stored their food. They must rely on their keen sense of smell however to determine its final location. If summer months are plentiful, squirrels can cache up to three years' worth of food requirements and studies suggest that the tannin content of nuts may influence whether they are eaten straight away or cached. Tannins are quite toxic for squirrels, so they use their smell to determine the tannin content of the nut prior to storing. Seeds with high tannin contents are stored, allowing time for the tannins to leach out of the nuts, making them less toxic when eaten.

Squirrels are impressive acrobats and January is the time when this is most evident – the breeding season. They have double-jointed ankles, allowing their feet to face both forwards and backwards – a perfect adaption for tree climbing. You will often see males chasing females up and down sheer tree trunks. If a squirrel should fall, it can land safely on the ground from heights of about 9m (30ft) and can leap more than six metres between trees!

I have lost many a bird feeder to the sharp teeth of the squirrel; I do however have a soft spot for this entertaining and mischievous rodent.

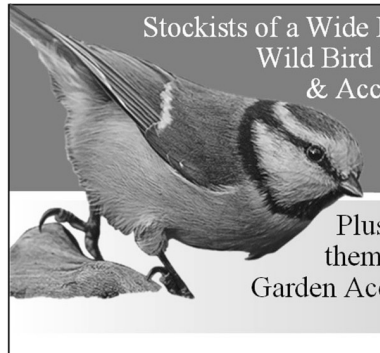
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Grey squirrel
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BIRD *Watch*

As I write this, snow is falling and birds are in a frenzy at the feeding points. The instinct to eat while food is still available is inbuilt, and the current generations of native birds will probably not have come across snow. We have not had a proper covering since 2010.

Two notable sightings occurred over Ossington in late November. A skein of pink-footed geese passed at an unusually low height and it is probable that they were late migrants who had become disorientated by fog or mist and were flying at a height which allowed them to recover their course. However, it was their tail-end Charlie which provided the greater surprise. A "huge white bird", identified as a great white egret, was following the geese at a discreet distance and it is interesting to wonder if this bird was also lost and adopted the leading goose as a pilot.

Though great white egret have been seen in a number of sites in Nottinghamshire during November and their numbers are increasing, the overwintering population in this country is still small enough for them to be a rare sight. About the size of the grey heron, they are noticeably larger than the more widely distributed little egret and have black legs and a yellow bill. A farmer in a neighbouring village told me that once or twice he has found pink-footed geese alighting on his fields during fog.

The huge number of starling seems to have moved on from the airfield, but not before they provided a spectacular show for many observers, and flocks of linnets have taken their place.

One wet field in the area has recently held up to 30 snipe, an unusually large gathering, but at this time of year our dwindling population is boosted by visitors from Scandinavia. The red kite are still to be seen regularly and it seems likely that if they have not already bred in these parts they will soon do so.

Peter Geldart

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Pink-footed goose
(image from
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Great white egret
(image from
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Snipe
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Caunton church news

At this time of year I'm normally reporting on several events that would already have taken place in the run up to Christmas whilst still looking forward to those yet to take place. How different this year! No Christmas Fair. No W.I. History and Garden Society dinners. No village carol singing, school or church carol services. And no Crib service or Midnight Mass! From the church's point of view, it has certainly been a trying year. Let's hope that as we enter 2021 we'll be able to come together in worship more than at the moment, and hopefully by the end of the year, we'll be able to celebrate Christmas in all its glory.



It has been a unique year, yet through all that has happened, it has been so heartwarming to see how the village has pulled together to keep our community safe. A smile, phone call or a wave have meant so much. So many helping others in true acts of kindness!

The Plough, Beck and Floral Media have had to come up with very innovative ideas at what must be a very trying time for their businesses – much to the delight of thankful villagers.

It just goes to show – you don't have to be a Christian to do Christian things.

Caroline, Irene and the PCC wish everyone all the very best for 2021. Happy New Year!

Irene Crossley

Church Cleaning

Sat 2 Jan – Keith and Sandra

Sat 16 Jan – Pat & Irene

Sat 6 Feb – Sharon & Andrew

Christmas Trees

As I'm retiring as a gamekeeper at the end of this season, I won't be collecting Christmas trees from Caunton and Norwell. I wish to thank everyone who had dragged their trees to the lay-by in Caunton and the Pinfold in Norwell ready for collection. I really appreciated your support over the years.

Jim



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Caunton community news

Caunton magazine editor

Having been Caunton editor of the Parish Magazine for 20 years, it's now time to pass it on to someone else. I was originally going to finish at the beginning of 2020 but a certain event put paid to that! I will be finishing after I've edited the March magazine (i.e. after 15 February). It's not an onerous job – just collating the articles from different sources and you don't necessarily have to live in the village. So if you feel you'd like to take it on or would like more info, then please contact me on 639123 or 07814 709969.

Irene Crossley

Thank you Irene for your support and encouragement, and for remaining involved somewhat longer than you intended. It is much appreciated.

– Chris Senior, General Editor

Caunton Local History Society

Happy New Year!

Caunton Local History Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month and we welcome visitors and people who might consider joining us. Our normal schedule is to have meetings at Dean Hole School at 7.30pm during the first and last four months of the year. From May to August it has been our practice to run trips to places that have vaguely historical connections. Speakers have been booked for the indoor meetings and we'd be happy to receive suggestions for the summer trips.

We are scheduled to hold our AGM on 12 January. As I write this in early December we do not know what Tier we will be in for Covid regulations, so who knows? If we cannot hold the AGM on the 12th we will rearrange it for a later date.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the festive season and we hope to see you when meetings start again.

Brian Robins

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Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

Children at Dean Hole C of E Primary enjoyed a Christmas-themed day, making Christmas decorations and mementos, etc, while listening to Christmas carols in the background. Fun and merriment was had by one and all.

Our children and parents at Dean Hole, always mindful that many families face difficult times at Christmas, donated non-perishable foods, tinned products and toiletries etc, all of which was given to the Newark Foodbank.

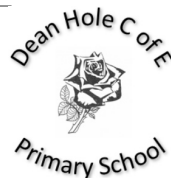
Our School Council organised a Christmas Jumper Day, when children came to school wearing Christmas jumpers and each child donated a £1 to the Save The Children charity. There was a virtual Santa dash, finger knitting, jumper buntings and doilies, etc.

At Dean Hole we love going to the Panto every year but as we couldn't do so this year, the children instead enjoyed a virtual panto – Cinderella. This was followed by a Christmas Party, Christmas Dinner and a movie afternoon, after which we broke up for our Christmas holidays.

The New Year sees the launch of our popular Caunton 10 20 30 Challenge. This involves trying to walk or run 10, 20, 30 or more miles in January 2021. Prizes are awarded for the furthest adult and child miles with medals for all entrants. To sign up please email: friendsofcauntonpta@gmail.com.

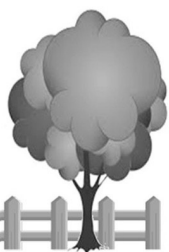
It is a fun and supportive way to get fit in the new year. We would love to have some more members, so do come and join us. Thank you.

Finally, we would like to wish everybody a Happy and Peaceful New Year from all the staff, pupils and parents at Dean Hole School.



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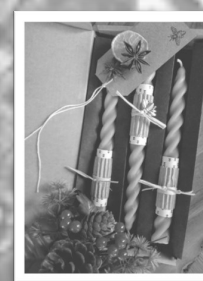
Trees



Tapered



Pillar



Spiral

Cromwell community news

Minerals Local Plan (MLP). The plan was sent to the Secretary of State for consideration with a public enquiry following on. This had to be held "virtually" during October and it resulted in some small changes. The anticipated tonnages of aggregate from each quarry were deleted from the text and the recent extension to the Cromwell quarry was recognised with the closure date for the quarry put back to 2023. After this date no further quarrying is to be expected in this parish provided there is no further change to the MLP.

Planning. The application for a dwelling on land to the rear of "The Croft" (20/01878/RMA) was passed by N&SDC with a restriction on any future extension.

Litter. There have been complaints about the "fly-tipping" visible over the fence at the lay-by outside the Cemex quarry. After investigation the land has been identified as in the possession of Highways England. Cemex, who have been quite helpful, have asked them to do something about it. N&SDC cannot touch anything on private land.

When the next Parish Meeting can be called would seem to depend upon the progress of the pandemic. If anyone has anything which needs to be discussed or which requires urgent action please contact cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com or phone 821311.

Dave Swift, Chairman

Cromwell Messenger

To share news and information with the village please contact Tracy Koefoed who runs the Village Messenger service: tracykoefoed77@gmail.com or 07788 313620.



Cromwell Village Hall

Sadly, due to the current restrictions, the Village Hall is not allowed to open for the foreseeable future.

Once Boris has given us the go ahead, our doors will be flung open to welcome you to enjoy our lovely little hall! We will notify our regular users and put a message out through the messenger and Facebook.

If anyone needs any help over the festive period then please contact Jo Myers on 07711 177194 or Claire Davies on 07796 133656.

We would like to wish everyone in our parishes a very Merry Christmas and the healthiest of New Years!

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Norwell church news

January is traditionally the time when we look back on the old year and forward to the new. 2020 in Norwell church has been unlike any other. Our last 'normal' service was at the beginning of March. Since then we have experienced the constraints put on us by Covid-19. Our services were reduced to one communion service every six weeks as services rotated round the benefice. Some of the services were online, others were in church with social distancing. It was all very strange. It was a great sadness that we could not be together in fellowship and friendship. It has been a very isolating time for many and we want to reassure you that the warmth is still there even though we can't express it. The strangeness of the year was also increased by the absence and then resignation of our vicar, Mark Adams. We shall miss his contributions to parish life and we pray for him as he starts a new year in the west country.



Another sadness is the many deaths that there have been at the end of 2020 in Norwell and in the surrounding villages. We offer our sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing the grief of loss. We pray that you will find comfort and hope at such a difficult and lonely time.

Christmas will have been celebrated in church on Christmas Eve and at the moment (beginning of December) we are still exploring ways of making that as joyful as possible

So, what do we look ahead to in 2021? It will be a time to trust and hope. We rejoice that scientists across the world have brought vaccination to us. We do give thanks for the scientists and NHS workers, and all the others involved who have made this possible. In the short term it will not make much difference to the way in which we are able to gather in church. Our first service in 2021 will be at 10.30am on Sunday 3 January. As before, you need to book for the service: please see details in Beck and Trent update or contact the churchwarden on 01636 636 365 or email emjones.norwell@btinternet.com. The church will continue to be open for prayer and quiet contemplation on other Sundays between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Things may change so please always check for updated information on the Beck and Trent website, on posters and on social media.

Finally, as we look ahead we wish you all a year that will be hopeful and healthy, and filled with blessings.

We did remember them

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I thank the people of Norwell, Ossington and the surrounding villages for their support and generous donations to the Poppy Appeal at Remembrance time.

Special thanks go to Brenda and helpers at the shop, and Mel and Linda at the Plough Inn. I also thank the Church Council of St Laurence for donating the collection from the outside Remembrance Service. **£651.43 was raised in the village.**

Thank you all once again. *P. W. Dobbs.*

Norwell community news

Norwell Parish Council

I'm pleased to say we have recently heard that we have been given the funding for two new village signs. I said this would only go ahead at no cost to the Village and I'd like to thank Bruce Laughton, our County Councillor, who provided money to close the gap to what was needed. As we only have funding for two signs we will have to decide where the signs should be placed. Once we have made a suggestion this has to be agreed by Nottinghamshire County Council Highways department.

The next step is to decide on the design of the sign. If you have ideas as to what you would like included please do email me at the address below. I'll be taking input widely from residents and will be interested to hear your ideas on design and where they should be placed.

With the support of the Parish Council, a working party has been set up to improve the facilities in the Play Park. If you would like to get involved please contact Luke Robins on luke.robins@outlook.com.

I hope you all enjoyed the village Christmas Tree and I'd like to thank everyone involved in making sure the tree was bought and installed. It was a big tree and it takes considerable organisation. It's an example of the work which goes on behind the scenes to help make this village work and while I could fill a page with other examples I'd just like to thank those who take the time to clear the leaves from our pavements which makes it so much easier to walk in the village in the winter. I'd also like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors. The role is completely voluntary and they give a considerable amount of their time, dedicated to the wellbeing of everyone who lives in our village.

John Hobson Chair Norwell Parish Council

johnhobsonnorwell@btinternet.com

Nancy Read 1919-2020

Nancy died on 20 November 2020 at the age of 101. There can be few in Norwell who do not have memories of this remarkable lady. She was regularly to be seen tending her garden with great care or walking round the allotments proffering advice. She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. We shall all miss her and extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Thank you, Nancy, for being an example to us all.

Heartfelt thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who offered their condolences, either by letter, card or verbally for the passing of Ken. I have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and by their beautiful words.
Sue Crampton

Norwell Primary School



We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas! We would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets for the hampers: funds raised allow us to buy special things for the children throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term filled with exciting new challenges and learning! Across the key stages all the children will be developing their scientific and geographical skills and knowledge.

In Key Stage 1 our topic is 'Why don't meerkats live in the North and South Poles?' where they will look at the difference between hot and cold places and the animals that can live there.

In Key Stage 2 the topic is 'What lies beneath our feet' which looks at the rocks, fossils and soils before leading us on a voyage to find out about earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes!

The children in Year 3 will also be starting their Forest School mornings this term! These sessions will be spent developing skills and teamwork in an outdoor environment. Let's hope the weather is kind to them or they may have to learn to develop resilience also!

Swimming at Newark Leisure Centre will also continue for the children in year 4,5 and 6 until Feb half term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone on Monday 4 January.

*Best wishes
Kathryn King*

A Lockdown Oddity

One of my sons loved listening to Asterix tales when he was very young. I was reminded of one of the tales called Asterix and the Chariot Race (Asterix el la Transitalique 2017)

The story went according to the usual plan – the Gauls outsmarting the rest of the cosmopolitan field, particularly the Romans, much to the intense frustration of Caesar himself. However it wasn't until I was quite a few pages into the story that the penny dropped. The name of the Romans' chief participant and favourite to win by hook or by crook and roared on by the local crowds was Coronavirus!!!! He lost in the end.

Roy Pilgrim

Norwell Parish Heritage Group



The alternative Christmas Party

It should have been riddles, ruses and rhymes, but we didn't get very far with the ruses and rhymes because we got carried away with the riddles – from Anglo-Saxon, via Jane Austen to Christmas crackers and even some very modern ones for 2020. We didn't appoint a Lord of misrule as has been customary in the past as we really didn't need to. Thank you to everyone who was brave enough to join this Zoom party. We even managed to share some music mentioned in a scurrilous poem about Southwell Minster written in Norwell in 1608. It mentioned that once a year the organist in the Minster played Sellinger's Round, a country dance which was the 17th century equivalent of pop music. If you want to hear what it sounded and looked like just Google Sellinger's Round!

What is in store for 2021?

Since the party worked it seems that it should be possible to have some zoom meetings next year until we are let out again. Several of the speakers we had lined up have already prepared online material so we are proposing to plan a new programme online until we can revert to some kind of normality.

All good wishes for 2021 – we wait to see what it will bring. Will it be as memorable as 2020?

Village hall

Lucky number winner

Number 86 was the winning number for October. Congratulations to Adam and Kris Gries.

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Ossington community news

From the Church

Although we were unable to have our annual traditional Carol Service this year, it was very pleasing to be able to hold both a Sunday service and Holy Communion on Christmas morning last month. Many thanks to Robin and Jane our church wardens for continuing to make the church a safe and welcoming place, and for decorating the church for Christmas.



The next service at Holy Rood will be Holy Communion taking place on Sunday 17 January at 10.30am.

Parish Meeting – by Zoom

In order to set the Ossington precept for the financial year 2021-2022, it is necessary to hold a formal meeting. It is of course not possible to contemplate an alfresco gathering as happened last autumn, and so the Parish Meeting will be held online by Zoom on Monday 11th January at 7.30 p.m. In order to attend, residents will need to download the Zoom app on their chosen device, and email Janet Carr (jecarr@live.co.uk) for a Zoom meeting invitation beforehand.

The pandemic has caused huge changes to many things, and a meeting by Zoom is not necessarily ideal. It will be a steep learning curve for all but means that legal requirements can be fulfilled. The advantage is that it will be possible to 'attend' at home, which may make it easier for some. Please do attend if you can!

Salt supply

With winter now upon us, please remember that the village salt supply for spreading on any particularly icy places on the roads is kept at Home Farm. Please contact Robert Wilson on 01636 821265 if required.

The turn of the year

January is the month that was dedicated by the Romans to Janus, the deity who kept the gate of Heaven. He had two faces and could look back over the past year and forward to the new year. During the current situation, looking forward is definitely preferable to looking back!

It is traditional for church bells to be rung at New Year, but like so much else ringing of church bells has mostly not been possible since the start of the first lockdown. As ringing chambers are often in enclosed church towers with very little natural ventilation it has not been safe to do so. There was a slight relaxation allowed over the Christmas period but sadly New Year ringing will not happen this time. Bell ringers, like everyone else, hope that life will return to some version of normality during 2021!

So instead of the sound of pealing bells at midnight, here is Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem instead. Written in 1850, on the death of Tennyson's sister's fiancé at the young age of 22 years, it is now usually associated with the new year and the hope for new beginnings – quite apt in current circumstances:

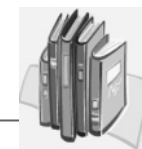
Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Here's hoping that the 'old shapes of foul disease' really are behind us during the course of 2021 and that the new year is healthier and happier for all!



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Book Club

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A complete contrast on 27 January when our choice will be a compelling Australian thriller, The Lost Man by Jane Harper.

Happy New Year!

More information about the Book Club from Helen 636337.

RAIN Watch

November was a notably dry month and the driest November since I started recording in 2006. We had 2.6 cm (1.1 in) – 43% of the average November rainfall and less than a fifth of the rain we had November 2019 when we had that terribly wet autumn. That is not the full story however, because it actually rained on 15 days of the month, but drizzly amounts not adding up to big totals.

Andrew Ward

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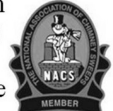
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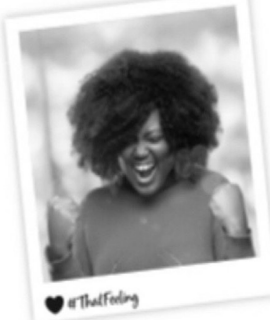
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