

# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**April  
2024**



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## Severn Parishes Service Rota

**April 2024**

April 7th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Omersley</b>
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
April 14th	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	10.00am	FS	<b>Omersley</b>
	10.30am	MP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
April 21st	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	MP	<b>Omersley</b>
	10.00am	MP	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
April 28th	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
May 5th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.30am	Rogation Service	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Rogation Service	Doverdale
	11.00am	Rogation HC-CW	<b>Omersley</b>
	2.30pm	Rogation Service	Bells Farm Shop

HC Holy Communion; CW common Worship; BCP Book of Common Prayer; FS Family Service;

MP Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer: 9.15 at Omersley on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and at Doverdale on 24<sup>th</sup> April

Please send articles/reports for inclusion in the May Magazine by  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

# Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

## Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Lector
April 7th	HC-CW	Liz Hooper, Angela Randle	Stephen Winter	Fiona Davies
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	FS	Jane Hill, Jenny Ransome	-	-
April 21st	MP	Tony Checketts, Maureen Callow	Claire Gathercole, David Wood	Howard Robinson
May 5th	HC-CW	Meg & James Martineau	Stephen Winter	Howard Robinson

## Holy Dusters

April 5th	Myra Cowdrey, Fiona Davies, Heather Barningham
April 19th	Liz Hooper, Marjorie Workman

If you'd like to help, please ring Liz 01905 630837 or Fiona 01905 621176

## Flowers

	Porch	Pedestal
April 12th	TBA	Jane Hill
April 19th	Wedding with own flowers	
April 26th	Angie Randle	TBA

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.00: Remove Easter Flowers

We would welcome anyone interested in helping. Please contact Jane Hill, [hill4family@icloud.com](mailto:hill4family@icloud.com) or 01905 620192.

## Rector's Thoughts

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



My journey from Droitwich to the parishes of the benefice frequently takes me past the Big Bear roundabout at the beginning of the Hampton Lovett industrial estates on the way to Cutnall Green. The first exit from that roundabout takes you off to the big commercial dairy there and often, as I approach it, a big Muller Dairy truck is coming

from my left. What follows is that daintily choreographed dance that you will all be familiar with at any major roundabout. If I still have a little way to go to the island the lorry will carefully pull out onto it and even if I get onto it before he exits it I pause a moment to let him go. And if I arrive there first he will wait for me to go past him before pulling out behind me.

It was only the other day that it struck me what a wonderful thing this is. His truck is so much bigger than my little Ford Fiesta and if he wanted to he could force his way onto the roundabout first and I would have no choice, but to wait for him. I know that it is a requirement that we should give way to the traffic coming from our right at a roundabout but would I really go through the rigmarole of making a complaint if he were to force his way past me?

People that I have known who have lived and worked in other parts of the world have told me that you can't take this courtesy for granted in other places. People who have come from India are amazed that people stop for a red light in the middle of the night here when roads are quiet and friends I know who once worked in Alexandria in Egypt tell me that blue flashing lights on an ambulance are routinely ignored there and people do not give way to them. Why bother to help a complete stranger?

The distinguished historian, Tom Holland, has recently been arguing that this kind of courteous behaviour is normal, even taken for granted here, because of the way that Christian values have completely shaped our culture. In an interview that you can find on YouTube with the former deputy prime minister of Australia, John Anderson, Holland argues that the high point of this arc of world history came at the end of the Second World War in 1945. The defeat of the overtly anti-Christian Nazi regime in Germany came with a realisation of what you get when Christian norms are rejected. Holland argues that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was agreed by the international community after the war is actually a Christian document through and through. Any of you who have ever been to my house will see a framed copy of it hanging over our dining table. If you read it you will see how Christian it is. Even the USSR had to sign it back in 1948 although they had no intention of keeping it because for a brief moment the whole world agreed that all humanity shared these rights in common. Christians declare that this is so because we are all created in the image of God.

Discerning readers will observe that sadly human rights have been honoured more often in their breach than in their observance and that the opening statement of the declaration that "ALL human beings are born free and equal" has always been more of an aspiration than an achievement, but the very fact that in 1948 the entire General Assembly of the United Nations signed this including the newly independent countries

of India and Pakistan as well as the Warsaw Pact countries dominated by the Soviet Union was a testament to the global triumph of Christian faith and values.

But Anderson and Holland sadly do not end here. They note that increasingly countries from around the world are calling these values "western" and not "universal". Rising powers in Asia argue that we in the West have no right to impose these values upon them. They claim that when we speak of human rights we are acting as imperialists. And all too often we in the West argue that human rights are not universal, but are only for our own kind. It is as if we say that when God created us he only created some of us in his image. How can this possibly be?

As you receive your April edition of your magazine the Church will be beginning the season of Easter that this year begins on Sunday 31st March and ends at Pentecost fifty days later on Sunday 19th May. Easter is a glorious celebration of the triumph of light over darkness, of love over hatred, and of life over death and Christians declare these triumphs confidently because we believe that Jesus is risen from the dead. Because of this faith we confidently declare the values that have underpinned our society for many years but if we lose confidence in the faith, will we lose confidence in the values as well?

### **PRAYING ROUND THE PARISH**

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

Rev Stephen Winter 07773 760899 [mail@stephenwinter.net](mailto:mail@stephenwinter.net)

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

or Rev James Homer 01299 851637 [ajfhomer@btinternet.com](mailto:ajfhomer@btinternet.com)

[assistant curate with pastoral responsibility for the Worcestershire Severn Parishes]



#### Areas for April:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Lincomb, The Winnalls, Acton, Mount Pleasant

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Sandys Road, Wellington Road, Chestnut Walk, The Hamptons

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Main Road North, Oakfield Road, Woodhall Lane/Close, Faber Orchard, Deans Walk

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Ombersley Medical Centre

If you would like a place of quiet to pray, or think, or just rest, St Andrew's Church is open every day from 10am.

# St Andrew's News

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

After an early Easter, April should be a relatively normal month at St Andrew's. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our regular services and the many activities that take place in the Narthex – the meeting space at the back of the Church.

This month is also a good time to visit the Churchyard and enjoy the signs of nature reemerging from Winter. If you can persuade yourself to get up early you should be rewarded by the dawn chorus. The Churchyard and surrounding woodland are home to a wide array of birdlife and if you load the Merlin App from the CornellLab on your phone (search for Merlin bird app), you can easily identify what is hiding in the undergrowth.

Our thanks to everyone who helps keep the Churchyard such a welcoming space for peace and reflection all year round.

## **Creative Coffee:**

We have been fairly relaxed so far this year enjoying our own crafts, however, we love to have a go at all crafts and we welcome ideas for new projects. We have the facility to set up a You Tube tutorial and all learn together which will be..... interesting!

Our dates for April are the 4th and 18th from 10.30am. We meet in the Narthex at the back of the church and everyone is welcome, so please drop in and say Hello. If you have ideas of crafts or projects you would like to try, meet people or chat over tea or coffee please do come along.

## **'Stay and Play' for 0-3 years:**

Monday mornings from 9.30 to 11am, £2 (*not Bank Holidays*). If interested, please email [stayandplayomersley@outlook.com](mailto:stayandplayomersley@outlook.com) or call 07837928531. We are open to everyone, so do come along. There are various toys and play areas, and a chance for a drink and a chat with circle songs at the end.

## **Bible Reading Discussion Group:**

Richard Berry leads and challenges us on the readings of the previous Sunday, (if you want to look at them ahead of time) and discussion ranges far and wide!

Anyone is welcome to join in and find out more, we meet in the Narthex normally on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm but as that is a Bank Holiday in April and May, we will **meet at 7 pm on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** and 7 pm on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please just come along if you are interested, or ring Richard on 07496 850192.

## Looking Ahead

An **Organ Extravaganza** on the evening of **Saturday 11th May**, by Keith Hearnshaw, who has entertained us in the past and left us all smiling. See poster in the magazine.

### **FETE: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1pm**

It's time to think of all the bits that could support the stalls when the Spring Cleaning Bug strikes.....

Books, White Elephant, (Full) Bottles, Toys etc.

Would you be willing to help run a stall for part of the day? There are several games that will need an extra pair of hands and being a stall holder can be a great deal of fun. If interested, please contact Liz Hooper 01905 620827 or Fiona 01905 621176 or email:

[lizhooper127@btinternet.com](mailto:lizhooper127@btinternet.com)

### **September or October**

West Mercia Police Band went down a storm last year and would like to come back.



## **Roving Reporter: Local News for April 2024**

### **Goodbye Rain Showers. Hello Sunshine?**

- When out and about in the lovely sunshine this month, why not consider helping out our community and join the **Litter Pickers of the Parish**? Wychavon D.C have an **Adopt a Street** scheme where you can sign up online. All you have to do is promise to pick up litter at least 4 times a year in a particular area, which are of your choosing and on a date at your convenience. The Council will then loan you all the equipment and deliver it to your home free of charge. Further information can be found in the advert in this magazine.
- What is happening at **Ombersley & Doverdale Tennis Club** after all the rain last month? I hear that they have some Rusty Rackets sessions (I did not know that wood could become rusty) every Tuesday 7-8pm. Plus, I also heard that they are planning to have some new tennis courts built. Someone said you might even paddle in them, or did they mean Padel? Together with some improved car parking and a program of courses offering something for all age groups, ODTCC will definitely be having a positive impact on village life.

Remember there is also a Public Tennis Court you can book for non-members. Check out their website for more information or [ODTCsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ODTCsecretary@gmail.com)

- Our friendly **Parish Path Wardens** have also been very busy over winter improving and making safe some of the beautiful walks around the parish. Strips of non-slip matting have been fixed on the ditch crossings near the Fruiterers Arms and also down by Tern Mill. If anyone spots any issues with footpaths, footbridges, signposts or ditch crossings please get in touch with Peter Reynolds Tel. 07855 441804 or [pwreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pwreynolds@gmail.com)
- An audience of over 60 people attended a very informative talk on the Routes to the Rule of Law given by Anthony Hughes in the Memorial Hall organised by the **Ombersley History Group**. The next Public Talk is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - see magazine for further information.
- There is nothing like a Traditional English Village fete to help highlight the benefits of living in a caring village community. So, Save the date of **15<sup>th</sup> June for Ombersley Church and School Fete** and join in the fun. Helpers required please for set up or manning stalls. Please contact Fiona 621176 or Liz 620827.
- Have you just Spring Cleaned your Wardrobes? Then why not consider donating them to a **Sale of Women's Pre-loved Clothes on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2-4.30pm** in the Ombersley Memorial Hall. Further details in this magazine.
- **Ombersley Movie Nights – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** 'The Great Escaper' starring Michael Caine and the late Glenda Jackson in OMH doors open 7pm. £5 cash Pay on door.
- Tickets are now on sale for our **Fundraising Film and Food** evening in aid of **The Brain Tumour Charity** in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Further details are in the advert in this magazine.

If you are planning any special event either as an individual or as a club or have any snippets of local news email Diane at [maxdiane@outlook.com](mailto:maxdiane@outlook.com)

## Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Council

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome, through co-option, Rod Reynolds back onto the Council.

A full list of councillors can be found on the Parish Council web site or the notice boards in Ombersley and Doverdale.





## 'OMBERSLEY MOVIE NIGHT 2024 FILMS

**Doors and Bar Open at 7pm, Movie Starts at 7.30p**

**£5 entry on the door (Please note – cash payments only)**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**'The Great Escaper'**

***Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson***

*The Great Escaper is a 2023 biographical film directed by Oliver Parker. It is based on the true story of 89-year-old British World War II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014*



**Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Ombersley Memorial Hall  
7pm**



**Sushella Burford, the "Finds" Liason Officer from the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) will talk about recent finds in Worcestershire.**

The PAS is run as a service by the British Museum and Museum of Wales. Most finds are from metal detectorists, who are usually allowed to keep the find once it has been identified and recorded. Finds recorded by the scheme help advance knowledge of the history and archaeology of England and Wales. The Worcestershire and Warwickshire team recorded 2727 items in 2023, ranging in date from early stone age to mediaeval. The talk will show some highlights from the last 12 months.

**Admission: Members free; Non-Members £5 (cash only)  
includes a glass of wine or soft drink.  
The talk will start at 7.30 prompt**

Next OHG public lecture will be on 10<sup>th</sup> October given by Philip Serrell.



## Ombersley Gardening Club



April and May are the perfect months for lacing up your boots and heading outside to enjoy the warmer weather as we head from Spring towards Summer with the days now much longer and lighter.

The gardening club celebrated the annual Spring Show on the 21<sup>st</sup> March which is always a super evening and a great success. We now look forward to the **18<sup>th</sup> April** when we welcome Samantha Hopes talking to us about Plants with a Story, followed on the **16<sup>th</sup> May** with an evening talk entitled 'Potty Time, a Year in Pots' with Harriet Rycroft, which I'm sure will give us many new ideas on planting up our pots for the months ahead. The **13<sup>th</sup> June** brings us a self-drive visit to the Walled Garden at Westwood House; a date not to be missed.

With the weather becoming warmer we need to look out for the Asian hornets, which have managed to find their way over here and pose a huge threat to bees and other wildlife. A key feature to spotting an Asian hornet is its bright yellow legs and it is much larger than the European hornet, which is no threat at all to bees. If you happen to see a Asian hornet, it should be reported to the NNSS (non-native species secretariat).

With the birds still nesting, don't forget to leave out food and water for them and other wildlife. There's still plenty to be doing in the garden as we enjoy all the blossom and beautiful flowers around.

We hope to welcome our members new and old to our next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. Until then happy gardening!

*Ombersley Gardening Club Committee*



### Tea & Coffee Shop

### Ombersley Memorial Hall

Opening Times

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2-4 pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2-4 pm



# OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Thursday 4th April 2024 – 7.00 for 7.30pm

## Cake decorating masterclass



**Come and have a try at cake decorating with our teacher Ali from Dalish Bakery at the Jinney Ring.**

We will provide the frosting and piping bags etc.  
You just bring some cakes!

**Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May will be Adam Evans from Dementia UK**

Members: Free; Guests: £6: Contact Marie or Ann 07901522412 / 07712 811552

## LEARN TO PRUNE STONE FRUIT TREES

SATURDAY - 6TH APRIL

10AM - 12PM

OMBERSLEY COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Guidance & equipment provided - Please bring gloves & drink

£10 per person (max 10 places)

To book your place email Mike Gurney

[mikegurney20@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikegurney20@hotmail.co.uk)

# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Council

The Parish Council has received the following details of a public consultation for the proposed construction of 9 homes on land bordering Apple Tree Walk.

If you have any difficulty accessing the internet details displayed on the document, please contact Anne Scadding on 07731 929910 or email [clerk@odpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@odpc.co.uk)

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Proposed development of land south of Apple Tree Walk for 9 new dwellings, including 1 affordable 'First Home', comprising a mix of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes with parking, car ports, landscaping and public open space.



We invite you to share your views on the proposed development at Apple Tree Walk, by Apple Tree Walk Developments Limited, in collaboration with EGM Homes Ltd and Veya Homes Ltd.

The proposed drawings can be found at our website [www.BBAP.co.uk](http://www.BBAP.co.uk), by clicking the link on the homepage. There is also a Survey monkey available to submit your comments, alternatively send your comments via email to [Info@EGMHomes.co.uk](mailto:Info@EGMHomes.co.uk)

**PENNI NEEDS YOUR HELP RAISING MONEY FOR “THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST”  
BY RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON 2024!!**

Hello - I'm Penni - many readers will know me as I work as a physio at the medical centre and run some of the Pilates classes in the Memorial Hall, and you may have seen my *neon yellow Vapor trail* racing through the village as I run home from work! I am running the **London Marathon on Sunday 21st April 2024** and am raising money for **The Outward Bound Trust**, which is an educational charity dedicated to unlocking the potential in young people between the ages of 9-25 through learning and adventures in the wild. They challenge young people to never give up, to change their perspective and to learn the most important lesson: to believe in themselves.

If you would like to support me and the charity by donating money to help me reach my £2400 total before the marathon I'd be so very grateful. Donations can be made via my official TCS London Marathon enthuse donation page or if you'd like to donate in another way, please contact Penni directly on 07795 072313 or email [penniphysioK@icloud.com](mailto:penniphysioK@icloud.com)



## **Ombersley Dramatic Society**

Our next production is a comedy play at Hartlebury Parish Hall called Spirit Level. Famous crime writer Jack Cameron and wife Susie are refused entry into heaven after drowning in a boating accident. Jack is a card-carrying atheist. They return to haunt the cottage where they lived. Their only pleasure comes from spooking the estate agent and frightening away any would be tenants. When young couple Simon, an aspiring crime writer, and Flic his pregnant wife, move in Jack and Susie become drawn into their lives. Simon has writer's block and Marcia's and Flick's monstrous mother is doing her best to separate them.

With no hope of success, Susie calls up her Guardian Angel who is not the angelic figure one would expect. She tells Jack he can help Simon write his book, but by an unorthodox method which causes moments of utter confusion. Christmas arrives - a snowstorm and the baby. A moment of crisis, Jack finds himself doing something no card-carrying atheist would ever admit to, but will it help...?

Performances on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 at Hartlebury Parish Hall. Tickets from Mike Turner 01905620757 or Chris Marsh 01905774210.

# Film, Food & Fun



A CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENING



**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**Ombersley Memorial Hall WR9 0DY**

## **MAMMA MIA! THE MOVIE**

**Doors, Bar & Beer Garden open 7pm: Film starts at 8.00pm**

**Hot Greek Food served between 7-8pm**

**Tickets £20 per person**

You can choose to eat your meal before or during the screening of the film. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Email or phone to book your tickets by contacting:

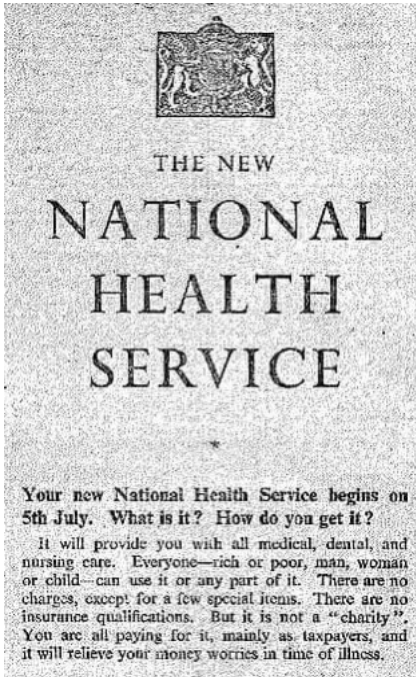
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If unable to attend then maybe consider a donation using QR code Ref: Simon Seivewright

Group

# The Origins of The National Health Service



The 5th July 1948 saw the birth of a great institution, the National Health Service (NHS). It was a product of the post-war Labour Government under Clement Attlee and launched by the then Minister of Health, Aneurin Bevan. The aspiration of the NHS was to bring reliable, accessible and free health-care to all. However, its inception was not without problems and disagreement.

Prior to the NHS, health-care was fragmentary and available usually only to those who could pay for it. Religious institutions from the Middle Ages offered medical care of the most basic kind, supposedly to all, for a "charitable" donation. The workhouses offered a home of sorts to the poorest in society.

In the Nineteenth Century, "Friendly Societies" offered a form of insurance to working men. They paid out a sum for inability to work from illness or injury and some access to medical care. About 8% of the population were covered by them. These societies employed their own doctors, known as "Club Practice". There were stringent restrictions on the care the doctors could give and it was not popular, neither with doctors nor members, but was better than nothing. "The Citadel" written by A.J. Cronin painted a very unflattering picture of medical practice under the "Club" system. From this book came the stories of Dr Finlay's Casebook and the battles between Dr Finlay and Dr Snoddie.

Lloyd George's Liberal Government at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century introduced some "Welfare Reforms"; school medical inspections, old age pensions (introduced in 1908) and unemployment insurance. These came about because politicians had fears for "The Future of the Race" and the fear of a so-called "Imperial Decline" following the Boer War.

1911 saw the introduction of “National Health Insurance” which saw a system part paid by employers, part by employees and part by the state. The Act gave wage replacement for illness and under the “Panel” system, patients joined a General Practitioner’s list. The insurance only applied to working men and the medical benefits were limited. Non-wage-earning women, children and the economically inactive elderly were excluded. All hospital treatment was excluded apart from treatment for tuberculosis. Many people opposed the compulsory insurance act as they felt they had better benefits with the Friendly Societies, many of whom went out of business when the Act was introduced.

At this time the hospital system was also under great strain. Voluntary hospitals ran on a charitable basis, which during the inter-war years came under severe pressure. There were about 1000 of these around the country, from small provincial hospitals to the large London teaching hospitals. Local Government had, in 1929, taken over the Poor Law Hospitals when that system ended. Generally speaking, these hospitals were no better than long term care institutions offering basic care.

Finally, before 1948 and the start of the NHS, one of the largest providers of medical care was run by Local Government, under a local Public Health Director – The Medical Officer of Health (MoH). Although by the 1930s this had become a huge organisation, the main role was improvement of Public Health, such as providing vaccinations and checking the quality of milk.

To sum up: the pre-war system was patchy with uneven access and under severe financial strain. There was a general recognition from Government and medical professional institutions that “something must be done.”

The onset of war saw some changes, with a rapid reorganisation of services under the “Emergency Medical Services” to deal with the threat of bombing. In 1942, the Beveridge Report on “Social Insurance” created the idea of a “common risk”.

A 1944 White paper proposed a National Service based under local authorities and a Central Medical Board controlling hospitals and “health centres”.

It was the medical profession who were the most vocal opponents. The BMA (the British Medical Association, which acted as the Doctors Union) objected to a salaried service and local authority control of health services. This was based on two objections: the threat to clinical freedom and control of medical services lying in the hands of lay people.



The Labour victory of 1945 and the appointment of Aneurin Bevan as Health Minister brought a change of attitude shown in the 1946 NHS Act, which laid the foundations for the nationalization of hospitals controlled by appointed local bodies and primary care run by general practitioners. Hospital “Consultants” would be salaried. However, almost up to the start of the NHS on July 5<sup>th</sup> 1948, there was disagreement on terms for a salary for community or general practice. In the end no agreement could be reached and GPs (General Practitioners) kept their self-employed status, being able to continue in private practice, but being paid an annual fee for each NHS patient they agreed to “keep on their books”. This continues to this day whereby GPs run their own “Practices” and employ the staff, paid by the NHS for the services they provide and hospital consultants are employees of the NHS.



Aneurin Bevan on the first day of the NHS, 5th July 1948, at Park Hospital, Davyhulme near Manchester.

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*David Collier, Ombersley History Group*

## Can You Help?

We are looking to someone with a basic knowledge of ‘Word’ and ‘Excel spreadsheets’ to help with the production of the Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine.

For more information please contact either Zillah Pickering or Maureen Callow (see page 3 of the magazine for contact details).

## A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In February 2024 there were:

- 3,479 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1122 telephone consultations
- 182 DNA (Did not attend)
- 12,771 medications issued
- 2248 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 17,280 test results reviewed and actioned



### Physiotherapists at Ombersley Medical Centre

Are you struggling with bone, joint or muscular problems? Rather than waiting for a GP we can offer you a NHS appointment with one of our excellent physiotherapists, Rafal and David.

During your initial physio appointment, you will be assessed and provided with some initial management, exercise techniques or can even provide you with a joint injection.

For those patients where further investigations/imaging or further specialist treatment is required, the physio will complete the appropriate referral.

Their appointments are available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. You can contact the surgery to book directly in with them for either a face to face, based at the surgery or telephone consultation.



**ADOPT A STREET**  
*and make a difference*

### **Do you love where you live and would like to help keep it looking clean and tidy?**

Then join the Wychavon district Adopt-a-Street scheme and make a difference to your community.

All you have to do is sign the online pledge which includes:

- Telling us which area of land you would like to adopt (public land only unless you have permission from the landowner)
- A promise from you to litter pick your chosen site at least 4 times a year on dates of your choosing and at your convenience.

The area you choose to litter pick can be as small or as large as you like.

In return for your commitment we will provide you with:

Free litter-picking equipment and bags: Guidance on health & Safety

Sign up on our website **[www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk)**

Saturday Evening at St Andrew's, Ombersley - WR9 OEP  
acclaimed concert organist

Keith Hearnshaw

Saturday  
11th May  
7pm

*Organ Extravaganza*

**£12**

with refreshments



[www.keithhearnshaw.co.uk](http://www.keithhearnshaw.co.uk)

To Book: contact Louise on 07952 692022 [robinson\\_louise@icloud.com](mailto:robinson_louise@icloud.com)  
or Fiona 07837 928531 [fmdavies83@gmail.com](mailto:fmdavies83@gmail.com) or pay on the door

This concert is a fundraising event organised by the St Andrew's Association

**CANCELLED**

**DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

**WE ARE SORRY TO HAVE TO CANCEL THE**

**PRE – LOVED WOMEN'S FASHION SALE**

**ON SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



**WE MAY LOOK TO RESCHEDULE THE EVENT**

**SO PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON**

**LOCAL NEWS FOR UPDATES**



# Ombersley Endowed First School



## **Book Week**

We all had a wonderful Book Week; each class enjoyed a different Julia Donaldson book. Reception enjoyed 'The Oak Tree,' Year 1 had lots of fun with 'Room on the Broom', Year 2 travelled around the world with 'The Snail and the Whale', Year 3 loved 'The Stick Man' and Year 4 acted out the playscript from the book 'Bombs and Blackberries'.

During the week the children took part in lots of home challenges and fun activities including designing their own book cover for a Julia Donaldson book, taking a photograph of themselves reading in an 'extreme place'. On Monday, every class had Storytime in the forest. On Tuesday, they brought their pre-loved books to swap for a new one. On Wednesday, Usborne books came into school. For World Book Day on Thursday, everyone in the school dressed up as their favourite book character – they all looked fantastic – everyone was a winner! On Friday, the children voted for their favourite Julia Donaldson animation – 'The Highway Rat' was the winner, so the whole school enjoyed watching that on the afternoon before we invited their parents in to look at all the work the children had done during book week and to share a book with their child. It was a lovely end to a lovely week.

## **Sports at Ombersley**

The children have enjoyed lots of sporting activities; Both Key Stages One and Two took part in after-school Dance clubs, Key Stage One are taking part in rugby every week. Key Stage Two children are also enjoying Martial Arts club. Some of the Year 3 and 4 children took part in a football afternoon with other schools. They are looking forward to their swimming lessons again after Easter.

## **Trips**

Reception children are looking forward to their spring visit to Bishops Wood to take part in lots of 'hands on' spring activities.

Year 1 had a wonderful day at Warwick Castle as an enrichment day for their work on Castles and Kings and Queens.

## **Easter**

The whole school is starting to practice for the Easter service at Ombersley church. This is always one of the highlights of the year, when we all wear our Easter bonnets and parade down to Church to perform Easter songs and readings for our parents. Happy Easter to Everyone!

Scooters Holiday club is available during The Easter Break; contact school for details.



## **Trips and Experiences**

As a school, we really value developing children in the widest sense and supporting them to discover their talents. So, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we arranged for Paul Sturgess to visit our school and work with the children. Paul is a 7'8" tall basketball player, who is a former member of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters and is recognised as being the 'Tallest Professional Basketball Player in the World'. Over the last year he has also been in national media as 'Britain's Tallest Man'. Paul is not only passionate about basketball, but also towards inspiring the next generation, and through his basketball visits he hopes to expose children to the sport along with reinforcing very positive messages about being different and overcoming challenges. We absolutely loved having him and he thoroughly enjoyed working with our children!



## **World Book Day**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated World Book Day by coming to school in our cosy reading clothes! The children also decorated potatoes as their favourite books or book characters. During the day, the children were visited by parents and staff who shared their favourite books. We made Reading Scrapbooks, created recommendations of our favourite books for the library and used drama to act out our favourite stories!



## **Mothering Sunday**

Our amazing PTA have been busy this week too. They have arranged for every child in the school to attend our Mother's Day 'Secret Room' to choose a gift and have it wrapped for their loved ones. It was so lovely to see how excited the children were!

## **Open the Book**

We have been very excited to welcome the Ombersley 'Open the Book' team into school this term! The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive nature of these assemblies and we are looking forward to building this relationship going forward.

## **CARING FOR CREATION**

With Spring just around the corner and the welcoming prospect of sunny days, dormant plants and bulbs emerging from the warming soil and hibernating animals awakening, I was interested in a recent Songs of Praise programme called Caring for Creation.

The Bible tells us that the incredible beauty of earth is all God's work and that we are responsible for looking after it. However, as climate change becomes an increasingly urgent issue, what should Christians be doing and how can they make a difference?

Presenter, Claire McCollum, went on a quest to discover Christians who were doing just that: making a difference.

The Midlands is home to one of the largest textile processing plants in the country and is run by The Salvation Army. There, Claire met a devout campaigner who encouraged Christians to turn to God to help the environment. The state-of-the-art technology in

the plant identified the textile by fibre type and protected tons of waste from going to landfill. This ultra-efficient recycling to provide cheaper clothes is not that far removed from the vision of William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army over 150 years ago. His vision was to bring the word of God to the streets of London's East End; however, he soon realized that empty stomachs and bare feet were not conducive to promoting his cause. He, therefore, set about feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless and clothing the poor. This culture of social ethos remains at the core of The Salvation Army today.

One Christian, a Clinical Trial Research Scientist, felt called by God to protect our native wild life. She found that spending time with nature was an important way of connecting with God. She thought of ways of engaging her church community in climate change with a Christian perspective and this prompted a series of Bible Study classes. Many verses in the Bible encourage us to reflect on the beauties which God has created and reveal the use of the natural world by God himself in his teachings. She felt so inspired to encourage households to adopt greener habits that her church received funding to scale-up this concept to nationwide level and endorsed by the Church of England, the Creation Care Scheme went on-line in 2020. It is now being used by 2000 homes in the UK to encourage and help families to adopt greener habits and go beyond recycling to care for God's creation.

Getting outside is also a great reminder of the rich diversity of nature we have in the UK and how much each element plays a vital part in the eco-system. It is so important to protect even the smallest of God's creatures as without one, we potentially lose the other. Pinetree Farm near Northampton is an animal in-need sanctuary where domestic and wild animals are rescued from danger and cared for. The charity currently homes over 600 creatures with the Winter months being particularly busy with hedgehog rescues. The staff chose the hymn "All things bright and beautiful" to show their commitment and passion in restoring the animals to a safe and friendly environment.

No doubt, many of us do feel close to God in nature and creation and if we enjoy this experience then we are encouraged to protect it. The following reflection seems to sum up everything so well:-

"Dear Lord, Guide us all to better care for your beautiful world."

And what better way to end than with the beautiful words of the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest" by the Reverend John Ellerton.

*Valerie Harris*

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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	

### FLOWER ROTA

April 7<sup>th</sup> : EASTER FLOWERS

APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>: Jean Dowty

### PEWPOINTS

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April:- Meeting of PCC members after HC Service at 11.00a.m. to adopt the accounts.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May:- AGM of St. Mary's PCC. Vestry Meeting at 7.00a.m. followed by AGM Meeting. To be held in Ombersley Narthex.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

St. Mary's Mothering Sunday service was held this year on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Mothering Sunday always falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and provides a wonderful opportunity to both give thanks and to celebrate the love of mothers everywhere.

Mothering Sunday began purely as a religious event in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The word "Mothering" referred to the Mother Church i.e. the main church or cathedral of the region. It was considered important for people to return to their home or Mother Church. Consequently, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their Mother Church. Inevitably, this became an occasion for family reunions and it became a tradition for children, mainly daughters who had gone away to work as domestic servants, to be given a day off to visit their mother and family. As the girls walked along the country lanes, they would pick wild flowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.



Richard Jeynes took the service and delightfully involved the young children during his sermon. Many thanks to Laureen Moyse for leading us through the hymns and to our readers, Rachel Nicholson and Ann Chapman.

After the blessing of the flowers, the beautiful posies were distributed amongst the congregation. The bunches of Spring flowers always make a lovely splash of colour in the austerity of Lent and made a particularly welcome contrast to the day's grey, rainy weather.

Coffee and delicious biscuits were served by the Friends after the service. Thank you so much to those who came along to join us and to help celebrate such a special day.

## SERVICES

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mr. J. Chapman Sidesperson: Mrs.A.Chapman Readings:- Acts 4(32-35) & John 20(19-end)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> .April 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector: Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Acts 4 (5-12) & Gospel, John 10 (11-18)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> .April 5 <sup>th</sup> of Easter 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector: Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings:- Acts 8 (26-end) & Gospel John 15 (1-8)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> of Easter ROGATION	11.00a.m. Service of Rogation	Readers TBA
Sunday May 19 <sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector: Mrs. A. Chapman Sidesperson: Mr.John Chapman Readings:- Acts 2 (1-21) & Gospel, John 15 (26-27) & 16 (4b-15)

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