



**Christchurch Forest of Dean
St Mary the Virgin English Bicknor**

**Church and Community
News and Events**

May 2021

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Beryl
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Community
SONGS OF PRAISE
at

BERRY HILL RUGBY CLUB

SUNDAY

June 27th 3.00pm

Be there early....

Bar open + Scrums to tickle your taste buds!

The time has come!



We can
celebrate together

Family BIG SING!

bring a chair or blanket

ALSO

The dedication of a Lime Tree

In memory of

those who have died in our community
during the pandemic.

Berry Hill Band

Berry Hill's got talent Special Guest

SUNDAY SERVICES

We feel the time is right to begin to meet in our two Churches for times of worship together.



We still have the constraints that help to keep us safe:



Stay 2 meters apart and 'sanitise'.

Wear face coverings

Congregations are not allowed to sing

And no coffee or chat before or after the service

We will meet together for a 'spoken service' with music and hymn lyrics to help us, along with a chance to listen to the Bible and to reflect together on our faith and God's love for us all. And on some special occasions we can have a choir to help bring back some of the joy we feel when meeting together as a community.

Some of our services will be available to download for those who feel vulnerable and would rather not gather, and, as we have learnt in the past months, we are able to live stream as well.

There are different options for you to come and worship together:

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m.: Traditional worship at St Mary the Virgin English Bicknor.

11.00 a.m. Morning Worship at Christchurch Forrest of Dean

Our Thursday Communion and coffee and 6.00pm evensong will begin after we move into the 3rd stage of unlocking later in June.

FROM THE VICARAGE!

This is me trying to look serious and thoughtful!
Does it work?



We all meet a lot of people who work hard at trying to appear to be someone who others will find acceptable; or maybe who protect themselves from past and future hurt by giving certain impression of themselves.

Robin Williams, one of the funniest and most loveable actors I have ever seen was also struggling with depression his whole life and so sadly took his own life. Many who met him would never have known what he was struggling with. He was very good at being the life and souls of the party even though he was in agony on the inside.

As we move out of lockdown I am seeing a lot of people putting on their 'party face', while feeling very frightened. People trying to get back to 'normal' even though they have lost confidence through all the isolation.

Remember the Disney film 'Bambi' when the young Bambi tries to stand up on an iced lake. Lots of attempts, lots of failures, until Thumper comes and stands with him, encourages him and gives him the confidence he needs.



So, lets be kind to ourselves and one another .

Lets encourage each other and not try to appear more confident that we are. But let's also remember that God is right here with us, day by day to support, encourage and strengthen us.

Way back in the Old Testament, when the people faced a very frightening future, God said to Joshua:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua c9v9

Jesus also made a promise to his disciples before he went back to his Father in heaven when he told them to share the Good News of his love with the world:

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28 v19-20



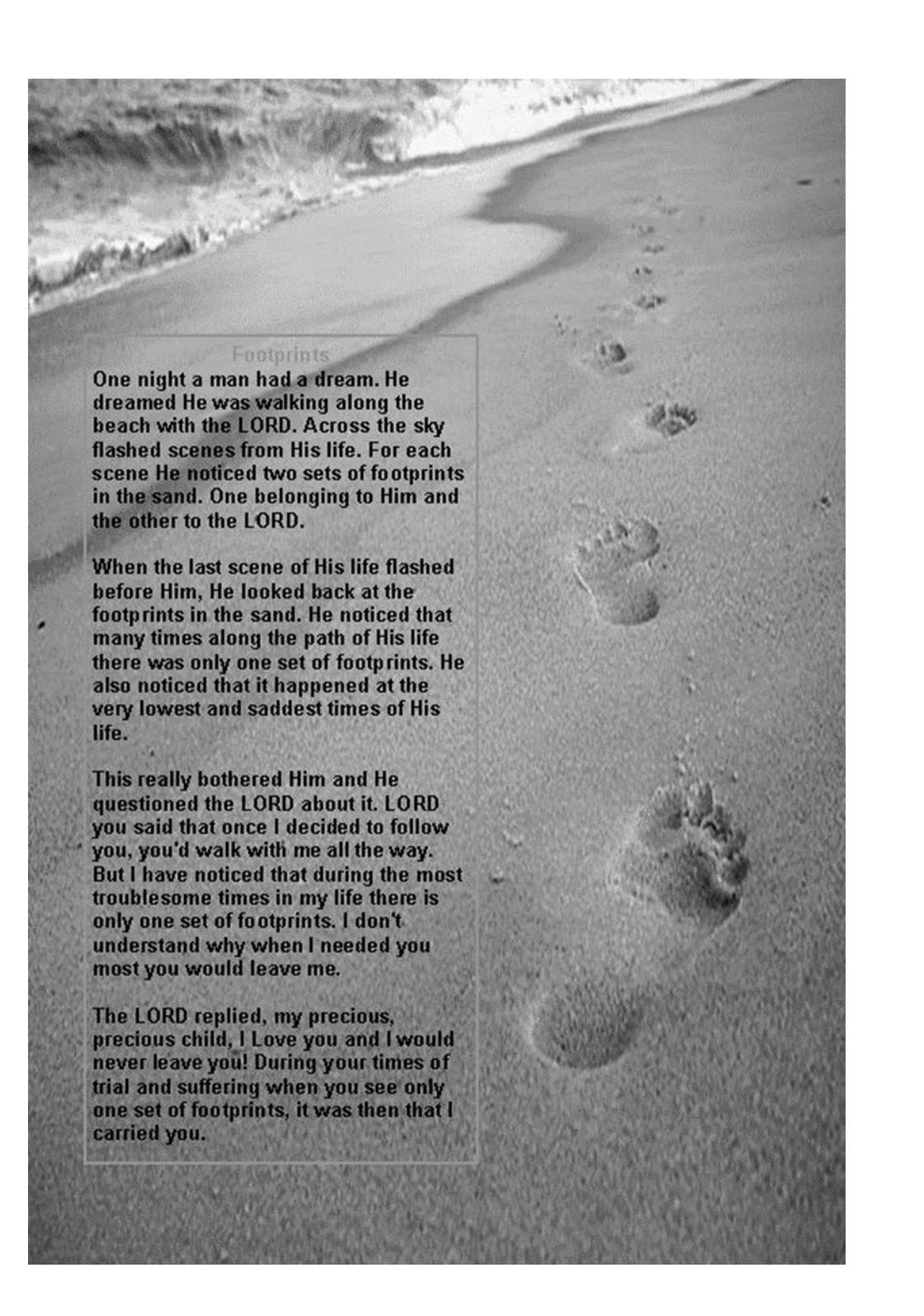
I suppose we can have a goal of 'getting back to the way things were', over the next few months, and hope that we don't have a 4th wave of Covid and it's cousins; or, we can treat this as a new start, look again at what matters most in life and face the future knowing that God is with us.

One of the favourite poems we share with the women in prison is 'Footprints' in the sand' by an unknown author.

I've put it on the next page for you enjoy and perhaps, to encourage you, to trust the God who never leaves us.

Tony Williams

Rector



Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed He was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from His life. For each scene He noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonging to Him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of His life flashed before Him, He looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of His life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of His life.

This really bothered Him and He questioned the LORD about it. LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The LORD replied, my precious, precious child, I Love you and I would never leave you! During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.

REMEMBER THOSE IN PRISON!



Last month I told you of the amazing amount of money raised through our 'virtual' Lent Soup Lunches. Well, it was better than that. The total given was £620 in the end. Thank you for the generous donations.

The plan was to use the money to encourage the women in HMP Eastwood Park, where I work half time as a Chaplain. To date that money has provided:

A Candle Tree: Most of women are out of contact with family (particularly over the past 18months when there have been no visits) and each day we get numerous requests for 'Time in Chapel to light a candle'. It is a great opportunity for them to talk and pray and this candle tree will provide the perfect focus for that.

Bereavement Resources: Including books of prayers, special copies of the 'Footprints' poem for them to keep and booklets with 'words of comfort'. My heart is often torn by the sadness

and loss that our women have suffered, along with the guilt they feel over the impact of their own lifestyles.

Music resources: For when we can hold Sunday worship and weekday services again, the fully licensed CD resources, which are not available through the prison budget due to cost, means that we can enable our women to enjoy both modern and traditional hymns and songs.

We still have about £150 to decide on but we are waiting until some of our women can gather in groups again to talk with them about how best to use this.

The money is held in Christchurch Account.

Again, thank you so much for remembering those in Prison.

Tony

June Prayers

Father, I thank you that you sent your Son to bring me life
Life in fullness
Life in eternity
Thank you that I share in Christ's resurrection life
That Christ is alive in me
And his Spirit dwells deeply in my being
Right now I receive your healing
I receive the same power that raised Christ from the grave
I receive your life
I receive your strength
Thank you that all things are possible for those who believe
Thank you that you are moving in me right now
May I continue to receive from you
This hour and every hour.
Amen.



Lord, help us to offer ourselves
to your service.
To spread your word and
show Love to all we meet.
Lord give us courage to show
how much we Love you
as you Love us.
Help us to say "Here I am Lord"
Fill us with Grace
so we can speak
the truth of that precious Love.
Amen.

Almighty God,
From whom all thought of truth and peace proceed:
Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with
your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the Nations
of the Earth that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the Earth
be filled with your knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do wherever you go

Walking with God means....

Walking with honesty and with courage.

Walking with love and respect and concern for the feeling of others.



May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means....

Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation.

Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Asking God's helping all your decisions.

Expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day.



Amen.

Beliefnet.

Lord, let me not love in just words and talk;
but let my love my love be true, showing itself in action. John 3:18

Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

And two thoughts to help us through the anxious days:

No one ever ruined their eyesight by looking on the bright side.

The Lord may not come when you expect him to,
but he will always be on time!

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Every year every C of E church holds a meeting which is open to all parishioners.

At the meeting reports are given of the finances of the church, the activities of various organisations such as playgroups or Friends and the state of the church buildings.

Two churchwardens are elected each year. Churchwardens are the senior laypeople in a parish . They are the Bishop's officers and responsible to the Bishop. Together with the parish priest they look after the day to day running of the parish.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for church finances and makes the decisions which affect all aspects of church life. The PCC consists of Parish Priest, Church wardens, elected lay members and various others. The PCC has a wide range of responsibilities and the elected lay members have an important role to play in ensuring that a lively, relevant and representative church benefits the parish.

The APCM for Christchurch will be held on Sunday 27th June starting at 12 noon after the morning service.

The date for English Bicknor is 4th July, again after the morning service.

Both churches have vacancies for elected lay members who serve initially for three years. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PCC and help guide the churches through the next few years please contact:

Jan Furnival: Secretary to the PCC of St Marys English Bicknor
on 01594 541566

Judith Brickwood: Secretary to the PCC of Christchurch FoD
on 01594 781436

Tony Williams: Rector 01594 836751

Church Discussion Group

The dates for June are

Tuesday 8th June 10.15(bring your own coffee) in Christchurch church. We will be watching the film '*90 minutes in heaven*' .

The film will start promptly at 10.30am.

Tuesday 22nd June 10.15 for 10.30 start on Zoom, discussing the film '*90 minutes in heaven*'.

Please contact Carol on 837207 for further information.

A thank you ...and a mystery.....

Thank you everyone who has paid me subscriptions and donations. They are very much appreciated.

All but one on-line donation has had a name. Unfortunately, the first one just had M J. If M J would email me a name then I can credit the right person.

Once again, thank you. Jeff Carrick itsajeff@hotmail.o.uk

Forest Food Bank



The Forest Food bank is fairly well stocked at the moment but is short of
Tinned potatoes and Instant Mash

Tinned Fish

Deodorant and Hand Wash

Donations can be dropped off at the following places

Co-ops in Lydney and Coleford

Lidl in Coleford

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Vale Butchers in Drybrook

Kevin's Butchers in Mitcheldean

Post Office in Ruardean

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Town Council Offices in Coleford.

Thank you everyone: your donations are much appreciated



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our Buddies Club - please ask if you would be inter-
ested in this.

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Contact 01594 832262 /

admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk for more info or
to book places for September.





Play Mornings at Christchurch



At the time of writing this in early May,
we have tentative plans for reopening
Play Mornings from 24th June. - Hooray!
Information is available on our Facebook
page and will be updated as the
situation unfolds.

For more information contact:

Barbara: 01594 837270

email: PlayAtCC@gmail.com

Facebook: [@PlayMorningsatChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/PlayMorningsatChristchurch)

Berry Hill Community Orchard

Needs You!

Have you ever thought about getting involved in the orchard? We are a friendly, easy going bunch and would welcome some more members to join us.

You don't have to commit to hours, you don't need any experience or knowledge, we will point you in the right direction.

Just come along whenever you are free, bring the children along to play and get some fresh air at the same time.

If you would like to find out more, contact Jo on 837052 jorevill74@gmail.com or message **Berry Hill Community Orchard** on **facebook**.



English Bicknor and District Womens' Institute News

Now that restrictions are easing our WI is extending our activities. At present we still hold our meetings via zoom, and at our May meeting Paul Carpenter gave an interesting, illustrated talk about his travels in Africa in search of rare tarantulas! He also gave us an insight into the countries he visited.



The June meeting will again be via zoom but by then we will be able to entertain WI members in our homes in small groups.

It seems likely that our July meeting will be in the hall!

Our Tuesday walks are in full swing, although during this month we have experienced all weathers – strong wind, torrential rain, and some sunshine!

In May two pottery classes are going to take place at Hot Pot Pottery and we look forward to seeing the ladies' creations!

On May 27 th we are carrying out a litter pick in various areas in the locality. On the same day we are resuming walking netball and hopefully we won't be too rusty after such a long time!

Future outdoor activities will be a croquet afternoon and an afternoon tea.



Fingers crossed for beautiful weather!

In normal times meetings are held at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month at the village hall. For further details please contact Sue Yemm on 01594 860845

There used to be a wonderful 'spider man' who toured schools in the Bristol area hoping to de-sensitise children by explaining how useful a creature a spider can be. He had a tarantula called Rosie which he gave to the teacher in charge of the class explaining that this was the very one which had crawled along Sean Connery's arm in Dr No. He did not tell the children at the time that the arm was in fact a body double as Mr Connery was petrified of spiders!

Quiz for June

1. A group of kittens shares its name with which IT device?
2. What is recognised as the smallest breed of pedigree dog?
3. On average how many whiskers does a cat have?
4. In which month of the year is the annual Crufts dog Show generally held?
5. What other name for a Mountain Lion shares its name with an older woman who likes younger men?
6. What is the name of the organisation responsible for registering dog pedigrees in the UK?
7. What name is given to a female cat?
8. What colour is the tongue of a Chow Chow?
9. Which is the only big cat that does not have retractable claws?
10. Which dogs name translates from the German for "Badger Dog"?
11. Which group of protesters were affected by the 1913 Cat and Mouse Act?
12. According to the Kennel Club in 2000, what is the most popular dog breed in the UK?
13. How many teeth should an adult cat have?
14. What are the three sizes of poodles?
15. Bastet a deity in the form of a cat or lion was worshipped by which ancient race?
16. What is unusual about the Basenji breed of dog?
17. Which continents are home for the Jaguar big cat?
18. What name is given to a cross between a Beagle and a Pug?
19. Measuring 3ft 11ins from head to tail tip which breed of cat is the longest according to the Guinness Book of Records?
20. How much did dog licences cost in England and Wales before they were abolished in 1987?

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A thank you to Sue Reddan

Sue Reddan has given many years of dedication to George Place and the residents of Berry Hill. Even though she has officially finished, she's still busy helping her friends and neighbours, she's that type of person.

Sue was recently asked by Jo Reville to say a few words about how her work at George Place began and what was involved.

Sue said: "I moved to Berry Hill in 1988 as the warden of George place, supporting the elderly people on the scheme for the F.O.D.D.C. The first three months I thought I'd made a big mistake as I was on call 24/7 and missed my every day visit to my parents. As time went on, I organised social events in the centre, learnt to drive so I could pop to my parents when I wanted to and I got to know more and more people in the village through my tenants who were all very supportive.

The transfer took place from Council to Forest of Dean Housing :then there a name change, to 2 Rivers Housing.

During my position as warden we had bingo, knitting circle, coffee mornings, whist drives, Easter lunches, pottery, cooking sessions and many more.

In 2013 I retired from the position of warden but 2Rivers allowed me to stay on and support the social side for tenants and our friends from the village. I moved out of the house but wanted to stay in the village, I am so glad we did as we love it where we are. There are lots of happy memories I have of our get togethers, you couldn't wish for a friendlier place. A big thank you to you all for your support and friendship.



Throughout the years, we did lots of fundraising and events and now that it has come to an end, myself and the "Friends of George Place" have had lots of discussions and have decided to distribute the social fund back into the village, for the people of Berry Hill, The following list shows where the funds have gone to;

Berry Hill Social Club £500

The Hut £500

Scrumbs £500

Berry Hill Under 5's £500

Christmas lights and the Orchard £659.50p

Thank you, all of you, for your support over the years.

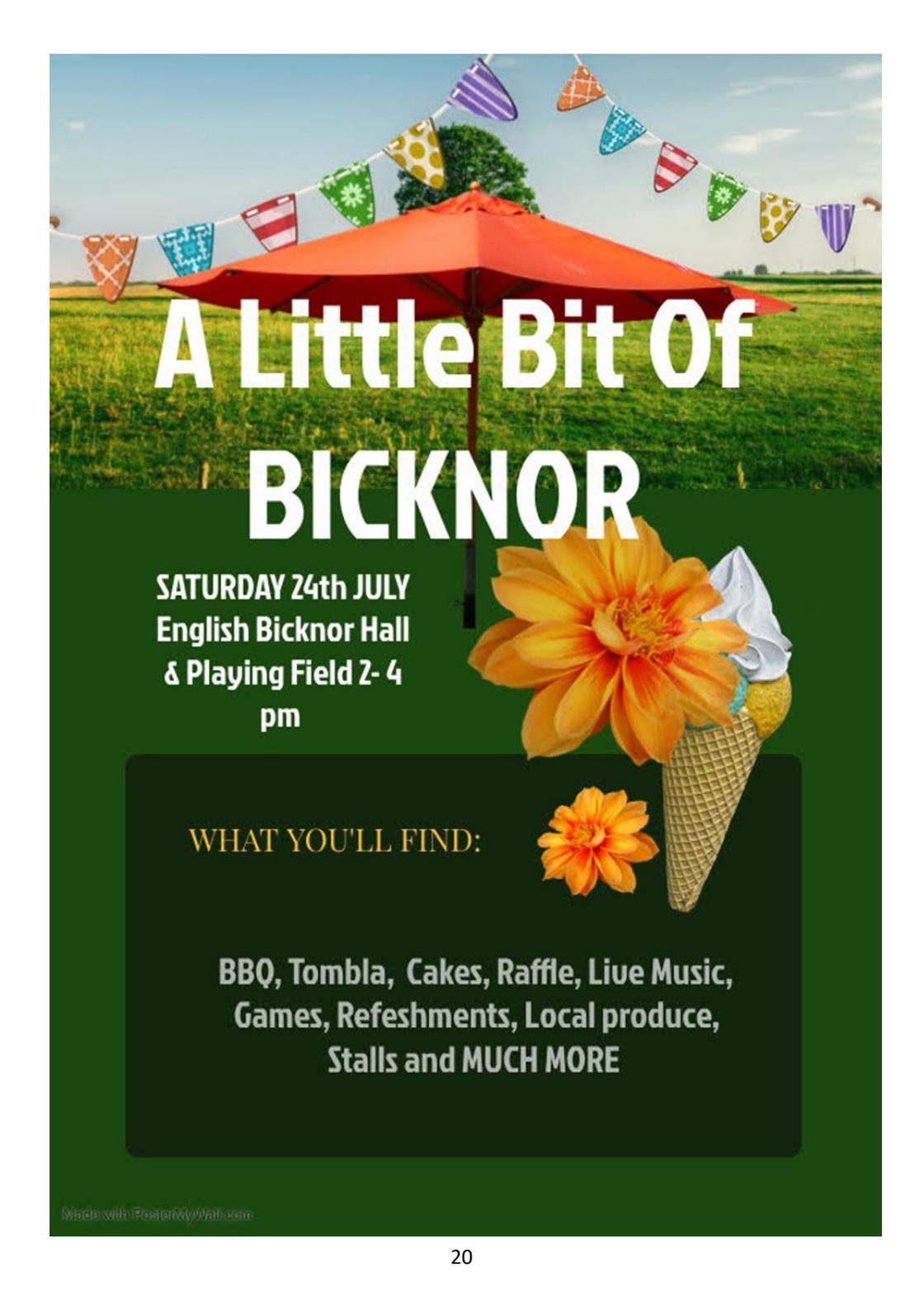
Sue Reddan.

And from all of the groups in the village, thank you Sue and enjoy your rest. X

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Hunting dog for sale





A Little Bit Of BICKNOR

SATURDAY 24th JULY
English Bicknor Hall
& Playing Field 2- 4
pm

WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

BBQ, Tombla, Cakes, Raffle, Live Music,
Games, Refreshments, Local produce,
Stalls and MUCH MORE

Farmyard Frolics and Rural Snippets

Last month we went looking for a replacement Hereford bull and after viewing several, we eventually found one at a farm in Bath. As we don't own a stock trailer we asked Jason to collect him. How many men does it take to drive home a bull – 3 actually - as Phil and Nev went along for a jolly boys day out. They loaded him up and tiddled off back home and being cheapskates they went via Bristol to avoid the congestion charge at Bath. All the way back he was quiet and they never felt him move around at all, until they passed the New Inn at Shortstanding when he started bellowing. Guess he must have sensed that his new ladies weren't far away. He had been given the unusual name of Swipe Right. His seller was a young lad who obviously used the Tinder dating app, which if you're not familiar with, then ask a youngster the meaning of this name !!

Due to lack of rain in April and the cold start to May, we are still having to feed silage to our fattening cattle, who have the rare choice of being in either fields or barns.



The handsome new bull with some of his ladies.

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Recycling the non-recyclable!

It is clear from the number of bottles to bricks that have been collected in the benefice that there is a strong desire to recycle everything possible.

The good news is that there is a company called Terracycle which will collect all sorts of hard to recycle items and exchange them for donations to a named charity. Their web site is teracycle.com/en-GB

No more snipping up your crisp packets or biscuit wrappers and ramming them into a plastic bottle. Instead, the items can be sorted into types and dropped off at a local collection point.

There are two local contacts: Julie Williams at the vicarage in Christchurch and Jackie Bingle who is contactable via messenger.

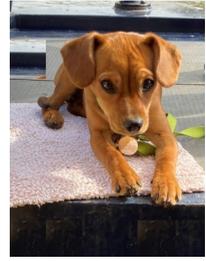
Terracycle authorise local collectors and our local one is in Cheltenham was started by a woman who has good reason to be grateful to Kicks Count. Kicks Count is a national charity with a huge social media following but entirely staffed by volunteers. It aims to empower and inform pregnant women that foetal movements don't diminish towards the end of a pregnancy and that any changes in your normal movements should be reported.

You may remember that Lindy Ltham in one of her articles told us that anything non-recyclable left in our bins means that the whole bin is rejected. The Terracycle system accepts all of the following, and more: Crisp packets, chocolate and sweet wrappers, all sorts of cleaning product containers, some water filters, Pringles, toothpaste tubes and electric toothbrush heads, pet food pouches (must be washed out and dried first), baby food pouches and bread bags. If you would like a copy of the current list please contact Judith on 01594 781436 and I will send you a copy. Julie will accept items and arrange for delivery to Cheltenham.

Our Bottles to Bricks will not be wasted, however. Now that we are able to meet slightly more freely there will be a working party in the summer holidays to make seats or benches from the bottles.

A dog in the time of Covid

Bella is now six months old and is now the equivalent of a ‘terrible two’! She knows perfectly well what sit means, and leave, and off (as in furniture), down, come here, and even bed. But will she respond? That depends. Sometimes her recall is perfect and only one call of YIP will have her hurtling back for a treat. At other times repeated calls simply cause one ear to lift, not unlike the selective deafness of a toddler. Until recall is 100% (well, 95%) accurate letting her run freely in suitable places is not an option. We use YIP on the advice of the dog trainer—any short word will do so long as it not the dogs name—and the aim is for the dog to leave at once whatever it is doing and go back to its handler for a treat. The word needs to be one which is not used in any other context and it only took a very few repeats for Bella to catch on to what she was supposed to be doing.



This proved very useful recently when a potential disaster was averted. I was closing a lock on the canal just south of Birmingham when I heard my name being shouted. Thinking I was being ‘hurried up’ I finished shutting the lock gates and closing the paddles (if you don’t do this, water flows out of the lock causing at the very least a flood at the next one and the potential to empty the upper reaches of the canal).

Sauntering (NOT my word—but you get the drift) back to the boat I found a very wet puppy and a very cross man. Bella had leapt off the boat into the water, discovered she could swim but could not climb out onto the bank to come and find me. It was the call of YIP which turned her round and back to the boat where she was hauled out using her harness which she promptly slipped and careered around the deck playing the ‘you can’t catch me’ game.

Like the parents of any toddler, we watch the growing independence of Bella with a mixture of pride at her achievements, delight in her loving personality and horror at the occasional lapses into antisocial disobedience.

There's something about June.....

The month was called *sera monath* by the Anglo-Saxons, which translated into “dry month”. Now wouldn't that be good this year!

One of the first live theatre productions to re-open in London after the recent lockdown is *Les Miserables*.

On the **5th June 1832** the great Victor Hugo, as a young man, happened to hear gun shots coming from the Parisian district of Les Halles. He hid and watched as the King Louis-Phillip's soldiers fired on a group of republican rebels. Hugo eventually made his escape, but the incident stayed with him and some 13 years later he wrote what has become his most famous work. Developed as a musical and later a film, the original production of *Les Miserables* played in London for over 30 years.



But it is not a story of the French Revolution.

The skirmish that Victor Hugo witnessed on was exactly that: a two-day local event which in the end did nothing to further the cause of the republicans. It had been triggered by food shortages, cholera, and the death of a hugely popular general, Jean Lamarque. His funeral was attended by crowds waving the tricolour, the flag of the republicans, which caused the kings troops to open fire and the rebels to erect the barricades which form the central part of both Hugo's novel and the musical.

Flags have always been a symbol and rallying point – from the standard bearers in the days when communication in battles had to be visual to those flown in the present day at meetings and gatherings of all kinds. They have one thing in common: they demonstrate the unity of a group. Apart from national flags, and some which represent well-known organisations, new flags which become universally recognised are few. One such, however, is the rainbow flag designed by the artist Gilbert Baker which flew for the first time at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade of **25th June 1978**. Long recognised as a symbol of hope, the rainbow was most recently used in Great Britain as a ‘thank you’ symbol to the NHS.

To a Butterfly

I've watched you now a full half hour.
Self-poised upon that yellow flower;
And, little Butterfly! Indeed
I know not if you sleep or feed.
How motionless! Not frozen seas
More motionless! And then
What joy awaits you, when the breeze
Hath found you among the trees.
And calls you forth again!

This plot of orchard-ground is ours;
My trees they are, my sister's flowers.
Here rest your wings when they are weary;
Here lodge as in sanctuary!
Come often to us, fear no wrong;
Sit near us on the bough!
We'll talk of sunshine and of song.
And summer days, when we were young;
Sweet childish, that were as long
As twenty days are now.

William Wordsworth.



Quiz for June Answers

1. **Kindle.**
2. **Chihuahua.**
3. **Twenty-four.**
4. **March.**
5. **Cougar.**
6. **Kennel Club.**
7. **A queen or Molly.**
8. **Black.**
9. **Cheetah.**
10. **Dachshund.**
11. **Suffragettes.**
12. **Labrador.**
13. **Thirty.**
14. **Standard, Miniature and Toy.**
15. **Egyptians.**
16. **It doesn't bark.**
17. **North and South America.**
18. **Puggle.**
19. **Maine Coon (American Longhair).**
20. **37p.**

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BICKNOR BAKE OFF

A little bit of fun for the little ones.

For A Little Bit Of Bicknor we are asking the children to make & decorate cupcakes, to be judged on the day.

ALL ENTRIES TO BE AT THE HALL
BY 1:15 FOR JUDGING @ 1:30





BICKNOR BAKEOFF

WHY NOT HAVE A BIT
OF FUN AND BAKE A
TRADITIONAL VICTORIA
SPONGE TO BE JUDGED
AT A LITTLE BIT OF
BICKNOR 24th JULY

ALL ENTRIES TO BE AT THE HALL BY 1:15 FOR JUDGING @ 1:30

Paying for the Parish Magazine

The magazine is printed for us by a printer in Bishops Stortford who says that providing a service to small congregations is part of his Christian giving. Even so, the unit cost is around 75p. This is considerably less than can be achieved by other printers and we are very grateful for his support.

Some of the cost is defrayed by advertising, some by donation, some by one-off gifts and we have the promise of a small subsidy should we need it. If we do have to use the subsidy it will mean taking funds from other, arguably more important, causes. We need to pay our way without subsidy if at all possible.

The principle way of paying for the magazine is by readers paying the cover price. We are, incidentally, very grateful to those who regularly overpay and are happy to support anyone who feels that the cover price is beyond their budget. No one HAS to pay.

But the more who do, the better the bank account and the better Jeff is pleased!

We will be asking for 50p per copy for 2021/22.

Our financial year starts in February and the first three editions have been on-line for which there is no cost to readers at present. The subscription for the year will therefore be £3.50 for the remaining seven issues.

If you have your magazine delivered then please give your money to your distributor, either monthly or annually. Annually is best if at all possible. Please put the money in an envelope and give to your distributor when s/he next delivers a magazine. Make sure your name on the envelope so that Jeff knows who has paid. Named copies can be left in either church should you prefer to make an annual payment and collect when convenient: otherwise copies in church should be paid for at the time.

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Keeping in touch

During the current lockdown, and for the foreseeable future, on-line links have developed which aim to connect parishioners in the benefice. Please contact the named person (where given) for further information and a link to the Zoom meeting. If you are a stranger to Zoom, any of the named people will be happy to explain the system.

Church Discussion Group held Fortnightly on a Tuesday morning starting at 10.30 am. Contact Carol Turley on 01594 837207

Church services. During lockdown these are based as from Christchurch and are available via the Christchurch website (christchurchfod.org.uk). There is a Zoom service at 11 am every Sunday and also one at 6.pm based on BCP.

One joys of the Zoom service is the ability to sing loudly to Andy's playing. We, the congregation, keep our microphones off to make listening easier, so there is no-one to complain that we are slightly off-key

Please contact Barbara on 01594 837270 if you would like a link to the Sunday service.

Friends of Christchurch Coffee morning. These are held on a Saturday morning. For the last few months these have been on Zoom but it is possible that we will be able to revert to socially distanced outside meetings before too long. Please contact Judith on 01594 781436 or judithbrickwood33@gmail.com if you would like to join in.

Berry Hill Life is a Facebook page and an excellent source of up-to-the-minute local news and information. Not to mention some pretty awful jokes at time—not rude: just punny!

English Bicknor Chitchat is also a Facebook page and has news about the village.

Please let me know if you would like your organisation included in this listing.
Contact me on Judithbrickwood33@gmail.com

Community Contacts

The Gloucestershire Wellbeing Trust

A support service in times of difficulty

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence please contact the Community Wellbeing Service at Forest of Dean District Council on 01594 812447 or 01594 812399.

Gloucestershire Police

Find out about local police activity and link in to the various ways you can find support and information by going online to <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/forest-of-dean/>

English Bicknor Chit Chat

The Facebook page contains information about the village and local events. If you are not a Facebook user and would like anything added then please email Daphne@drysladefarm.co.uk

Barnwood Trust

Information and help applying for grants from the trust is available from the Forest of Dean Office on 01594 839191

Or visit www.barnwoodtrust.org

Christchurch and English Bicknor churches website

www.christchurchfod.org.uk

If you run a community organisation and would like the details published in the magazine on this page, please contact Judith on 01594 781436

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