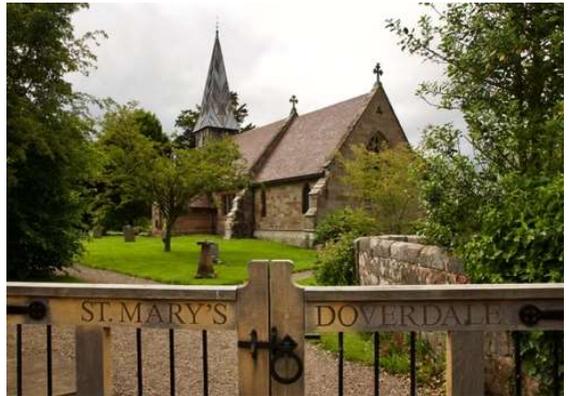


# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**December  
2022 –  
January 2023**



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## Seven Parishes Service Rota December 2022-January 2023

Dec 4th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hartlebury
	10.30am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
Dec 11th	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	10.00am	FS	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	MP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Hampton Lovett
Dec 18th	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Carol Service	Doverdale
	11.00am	Carol Service	<b>Ombersley</b>
	4.00pm	Carol Service	Hartlebury
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Elmley Lovett
Dec 24th	3.00pm	Carol Service	Rushock
	4.00pm	Christingle	Hartlebury
	6.00pm	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	7.00pm	HC-CW	Hartlebury
	11.00pm	Midnight HC	<b>Ombersley</b>
	11.00pm	Midnight HC	Elmley Lovett
Dec 25th	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	TBC	HC-BCP or MP	Doverdale
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	10.30am	FS	<b>Ombersley</b>
<b>2023</b>			
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	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	10.00am	FS	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	MP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
Jan 15th	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge

	10.00am	MP	<b>Ombersley</b>
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
Jan 22nd	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
Jan 29th	10.00	Joint Benefice HC-CW	Hartlebury
Feb 5th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	FS	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
<p>HC Holy Communion, CW Common Worship; BCP book of Common Prayer; MP Morning prayer; FS Family Service</p> <p>Morning prayer will be said at 9.15 at Ombersley on 14<sup>th</sup> December</p>			

## Rector's Thoughts

*Reverend Stephen Winter  
Rector of St. Andrew's, Ombersley and St  
Mary's, Doverdale (and five other  
churches in the Benefice)*



So, once again, Christmas is almost upon us. In one way it will be the first “normal” Christmas for three years, since 2019. As Christmas approached in 2020 you will remember that we were going into our second lockdown and it felt very different from the first in the spring of that year when the weather was beautiful and it almost felt as if we had been given an unexpected holiday. Of course, those of you who have businesses to run or to work in might have felt very different from that. So too might those who had to home school while trying to hold down a job. But for all, the journey into the dark time of the year while being locked into our homes was tough. And then last year the Omicron variant of the virus was sweeping through the country and all hopes of normality were swept away with it.

I will come back to that word, normal, again in a moment, but first let's come back to Christmas 2022, the one we are about to experience. Covid is still with us, of course. I am writing this piece on a November afternoon during a time when I should have been in a meeting of local clergy. I say, should have, because it has been cancelled due to the fact that a number of my colleagues from Kidderminster have contracted the virus. To add to this, none of us know from day to day what effect the war in Ukraine is going to have upon us. Will we have lengthy power cuts? We do not know. And, speaking of power, we are all having to spend a lot more of our money on this.

So, let's come back to that word, normal. Surely, we have to accept that what we call, normal, is usually when things work out well for us, and sometimes they do. All our wishes occasionally come true. But I wonder if you were to ask Mary whether her wishes came true about the birth of her first child I doubt whether she could say that things had been just perfect. I visited a farm the other day and I was taken into the cattle shed where the herd was going through the crush for bovine tuberculosis testing. Within a few seconds I regretted the fact that I did not have a pair of wellies in the back of my car. A country parson really ought to be better prepared! And then I thought of a young woman having a baby there.

The word, normal, was so far removed from such a thought that it did not even enter my mind. If I were Joseph I would feel a complete failure that this was the best that I could find for my wife. And yet Mary was filled with joy because of the birth of her son.

She found her joy within her own heart, not in her assessment of her experience. She did not write a review for TripAdvisor rating the cattle shed and recommending it for others. Her experience is still shared around the world today by millions of poor people and yet I don't think that we are wrong to find it magical when we go to a nativity play and see our children and grandchildren re-enact the story every Christmas. We are not there to celebrate the normal. We are there to wonder at the miracle, not just of the first Christmas, but of our own children too. And everyone else's too. If only they could be treated as miracles all through their lives. How wonderful it would be if someone treated you as a miracle. Which, by the way, you are.

So, I am not going to wish that you are going to have a normal Christmas this year. I am going to wish that you have a wonderful Christmas. I am going to wish that you find the miracle of your life at least once and that you will learn to carry the wonder of it with you in the year ahead.

## **St Andrew's News**

www.st-andrews.church: [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

It is hard to work out whether this year has moved quickly or not? A lot seems to have happened, our big 'thing' being the completion of the window repairs. We had hoped that Jack Clare from HolyWell glass would be able to give us a final talk on the work done this Autumn, but that will now be in the spring (heating permitting). Looking back, I found his father had come to give a talk back in 2000 when the first bit of work was about to start! Our thanks go to all those who have worked so hard to make this happen over the last decades.

The pattern for this time of year seems to be returning, a beautiful service at All Souls to remember those we have lost in recent years. This simpler service with communion has been appreciated by everyone. The Remembrance service starting with the parade is fully back, and our final service for November, an Evensong for a change, will be the start of Advent, and we will be able to light all our advent candles in 2022.

All the Christmas details are listed elsewhere and are back to normal, we start with a visit to Little Owl Farm on December 5th to hear and act out the Christmas story...with plenty of animals to visit afterwards.....and on January 8th we will celebrate Epiphany, hopefully with a King cake as well.

We wish you and yours Joy and Peace at Christmas  
and a Happy Healthy 2023

### **THE CHURCH BOILER**

We are definitely moving at church speed! A heating engineer from the Diocese will have met with us at the end of November so we can move forward with a plan that suits the size and usage of the building.

Fortunately, Tim Hopkins has been lending us his space heater when he doesn't need it, so we have been comfortable. We have been lent plenty of rugs, though I haven't noticed any hats coming to church yet! Some services will be held in the Narthex, which is warm. However, this has meant we have postponed most fundraising events happening before February. Do keep an eye on the website, Facebook page or noticeboard for updates.

## Looking Forward

### Creative Coffee:

We are open to anyone so please drop in and say Hello. If you have ideas of crafts or projects or would like to try something, meet people or chat over tea or coffee please come along. or call Fiona; 01905 621176.

Our last meeting for 2022 will be on December 8th at 2pm and we'll do something Christmassy of course.

In 2023 we are Changing days to the First and Third Thursday and both will be at 10.30am. So, we'll look forward to seeing you on the Jan 5th and Jan19th.



PLEASE JOIN US AT OMBERSLEY CHURCH

ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER. 7PM, £10 PER PERSON, INCLUDES  
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS

EMAIL TO BOOK: [CLARE.STOKES3@NHS.NET](mailto:CLARE.STOKES3@NHS.NET)

Please send information and articles for publication in the **February**  
Parish Magazine by Wednesday 11th January.

Follow The Star  
THE GREAT  
INVITATION

**St Andrew's  
Services & Events  
this Christmas**



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

You're invited to

**The Christmas Story with**

Contact Little Owl the Animals at  
to book - 620325



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 11am**

You're invited to

**The Carol Service (in church)**

Note Revised Time this year

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at around 6pm (TBC)**

You're invited to **COME CAROL SINGING AT LORD HILL GDNS**

**Christmas Eve 11pm**

You're invited to

**A Service of Holy Communion**

**for Christmas Eve**



*Christmas Eve  
Worship*

**Christmas Day 10.30am**

You're invited to

**An Informal Service,**

**Carols & Story**

**for Christmas Morning**



## PRAYING THE PARISH

If you have a particular need or things to be grateful for, please let us know:

Rev Stephen Winter 07773 760899 [stephenwinter991@gmail.com](mailto:stephenwinter991@gmail.com)

Angie Randle 01905 620753 [angierandle@hotmail.com](mailto:angierandle@hotmail.com)

or James Homer 01299 851637 [ajfhome@btinternet.com](mailto:ajfhome@btinternet.com) [lay reader with pastoral responsibility for the Worcestershire Severn Parishes]

### Areas for December:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Lincomb, The Winnalls, Acton, Mount Pleasant

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Sandys Road, Wellington Road, The Hamptons

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Oakfield Road, Woodhall Lane/Close

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Families represented by all in our community



### Areas for January:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Haye Lane, Church Lane, Hill Top, Dough Bank

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Chestnut Walk, Oldfield Lane, Main Road

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and Hunt Green

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Those who have moved into the parish

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Clergy, lay readers and PCCs



## UKRAINE UPDATE from SUN



Things have been fairly quiet over the summer - our Ukrainian guests seem to be settling in and integrating well.

We held a Tea & Cakes afternoon on 22nd October in the Narthex at St Andrew's Church and met a few new arrivals. Sally Ann Beckett and helpers provided beautiful sandwiches and cakes - and we had the chance to meet some new volunteers and thank the 'usual suspects'!

The Ombersley History Group raised £165 from a slide show and history of Ombersley evening at the Memorial Hall. These funds will be held by St Andrew's Church in case of local emergencies and needs. A very jolly Quiz Night organized by Petra Silvester and Sue Johns raised over £1200, which has been sent to DEC UKRAINE.

Once again a massive thankyou to all the SUN volunteers who give their time free of charge to help our Ukraine visitors.

JILL ANGELL, SUN (Support Ukraine Network)



## Ombersley Gardening Club



It won't be too long until Christmas preparations begin as November draws to a close and we head into December and January. The Gardening Club is looking forward to enjoying the members' Christmas dinner on the **8th December**, which is always a most enjoyable evening.

On **10th December** we are holding a floral workshop courtesy of Ann Price at Hallow Parish Hall (numbers are limited so it will be on a first-come basis). Ann will be demonstrating the art of making a Christmas wreath and table decoration, followed by soup and a ploughman's lunch at £12 a head.

The **14th December** brings a self-drive trip to Hanbury Hall to enjoy Christmas down Memory Lane, which will hopefully bring some Christmas spirit to us all.

As we head into 2023 the club will welcome Pip Smith who will be presenting a talk titled In the Bleak Midwinter on **January 19th** followed on the **16th February** by the club's Annual General Meeting with meal.

With winter creeping up there are still many jobs to be keep you busy in the garden. Carry out winter digging if the soil is not too wet and frosty and clear away debris to prevent harbouring slugs and snails. Fruit trees and other shrubs can be pruned and in the vegetable garden sprouts, parsnips, leeks etc should be ready to be harvested. Wrap up plants and shrubs that need protecting from the frost and cold and place something in your garden pond to prevent it freezing over if you have fish. Don't forget to help our wonderful wildlife with food and water and before lighting any bonfires check for hibernating animals.

At the moment, we are lucky to be able to find some beautiful locally grown produce that is freshly dug and picked so support your local businesses and enjoy!

Before we know it Christmas and the New Year will be here so Briony, Wendy, Jacki, Penny, Stephanie, Liz and Amanda would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Happy Gardening. Ombersley Gardening Club Committee.

Recent coffee mornings organized by Jane Hill and Judy Baer raised £165 for Macmillan and **£500** for Save the Children, respectively.

# Ombersley Movie Night at Ombersley Memorial Village Hall

Come and join us for a night at the movies

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**'Finding Your Feet'**

Imelda Staunton leads a starry cast in this rom-com about later life love. When a snobby housewife's marriage hits the rocks, she moves in with her sister on a housing estate and discovers a whole new way of life.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**'Fisherman's Friends 2: One and All'**

Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues", we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury

Doors & Bar Open at 7.00pm

Film commences 7.30pm prompt

£5 per person, to include an ice cream

Please note:

Pay on the door - Cash only – no credit card facility

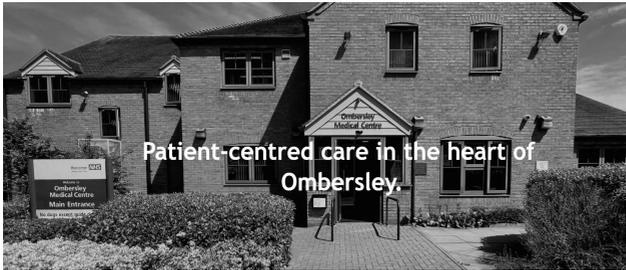


## A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre



In October 2022 there have been:

- 2,720 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1,457 telephone consultations
- 10,903 medications issued
- 1,588 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 9,253 test results reviewed and actioned



We are now seeing lots of cases of chest infections, coughs and colds. One thing you can do to stay well this winter is to ensure you have had your flu and covid vaccinations (subject to eligibility).

Please call the practice to book your appointment.

OMC Patient Participation Group is recruiting new members! Please contact the practice or John Cope, Chairman on [wjaycee82@gmail.com](mailto:wjaycee82@gmail.com), to find out more about how the group supports the practice.

## Ombersley Walk Group

**Next walk: 10am Saturday 10th December**

Start and finish at Ombersley Memorial Hall, where car parking is available.

Our winter outing will leave Ombersley Memorial Hall and head northwards through Uphampton, skirting Northampton, until we reach Tytchney where we will meander back down towards Millhampton Wood, returning through the allotments to the Hall. The five-mile circular route is pretty flat with just five well-maintained wooden stiles along the way.

After the walk, which will finish around mid-day, hot drinks and mince pies will be provided in the Jubilee Room in the Hall. We are inviting everyone to make a small donation of £1 per head towards the cost of refreshments. Any surplus will be given to the Hall committee as a contribution towards overheads.

Children are welcome. Dogs are welcome too but under close control and on a short lead. Everyone is responsible for their own safety. There is no need to register for the walk. We hope to see you on the day.

Peter Reynolds, Parish Paths Warden, Tel: 07855 441804



## Oliver Cromwell and the Battle of Worcester

An illustrated talk by Howard Robinson at Ombersley Memorial Village Hall at 7 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Details in the February magazine.

## ArT classes...in Ombersley

Weekend workshops for beginners & artists who would like to add new techniques to their existing practice.

Fridays & Saturdays: 10am - 12.30pm £45

Fun and creative workshops begin on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and are designed to carry on throughout January & February- please let me know if you'd like to book a place as numbers are limited.

For details contact Pat on 07976 941476 or [Patkingstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Patkingstudio@gmail.com)

## Ombersley Dramatic Society

Ombersley Dramatic Society is presenting their second pantomime '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' at Hartlebury Parish Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30, plus a matinee performance at 2.30 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets from Holt Heath post office, Hartlebury post office,  
Mike Turner (01905 620757) or Chris Marsh (01905 774210).

## OMBERSLEY POLICE STATIONS

Readers who lived in Ombersley before 1990 will remember when there was a Police Station and two police houses in the village. When PCs Chris Lowrie and Alun Jones left, 150 years of a police presence in the village ended.

Before this, when the Manor of Ombersley was owned by Evesham Abbey prior to 1539, there was a Court House on the site now occupied by the Dower House. Village lore identifies a building on the old Estate Yard (accessed between the Dower House and Stirline House off Holt Fleet Road and unused now for many years) as the 'old jail' and says that there was a gallows nearby. The 'old jail' was demolished in December 2020 as unsafe.

The Worcestershire Constabulary was formed in December 1839. Constabulary policy was to provide rural Police Stations at important transport junctions. Ombersley was an obvious candidate given its location at the crossing of important north-south and east-west routes. The 1841 Census shows that Constable Thomas Russell was the Ombersley police officer. Census evidence suggests that the first Police Station was in a cottage now part of Tine Cottage in Main Road, leased from Lord Sandys for the purpose and close to the 'old jail'.

In 1862 a review of police properties across the County noted that Ombersley needed two cells to be provided. Lord Sandys (Arthur Marcus Cecil Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Sandys) was willing to lease an adjoining cottage property to the Police for these to be provided. A 21-year lease for the combined properties (all now part of Tine Cottage) ran from September 1862 at an annual rent of £7 10s; the provision of the cells cost £140 10s.

By modern standards, living conditions in the Police Station must have been dire, especially when Sergeant Bell was there around 1881 with his wife, four sons and four daughters.

In 1898 the Rural District Council sent a letter to the Police Authority complaining of nuisance from the drains at Ombersley Police Station. Inspection showed that the cells were approached through the one living room and that 'every blasphemous word and coarse expression used by the prisoners' could be heard by the police officer's family.



Filmer House, next door, was known to be coming vacant in 1899. Lord Sandys (Augustus Frederick Arthur Sandys, 4<sup>th</sup> Baron) offered to let this superior property for the Police Station. The annual rent was £19, and £298 was spent providing two 'strong room' standard cells, which can still be seen today. The photo shows Filmer House with Tine Cottage (extended) to the left.

Filmer House remained Ombersley Police Station until the 1930s. In 1935 the Joint Standing Committee (the County committee responsible for police matters) bought part of the land already acquired by the County Council for improvements to the crossroads at the centre of the village. A police station (without cells) was provided between two houses for police officers. The premises were opened in 1936 and remained in use until the County policy on rural policing changed and village Police Stations were closed across the County. All the Ombersley Police Station properties are now private houses.



Photograph of the two 'Police Houses' on School Bank

**And**, from the Worcestershire press, some cases handled by Sergeant Bell in 1884.

**January:** Sergeant Bell spent the night in a pigsty observing Joseph Goodwin who was later arrested and charged with stealing a fowl, and a peck and a half of Indian corn from his employer. Goodwin was sentenced to two month's hard labour.

**July:** Benjamin Grubb, a pea-picker of Newnham in Gloucestershire was fined £1 having pleaded guilty to stealing part of a dead fence. Bell said that he had had numerous complaints of pea-pickers stripping the hedges and fences for their fires.

**August:** Six young men from Ombersley were cautioned and made to pay costs after being accused of obstructing a footpath by standing there together for 35 minutes. Bell said that this system of obstruction by young men like the defendants had been prevalent in Ombersley for two years and he had repeatedly cautioned the defendants.



## OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Thursday 1 December at 7pm - Christmas 'Get Together'

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Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7pm  
'Life and Times of an old fashioned G.P.'

David Collier will be talking about how medicine has changed over the last 50 years and what the future holds

Members Free. Guests £5: Contact Marie or Ann 07901 522412/07712 811552



### TEA & COFFEE SHOP Ombersley Memorial Village Hall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We have the Handbell Ringers from St. Andrew's Church performing Christmas carols/songs from 2.30 p.m. Come and enjoy a cuppa and slice of **homemade cake**. **Bring your friends**.

We are also collecting donations for the food bank – all donations will be most welcome.

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2023; 2-4 pm

**Other 2023 dates:** February 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; March 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; April 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>; June 6<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; July 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; August 1<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>; September 5<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; November 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; December 5<sup>th</sup>

# Ombersley Endowed First School



## Remembrance

We were very proud to take part in the Remembrance service on Remembrance Sunday at Ombersley Church. The children throughout the school had learnt about World War 1 and 2 and the sacrifices that were made to keep us and our country safe. The year 4 children spent an afternoon locating and sketching the War Graves in Ombersley Churchyard.

## Autumn Trips

Year 4 had a fabulous World War 2 trip to Hartlebury Museum. They dressed up as evacuees and spent the day experiencing life as a child during the war years.

Year 3 visited Bishops Wood to experience a day as 'Stone Age' people. They enjoyed the day taking part in amazing workshops creating Stone Age homes and tools.

Pre-school and Reception enjoyed a wonderful day at All Things Wild. Year 2 have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. They had a great day learning about 'fire' at a local fire station. They also had a visit from a fireman who told them all about his work.

## Christmas Celebrations

Our school Christmas Fayre was a great success, it was wonderful to be able to welcome our friends and families back into school again for the Christmas activities and celebrations this year.

Pre-school and Reception children were magical in their Christmas play and they wowed their parents and the rest of the school with their talent.

The whole school will have a fabulous end of year treat spending the morning at Malvern Theatre in December watching Beauty and the Beast.

The whole school will celebrate the birth of Jesus in their Christmas Carol service at Ombersley Church on the last day of term. The choir are practicing for their Young Voices concert in January at the Resorts Arena in Birmingham.

## Future Plans

We were all very excited to welcome the arrival of our new Tipi. This will be the home for the Pre-school later in 2023 when the school has a major revamp – watch this space for more updates!



## **From the Archive: March 1964**

### **Ombersley Traffic: note from Mr. Barry Birch**

Ombersley had traffic problems in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. They were caused by the River Severn restricting access to the Parish and were solved in 1826 when the Holt Fleet Bridge was built. Constructed of one gigantic iron arch on stone pillars, the bridge cost £8000 and tolls were paid by all who crossed to liquidate the debt incurred.

These were opulent days for Ombersley. Three years later in 1829, the Parish Church was rebuilt at a cost of £18,000. A population of 2,500 supported six blacksmiths, four surgeons, three inns and seven retailers of beer. In an area of 6,835 acres, the Parish contained 63 substantial farms owned by families whose names echo even to the present day – Sylvester, Burrow, Amphlett etc. A directory of the day states *The Village is very respectable*.

Two coaches plied between Ombersley and Worcester. One named the 'Everlasting' left at noon each day. The 'Bang-up' moved out at 7 p.m., while 'Victoria' trundled off at 9.30 a.m. These same coaches made other journeys from the village. 'Bang-up' passed through on its way from Worcester to Wolverhampton at 7.45 a.m., calling at Stourport, Kidderminster, Stourbridge and Dudley. Heavy goods were hauled to Worcester by a certain Mr. Andrew Lane every Wednesday and Saturday.

### **Press Snippet**

#### **FURIOUS DRIVING: *Worcestershire Chronicle*, 17 September 1851**

Charles Cox was charged by Supt. Humphries with having driven an omnibus furiously through the village of Ombersley yesterday, by which he endangered the lives and limbs of her Majesty's subjects. The superintendent deposed that he was at Ombersley and saw the Wolverhampton coach come up, followed by Gardner's omnibus, and then came the omnibus driven by the defendant; it was drawn by two horses, which were galloping furiously, and passed by the other "bus" and the coach; defendant's omnibus was rolling from one side to the other in a very dangerous way, and Cox was urging on the horses to go still faster. . . . Defendant was fined 2s 6d with 7s 6d expenses.

*Sourced by Pat Niner, Ombersley History Group*

# Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



**Little Litter Warriors:** On Tuesday 18th October, we were joined by the Little Litter Warriors who worked with our children today, to highlight the importance of respecting our environment and keeping it free from unwanted litter. The children took part in a whole school assembly and then each class took part in a litter collecting activity! One of our pupils even found a crisp packet from 2001!



**Harvest:** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we held our Harvest Assembly, which was attended by a huge number of our families. We are very grateful for the wonderful donations, which have now been collected by Droitwich Food Bank.



**Diwali:** On 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, Brambles Class learnt about Diwali and celebrated by wearing brightly coloured clothes, dancing and making Rangoli patterns.

**New Reception Pupils Open Mornings:** For families who are looking for a Reception school place for September 2023, we shall be are holding open mornings in the New Year. If you would like to see the school, please contact our office on [office@sytcampton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sytcampton.worcs.sch.uk) or telephone 01905 620418 to book a tour.

## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

CHURCHWARDEN:	Mr. R. Coppini	Tel: 620963
LICENSED LAY READER:	Mr. Richard Jeynes	Tel: 620441
TREASURER:	Mrs. L. Tarleton-Hodgson	Tel: 07748 968992
SECRETARY PCC:	Mr. G. Crow	Tel: 772850
Sidesmen:	Mrs V. Harris, Mr. C. Harris, Mr G. Crow, Mrs S. Crow, Mr J. Chapman, Mrs A. Chapman, Mrs W. Hawkins	
Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse	

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

DECEMBER:- Alison Best, Sue Rees

JANUARY:- Jean Dowty

### FLOWER ROTA

DECEMBER/ JANUARY (2023):- Christmas flowers and decorations

### PEWPOINTS

### DIARY DATES

2023:- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January; 7pm. PCC Meeting in Ombersley Narthex

### PARISH REGISTER

### FUNERAL

13<sup>th</sup> October: Jean Plant

28<sup>th</sup> October: FUNERAL SERVICE followed by Cremation: Mary Edith Perkins

At our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Service of Holy Communion in October, we were very pleased to welcome Canon Peter Kerr who officiated in Revd. Stephen's absence. Diane, his wife, also attended and it was lovely to catch up with their news after the service and to reminisce with them over coffee and biscuits.

## SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mrs. S. Crow Sidesperson: Mr. G. Crow Readings: Isaiah 11 (1-10); Matt.3(1-12)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December CAROL SERVICE 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	11.00am Followed by light refreshments	Lectors TBA Sidespeople: Mr.J.Chapman; Mr. D. Hawkins
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	Time and Service (HC/MP) BCP TO BE CONFIRMED	Lector: Mrs. S. Crow Sidesperson: Mr. G. Crow Readings: Isaiah 52 (7-10); Gospel: John 1 (1-14)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Christmas New Year's Day	11.00a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mrs. A. Chapman Readings: Isaiah 63 (7-9); Matt.2(13-end)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector: Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings: Isaiah 49 (1-7); Gospel, John 1 (29-42)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany	11.00a.m. HC (CW)	AT OMBERSLEY No service at Doverdale
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> of Epiphany	10.00a.m. HC (CW)	JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE AT HARTLEBURY No service at Doverdale
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	11.00a.m. MP (BCP)	Lector: Mr. D. Hawkins, Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Isaiah 58 (1-12); Matt.5 (13-20)

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1st Prize 6 Bottles of Wine - Danielle of Holt Fleet

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3rd Prize Set of Ceramic Bowls - Zillah Pickering

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