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Christmas Fayre

fun for all the family

Sat 18th November

11am - 2pm

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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

The use of the common cup has been restored, and communicants are free to decide if they wish to receive from this or not.

Please be assured that Communion is received in full with just the wafer (host). Please note that dipping the wafer in the chalice is not permitted.

First Sundays 4pm Messy Church

A time of worship based on craft activities, singing and stories, followed by food. Ideal for families.

Tuesday Morning prayer 10am

A 30min service of prayer on Zoom continues each week gathering at 09.50 for a 10am start. All Welcome.

Contact church office for Link.

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion

Now taking place in the Parish Room

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

10am Mass and Remembrance Service

12pm Service at the War Memorial Littlemoor

6pm Service of Memory and Hope (see p14)



From the vicar: peace

From Revd Rhoda



As I write this, the news continues to be full of the shocking pictures of the Hamas incursion into Israel and the resulting Israeli bombardment of Gaza. It feels like we are powerless to do anything, and lots of the possible outcomes make us increasingly anxious.

At our October meeting of the governing body for our Diocese (Synod), the agenda included the existential threat of the climate emergency and the National Church commitment to aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. This is so important, yet it seems so unattainable, especially when we look around at our church building here in Newbold with its drafty windows and roof and consider the environmental impact of heating it, let alone the financial costs, and then multiply that by all the churches in the Diocese and the whole of England.

And there are many other big picture things that have us worried—and that's before we get to the day to day worries of our individual lives—health concerns, the cost-of-living crisis, and many other things.

On the 19th Sunday of Trinity our readings included the letter of Paul to the little church at Philippi. Paul wrote:

"Do not worry about anything," or "be anxious for nothing" "bring your requests to God, and God's peace will guard your heart and mind" "rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Paul's words echo those of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, where five times Jesus tells his followers Don't worry-- "Don't worry about your life." Don't worry about food. Don't worry about clothes.

Don't worry about money or tomorrow. Don't worry about anything at all, for God knows what you need.

How can we live as those free of anxiety and full of peace and joy? Is it possible to radiate genuine peace and joy and not just be putting on a brave face? It's way easier said than done, but it must be possible nonetheless, or else Jesus and Paul wouldn't have said it.

*The Peace of God, which
passes all understanding,
guard your hearts
and minds.*

Phil 4.7

I think the first thing to remember is that the presence of peace and joy does not require the absence of fears and worries. The apostle Paul admitted to his "conflicts without and fears within". People living at that time had health and financial worries, and the problems of occupying rulers, and in that place at that time, there was the added dimension of the danger in being Christian. In addition, we heard that there was a big disagreement between people in the church.

And we all know the truth that peace and joy doesn't require favourable circumstances — rich people can be miserable and poor people can radiate joy. It's often one of the things that our bishops and church leaders note when they travel in the two-thirds world--why are these people, in such abysmal circumstances, so joyful? And why am I, so privileged, agitated and empty?

But, as I mentioned, peace and joy are not emotions that we manufacture by willing ourselves into a good mood.

Paul says that they are a gift from God when we bring our requests to God in prayer. He tells us to pray for everything. Sometimes we imagine that God is too big to be interested or concerned about the trivial things that bother us. But, remember that God is our Father—and as parents with children know, all their little triumphs and disappointments, their passing cuts and bruises are important to us. So it is with God, there is nothing too small for his fatherly care.

So, when we are anxious and worried this month by the multitude of things that bombard us, let's try doing this—pray to God, bringing everything that's bothering us to him, and then let his peace guard our hearts and minds.

The blessing taken from the words of St Paul's letters to the Philippians and Ephesians:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Rhoda +

Churchwarden's Corner

From Richard Peet



We are now in the month of November where we look forward to a number of services which are not related to Trinity or ordinary time.

The trees are nearly bare, red and gold and brown leaves scatter everywhere. The night comes early, and dawn comes late.

The solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe commonly referred to as the **Feast of Christ the King**. This is a feast in the liturgical year which emphasises the true Kingdom of Christ and takes place this year on Sunday 26 November.

All Saints Day takes place on 1st November and **All Souls** on 2nd November.

All Saints Day has a variety of names and is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints and martyrs of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

All Souls Day is a day to commemorate the faithful departed.

Remembrance Sunday takes place on Sunday 12 November this year church.

Ceremonies take place on 11th November, the day that World War One ended, with the country falling silent at 11am for a period of reflection. The truce was agreed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November at 10am.

At 12pm, on the same day, a service is taking place at the War Memorial near Ridgewood House at the top end of Littlemoor led by our Vicar Rhoda.

In the evening we will be remembering all those whose funeral services we have taken over the last year, in a “**Service of Memory and Hope**”. We invite family members to join us as we read names and light candles.

On Saturday 18 November we will be holding our annual **Christmas Bazaar**, between 11am-2pm in church with refreshments available in the Parish Room.

This is also an opportunity for the church and community to come together and enjoy each other’s company and socialise.

Do not forget that on **SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER** at 2am the **clocks will go back one hour**. This marks the end of British summer time (BST) and we return to Greenwich mean time (GMT). We will have less daylight but do gain an extra hour of sleep that night!

Church life is very busy in November, and we will also, dare I say, be preparing for Christmas services in the month of December.

Please remember to pray for each other, love each other and care for each other.

Our Diocese celebrates its centenary in 2027 and as part of the preparation for this they are encouraging us all to pray this prayer:

*Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives
through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.
Amen.*

Diocese of Derby monthly message for November 2023

From The Venerable Karen Hamblin



Every day, my phone sends me a ‘memories’ montage or a ‘featured photo’ from my gallery and very often, in a moment’s pause in my day, I’ll look and be reminded of people, places and events some of which may have faded in my mind, and smile or ponder.

November is, in many ways, a remembering month. Nationally, we pause on the 11th and again on Remembrance Sunday itself, and also on November 1st, All Saints Day, as we remember those who have walked the path of faith before us, some giants of the faith and others known to us personally. Many churches hold special services to remember the faithful departed at this time and that can bring a mixed bag of reaction in the midst of being helpful, especially if memory is jagged or bruised or grief is raw.

November also marks the transition from autumn to winter, the blaze of colour turning to a soggy mush of decaying leaves and debris (that threaten to clog drains and gutters as the season changes), moving us to let go of summer and prepare for winter, psychologically and maybe with a hint of anxiety as we see how long we can go without putting the heating on and step into ever-shortening days.

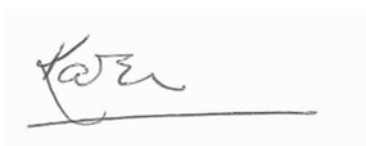
And yet we know that the seasonal cycle will repeat, sadly with greater variation as the climate changes, but spring will come

again and so we, almost without realising it, set our hearts and minds to take stock, to remember and to draw strength from the certainties of life as we live with change.

Some of the Old Testament psalms (poems) do just that and it's a way of building hope for the future. Psalm 136 reminds us repeatedly as it remembers history, events and stories, of the deepest truth: God's 'steadfast love endures forever'. That line repeats at every verse, all 26 of them, driving home the fact.

Remembering is usually far from straight-forward and it can be incredibly painful. But, as we remember and reflect, let's take time to recognise and give thanks for the thread of God's steadfast love for each and every one of us that weaves its way through our stories, individual and collective – a love that 'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, a love that never ends'. That's the love that is the Kingdom of God, good news for all, that meets us in Jesus.

May you be able to recognise and know that for yourself in this season of remembrance and on into the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Venerable Karen Hamblin
Archdeacon of East Derbyshire





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Through a glass darkly?

From Hilary Barnes

If there's one thing I really miss when we're on holiday, it's our bedside clock with its large, illuminated numbers that I can read easily in the middle of the night without my glasses on. When we were away recently, I became aware one night of increased noise levels from neighbouring rooms and wondered what time it was. I took my wristwatch over to the night-light and panicked to see that it was eight o'clock – the alarm hadn't gone off and we were in danger of missing out on breakfast! I switched on the main light to wake Chris up, only to discover that I had been holding my watch upside down and it was actually only ten past six! I needn't have worried about waking Chris up, as he continued to snore very loudly until the alarm went off at seven.

It did make me think, though, about how we often jump to the wrong conclusions when we are scrabbling around in the dark; and how we need the light to give us the true picture. We will soon be in the season of Advent, with all those wonderful readings about the "people walking in darkness" and "the light of Christ has come into this world," and wouldn't it be wonderful if we could really experience the alarm call that Christ can be for us. Whether it is



eight o'clock, or ten past six, Christ wants us to rouse ourselves from sleep, and spend time in his presence.

Newbold Women's Group Meeting, 4 October 2023

From Wendy Drake – Committee Member

The group was entertained by speaker Alva de Chiro who gave an enlightening talk based on her late husband Biajjo's, early life. Born in Caserta in Southern Italy, he was sent away to a Mussolini College at the age of 8, which was considered an honour at that time, but it was 469 miles from home. Needless to say, he was very homesick having enjoyed a happy family life up until then.

The talk was entitled 'War and Survival – A Boy's Story,' and Alva recounted that during the war, Biajjo was taken on by a partisan farming family living near Lake Garda and close to the college. One of his vivid memories was being taken by the family to Milan in 1945, when Mussolini and other Fascists were publicly executed in the town square. Food had been scarce and one day, encountering a lorry delivering melons, which had travelled from near to his home in Caserta, he managed to get a lift. His own family were of course delighted to see him, having thought him dead.

He studied book-keeping at school and spotting an advert for workers needed in England between the ages of 21 and 40, he found employment at the Coalite factory in Chesterfield. This proved to be a bit of a shock to the system having previously been used to an Italian climate!

At the weekly local dance, he met Alva, and they were married 4 years later. Biajjo's family were not able to be present at the wedding in October 1959, but sent across 2 sprigs of Orange Blossom as a reminder of life in Italy, and Alva was sent a brooch to wear on her wedding dress. Biajjo found different employment, firstly as a Rent Collector and an Arrears Officer, and then as an Official Interpreter.

Together with a baby son, the couple made their first visit back to Italy in 1961, which Alva found a little tricky – she was unable to converse with the new family, but did learn about Italian cookery and, very quickly! With a second son, the family returned to Italy sometime later and attempted to find both the farm near Garda, and the Mussolini College, which still bore the original fascist emblem of ‘La Fascia.’ The whole trauma of those early war years obviously left an impact on Biajjo, as Alva mentioned that it took 10 years of married life before he was actually able to open up to her about his experiences. Biajjo died in 2001, but Alva has some wonderful memories, photos, and keepsakes from their life together and, she learnt to speak Italian!

Our next meeting is to be held at **Walton Golf Club on 1 November**, when as a group, we shall be enjoying our annual meal out.

The Christmas Celebration will follow on 6 December in the Parish Room at St John’s Church.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the group do feel free to speak to Trish, Marilyn J., or myself.

A service of Memory and Hope

Sunday 12th November 6pm



We are inviting people, who have had contact with us following the loss of a relative or friend in the last year, to come to a service, light a candle and remember those they have loved and lost.

Please do remember them in your prayers.

Church Family News

Confirmation Congratulations!



Congratulations to Elaine and Mark on their confirmation by Bishop Malcolm at St. Michael and All Angels, Brimington on Sunday 1st October. We wish them every blessing as they have taken this next step in their journey of faith. It was a joy to join with other candidates from churches in the Northeast Deanery—Saints Augustine, Chesterfield, St. James the Greater, Barlborough and St. Michael and All Angels, Brimington.

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptized and is carried out at a special service by the Bishop.

Prior to confirmation, you can take a course, exploring faith with others who are thinking about confirmation, and asking any questions you have about God, Jesus and the journey of faith in a safe environment.

The beginner's course can be taken even if you eventually decide not to be confirmed (yet!). Ask Rev Rhoda for more details.

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Readings and Collects

Sunday 5 November All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-17 1 John 3.1-3 Matt 5.1-12

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matt 25.1-13

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 19 November The second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matt 25.14-30

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great Glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 26 November Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matt 25.31-46

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.



Diary November 2023

Sunday 5 November **All Saints Day** 10am Mass

4pm Messy Church

Sunday 12 November **Remembrance Sunday** 10am Mass

12pm Service at the War Memorial, Littlemoor

6pm Service of Memory and Hope

Sunday 19 November **Second before Advent** 10am Mass

Sunday 26 November **Christ the King** 10am Mass

Every Tuesday 9.50am **Morning prayer** via Zoom

Every Wednesday 10am **Mid-week Communion** in Parish Room

Wednesday 1 November **Women's Group** Meal

Saturday 4 November **Coffee Morning** 10am-12pm

Sunday 5 November **Walking Group** 12pm Church gate

Monday 6 November **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Friday 10 November **Men's Group** Brampton Brewery Trip

Monday 13 November **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Saturday 18 November **Christmas Fayre** 11am-2pm see p22

Monday 20 November **Monday Club** Film at Winding Wheel

Monday 27 November **Monday Club** 1-3pm Visit Christmas Tree Festival at the Spire

Christmas Wreath

Saturday 2nd December

12 pm to 4 pm

Christmas Wreath Workshop in
the Parish Room

You will be shown how to make a Christmas wreath then have a go at making your own to take home and hang on your own door ready for Christmas.

Cost £15 which includes drinks and materials to make your design.

All proceeds will go to the flower arranging fund that provides flowers for Church though the year.

For more information and book a place contact Julie on 01246 557059



Special Christmas Services for your diary

Messy Christmas 4pm on Sunday
3 December

Christingle (the one with the candle
in the orange) 4pm on Sunday 10 December

Candle-lit carols 6pm on Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30 on Christmas Eve

Family service 10am on Christmas Day

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 18 November 11am – 2pm



List of stalls and stall holders

Handbags & Jewellery

Julie

Books Only paperbacks needed

Ena & Trish

Jams & Cakes

Ruth, Marilyn &

Eileen

Teddies

Mark & Elaine

Crafts

Christine & Carol

Children's Toys & Books

John & Wendy

Guess the number of sweets in a jar

Gwyn

Card Game

Jonathan & Mary

Calendars

Chris

Water & Wine

Christian

Tombola

Michelle & Natasha

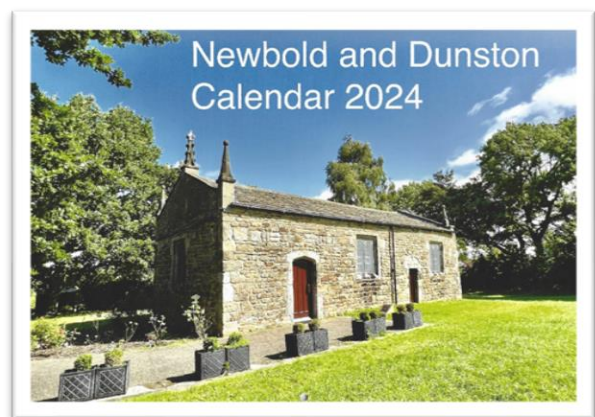
If anyone has any donations for any of the stalls, please speak to the stall holder and unless told otherwise, bring to church on or after Sunday 29th October. For our general readers, please contact anyone listed on the back page of this magazine if you are able to donate. Donations can be collected locally.

Craft Stall – no second-hand Christmas items please. Only brand-new items. The Tombola Stall will take Christmas ornaments in good condition.

And finally, many thanks to everyone who has willingly volunteered to help. This event will raise much-needed funds to keep our church running.

Newbold and Dunston Calendar 2024

The Parish Church calendar for 2024 is now for sale at £8 each, raising money for church funds. It contains a planner for each month, a forward planner for 2025 and some useful local phone numbers.



The calendar is on sale after every Sunday morning service and other church events. If you cannot get along to any of these, contact Chris Barnes on 07753 83568

Exercise bike for sale for church funds

HOMCOM Folding Exercise Bike with LCD Monitor for Home Gym Exercise.

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From the Registers



Confirmation

1 October Mark Howard Taylor
 Elaine Ann Taylor

*May all things belonging to the Spirit
live and grow in them.*

Funerals

3 October Wallace Alen Tagg aged 88

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

3 October Michael William Baskerville

12 October Brian Russell Staton

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Obituary, Maureen Holmes—Fond Memories

From Ruth Cable

I was pleased to be able to attend and represent St. John's church at Maureen's funeral on October 11 at the Crematorium. The weather was in keeping for a funeral, rainy and miserable.

Maureen had 5 children and many grand and great grandchildren whom she absolutely adored. Sadly, she was predeceased by two of her children.

Rev Jilly Hancock from Holy Trinity Church conducted the funeral, which I understood Maureen had planned, with her daughter, Lyn, before she became ill. I have a copy of the service sheet if anyone would like to see it. The wake was held at Dunston Inn.

Maureen was a hardworking and dedicated member of our church. She assisted with arranging the annual Walsingham Pilgrimages, together with Richard Peet. They provided most enjoyable weekends for us to renew our faith, reflect, away from the business of home life, and learn more about our fellow Pilgrims.

She was also Mothers Union Treasurer when the Newbold Branch was operating. Maureen's talents extended to knitting (often with no pattern!) and my daughter's dolly greatly benefited from this!! Maureen's flat was a testament to her dearly loved family with photos everywhere. She was always welcoming, and we spent happy times choosing wool, and looking at her family pictures; Victoria loved visiting.

Maureen is now at peace, which is very well deserved. Happy, happy memories.

Very Messy Church Harvest!

From Chris Barnes



October's Messy church was even messier than usual. One of the activities involved making bird feeders out of toilet rolls. After looping a string through a roll, the children pasted peanut butter onto the outside of the roll and then rolled the buttered roll in a tray of bird seed.



They then took the feeder home and to hang on a tree or bush. Naturally, the children loved it. I just hope that a sticky feeder/roll did not spread the mess as they were carefully carried home. Other craft activities included making bugs out of pipe cleaners, plasticene fish in a jar of water and magic butterfly painting.



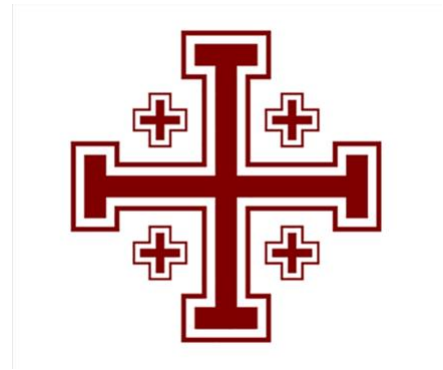
The theme this month was harvest and creation. During the activities part of the messy church, we played a PowerPoint of

spectacular images from the Hubble Space telescope which gave a small indication of just how huge and wonderful God's creation is.

When you see those images of the splendour of the universe, it makes the words of Psalm 8 seem even more true.

³When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

A prayer following the recent escalation of violence and aggression in Israel/Palestine.



We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world, for we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We entrust the countries of our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us all and to give us his peace and blessing. Amen.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

Fundraising Events Reports

Harvest Evensong and Supper

This service at 5pm, was well attended and an enjoyable change to the Sunday Eucharist Service which we all know so well.

The Supper which followed, where everyone generously gave 'Bring & Share' food and drink and managed superbly by Julie was a great success and raised **£192** to be shared between the Bishop's Appeal and the local Food Bank.

The Bishop's Appeal will enable the people in the Diocese of Bujumbra, Burundi to fight the effects of seasonal rains that wash away their farms, homes, lands and livelihoods. 'Trees for Life' will enable communities to plant thousands of saplings to help stabilise their land. (see full details in last month's magazine).

Aurora Concert and Organ Recital with Stuart

On Friday 29th September we were well entertained by the Aurora choir and Stuart Watkinson. We had first booked Aurora to sing in church in December 2020 however the concert had to be cancelled. This group of women entertained us with a varied programme of music from Negro Spirituals to modern popular, all sung without music and song sheets. Their enjoyment in singing together could be seen in performance they gave. We had background and description to go with each piece sung. Tom the conductor enabled all the performers to sing in tune using a single note before they started.

Stuart gave a recital of music written by John Stanley including his Trumpet Voluntary. All in Church could not fail to appreciate the excellent organ we have at Newbold.

The evening raised £191 to go towards the Building Project.

Many thanks to all who helped organise the evening and came on the night.



The Caribbean Courier

Reporter: Nosy Rosie

The peace of our idyllic Caribbean Island was shattered yesterday when a body was washed onto the beach at Harbourn town. It was later identified as that of Mark, boyfriend of Natasha, who lived with him on his boat. At first there was some confusion as to how he had died, a stabbing or even strangled but eventually it was confirmed by the local police,

under the guidance of D.I. Neville Parker (of Death in Paradise fame) that he had drowned.

Your intrepid reporter, Yours Truly, Nosy Rosie, was soon on the case and identified four people suspected of murdering Mark, one being our local eccentric artist, Hilary, who hated the thought of her daughter, Natasha living with Mark. According to local gossip, Mark was a womaniser and had the reputation of being a bit of a dodgy dealer.

Michelle, the photographer, was in competition with Hilary as both used Grumpy Chris, the local gallery owner, as their agent. Michelle made no secret of the fact that she didn't like Hilary "She was always up there on the cliff top with her easel and getting in my way as I tried to get a shot of the sunset!"

I can reveal, that over the last few weeks, Chris had been secretly meeting with Mark at Julie's Bar and Natasha was kept in the dark about this. What was going on? It turned out that Chris was Mark's uncle but why did they keep it quiet?

Last evening, Hilary, Michelle and Chris had gathered at "The Wriggling Eel" restaurant (wonderful food, do try it) by the harbour at 6.30pm to discuss the various issues. Natasha was late arriving but suddenly put in an appearance stating the Mark had died.

It was established that Mark had been seen in the area of the harbour that morning and had taken Natasha, in his boat, to work at Julie's Bar for her lunchtime shift.

After talking to D.I. Parker I can announce that today our efficient police team have solved the murder. All four suspects were rounded up and DI Parker talked them through their paces of the previous day and declared that Natasha had

pushed Mark overboard in a fit of temper as she had seen a photograph of him and another woman in a compromising position. The dear girl was taken away in handcuffs.

Gallery - Suspects Hilary, Chris, Michelle and Natasha with the detectives solving the mystery.



Thank you to Michelle and Natasha for organising this enjoyable evening, to the actors Chris and Hilary and to Julie for the jerk chicken. **£250 was raised for the Newbold Building Project.**

Feedback from the 2023 Church Fete Questionnaire.

Julie Franks

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a feedback sheet for this year's Church Fete.

Most stallholders felt they were well positioned and had enough space.

A number of people commented on how many people turned up to help set up. Special thanks has to be given to Carol's family who were experts in putting up the gazebos (can we book them for next year?).

We do need to make sure the instructions are with the correct gazebos for next year. Extra pegs to anchor the gazebos have already been purchased.

A number of people expressed concern about the uneven ground and stones sticking up. The Churchyard posed a number of hazards for people to trip over.

We had a number of people comment on the community feel of the afternoon.

The questionnaire asked where we should hold next year's fete. The results were

- Churchyard/Church - 3
- Eagle Club - 9

(1 person saying either Churchyard/Church or Eagle Club).

There were a number of suggestions for stalls for next year some we have done before and a few new ones:

Last 3 numbers of £20

Water and wine

Lottery table

Entertainment during the afternoon

Prayer/counselling space with team on hand

Activities for children:

Face painting

Hoopla

Spinning wheel

Large snakes and ladders

Splat a rat

I have agreed to run/manage the fete for the next two years putting together a folder with information about how to run the fete in future years. It would be good to have a person for the 2025 fete who would shadow me ready to take over in 2026. If you are interested in finding out more, please let me know.

Many people help behind the scenes to make the day run smoothly, thank you to everyone who helped give the fete a successful positive community/friendly feel.

There will be a planning meeting early next year for the 2024 fete. Any new ideas or ways we can improve the fete are most welcome.

The Walking Group

From Steve Franks

Due to inclement weather, it was decided to cancel this month's walk.

If anyone wishes to join us, then meet us outside church at

12pm with a packed lunch on Sunday 5th November

You will be made very welcome.

Churchyard Birdwatch

Christine Wieloch

Although the weather forecast had predicted a warm day the morning was cool and cloudy -a typical autumn day.

Four of us were birding, John, Wendy, Trish and myself. As usual we looked from the front of the church to see if we could see anything and saw crows, jackdaws and wood pigeons so nothing new! Wendy and John had seen two House Martins during the week but unfortunately there was no sign of them – they had probably begun their migration south rather later than usual.

The church yard was full of bird song, but it was difficult to identify, and we only had fleeting glimpses of what were mainly juvenile blue tits.

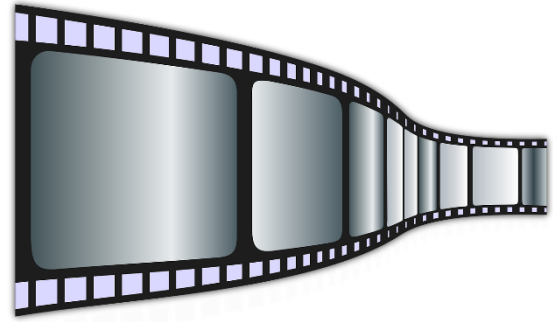
We were surprised to see two chiffchaffs in the hedge behind the Kendal Road bungalows as these are normally summer visitors, but some have started to overwinter – global warming? We shall have to look out for them in coming months.

All in all, a total of fourteen birds were seen, not as many as normal. They were blackbird, chiffchaff, bluetit, buzzard, crow, collared dove, goldfinch, great tit, house sparrow, long tailed tit, magpie, robin and wood pigeon. We also saw a cat, two dogs and several squirrels as we went around.

Our next birdwatch is on November 4th. All are welcome.



FILMS/TV QUIZ



- 1 Who replaced Richard Harris as Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films?
- 2 In which Austin Powers film does Beyonce make her movie debut?
- 3 How many contestants are on each team in University Challenge?
- 4 Who is the alter ego of Scott Lang as featured in the 2015 and 2018 Marvel films?
- 5 In the film “Love Actually”, Emma Thompson’s character, Karen, thought her husband had bought her a necklace, but instead she received a CD by which artist?
- 6 Who presents the TV programme “Tipping Point”?
- 7 In which reality show did Ben Fogle first make his name?
- 8 Who presents the TV programme “Grand Designs”?
- 9 Which actor broke 2 toes whilst filming “Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers”?
- 10 Who sponsors the TV show “The Chase”?
- 11 Ronnie Barker played Fletcher in which TV series?
- 12 What is the nationality of Rob C Nesbit?
- 13 What was the name of the sitcom where the main characters are Tom, Barbara, Margo and Jerry?

14 How many episodes were made of “Last of the Summer Wine”?

15 What is the name of the character played by Sean Bean in “Game of Thrones”?

16 Who currently sponsors the TV show “Countdown”?

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