

# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**May  
2024**



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## Severn Parishes Service Rota

**May 2024**

May 5th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.30am	Rogation Service	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Rogation Service	Doverdale
	11.00am	Rogation HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
	2.30pm	Rogation Service	Bells Farm Shop
May 12th	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	10.00am	FS	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	MP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
May 19th	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	MP	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.00am	MP	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
May 26th	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
June 2nd	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday 1st	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>

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

MP Morning Prayer

Ascension HC-CW on May 9<sup>th</sup>; 7.30 pm Hartlebury (with refreshments)

Morning Prayer, 9.15 on 29<sup>th</sup> May at Ombersley

# St Andrew's Church

## Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Lector
May 5th	HC-CW	Meg & James Martineau	Stephen Winter	Howard Robinson
May 12th	FS	Hazel Smith, Alison Want	-	-
May 19th	MP	Judy Baer, Lynne Hunter	Audrey & Geoff Axon	Marjorie Workman
May 26th	HC-CW	Robert Thornton, Chris Day	Stephen Winter	James Martineau
June 2nd	HC-CW	Jenny Batelen, Fiona Davies	Stephen Winter	Robert Thornton

## Holy Dusters

May 3rd	Myra Cowdrey, Pernilla Asplen, Jeanette Horn
May 17th	Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
May 31st	Liz Hooper, Fiona Davies
June 14th	Pernilla Asplen, Fiona Davies, Jeanette Horn

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

## Flowers

	Porch	Pedestal
10 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA	TBA
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Wedding (florist flowers)	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Wedding – Sue Arnold, Julie Hall	
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Wedding – Maggie Packer, Julie Hall	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Wedding	

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

Please send articles/reports for inclusion in the June Magazine by  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

## Rector's Thoughts

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



For six years of my life I was a priest visiting people in their work place. I seem to have done six or seven year jobs throughout my working life. I will have to think about that some time. You are probably fortunate to be getting rid of me at the end of August!

Anyway, back to the work place. During those years I offered myself to people as a listening ear. God does an awful lot of listening. Whether we are consciously praying or not God listens to all the stuff that is in our hearts all the time and God loves us. Actually, God loves us so much that he cannot get enough of us. I love the words that the 14th century mystic, Julian of Norwich, heard Jesus say to her. "If I could have suffered more for you I would have done so".

I visited two kinds of workplace. One kind was factories, mainly in Redditch, and the other kind was the government's scientific research establishment, before it was privatised, in Malvern. You might think that these were very different but the one thing that they shared in common was that people needed to feel that they mattered and were valued.

One of the most influential voices about the nature of organisations in recent years has been Charles Handy. Born the son of a Church of Ireland rector in County Kildare, Handy was an executive for Shell, taught at the London Business School, ran a centre created by Prince Philip and Robin Woods (some of you will remember him as Bishop of Worcester) based at Windsor Castle and then worked freelance. In talking about his life, he said that one of the most important moments within it was attending his father's funeral. He says that he did not have a particularly high opinion of his father, feeling that he had wasted his life on a couple of small parishes in the Irish countryside until he saw a full church and people lining the street to pay their respect to his father and then heard from many people about how his father had touched their lives.

Each of the people that he spoke to told a story of how they felt they mattered to his father and about how they mattered in the world. This taught him one lesson. The other was about the nature of a village. He saw how people felt that there was a place in which people felt they belonged and that they mattered. He also saw the part that a parish priest played in this world through his father's example. I will write more about this another time.

Handy came to feel that organisations needed to become more like a village. Please note, more like a village than like a suburb. A village is strong when there is a sense that everyone matters and that everyone has a part to play. Nobody owns the whole village but everyone has a stake in its prosperity. A village event like a fête or the recent celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee or the King's Coronation brought people together. Both turning up to organise the event or turning up to enjoy it matter. In that sense everyone has a part to play. The renowned anthropologist, Robin Dunbar, (I used to visit his parents when I was a priest in Birmingham and took both of their funerals) argues that we function best in a community of about 150 people. They are the people who recognise us in the street and if one of them is missing from an important occasion we really notice it.

I heard a lovely story a few years ago about an island in the Orkneys on which no child had been born for a number of years. The people there felt that the island was dying. Then a little child called Lucy was born after 32 years and the wonderful Orkney poet, George Mackay Brown wrote a Lullaby for Lucy, and it was set to music by Peter Maxwell Davies, a composer resident on the Orkneys and Master of the Queen's Music. It is a lovely song and you should find it on your favourite streaming channel.

The point that I am making is that in a village everyone and everything matters. A wedding, the birth of a child, a baptism, a sad farewell at a funeral, helping at a village event, turning up. I could go on. And the more you give, the more you receive. A friendly greeting with a smile on your face is so important. Asking your neighbour how they are.

I have received so much from the villages that I have served as a parish priest and I would like to extend the village from more than just the houses that are clustered together to form a particular settlement. I think it is the parish that really matters. Parishes were first created in England in the 7th century by Archbishop Theodore. He came from Tarsus in Turkey which was in the Eastern Roman Empire at that time. Who would have thought that a foreigner would have given us something that feels so English? Something that has lasted for 1400 years.

This is a point that Charles Handy makes. The village and the parish have lasted for a long time. They have learned, on many occasions, how to adapt to changing times.

So, make your contribution to your village and your parish. It may be in helping to organise something. That would be great. But even if it is just doing something for a neighbour or just staying on friendly terms with them that really matters.

And thank you for buying this copy of your parish magazine. This matters as well.

# St Andrew's News

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

Spring and Summer might really be on the way after an extraordinarily wet few months. The north end of the Figard memorial garden is really boggy at the moment, something we thought would be hard to achieve, but will be excellent for the wildlife. Did you manage to download the Merlin app and pick up some birdsong? The bench at the other end is a beautiful place to sit and listen.

We were very lucky with our Easter services, and the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, almost pleasant weather, and our Sunrise Bonfire celebrated the resurrection in fine style. A very good turnout considering the clocks went forward and it felt like a 5.15am start! Slightly lower turnout for our 8 am breakfast - perhaps we don't make it clear enough that everyone is welcome whether they join in one of the services or not?

We are asked recently what the 'Praying Round the Parish' means? Each Sunday, as listed in the magazine, different areas of the Parish are prayed for during the Sunday service. We also have a "Prayer Corner" near the side door of St Andrew's where you can write prayers that can be put in a small box for the following Sunday. There are also several small books available for guidance and to take home.

We now begin our busy season of Weddings and Events. The big Events are listed below and we have eight weddings between April and October! It is a joy to see the church well used in so many ways.

A thought for the month with thanks to James Homer:

"Our faith might be seen, less as a prop for us, but as an active aid to live our lives more fully."

**Creative Coffee:** May 2nd and May 16th 10.30 am. We are now busy thinking of and making things for the craft stall at the Fete in June, and ideas and help are very welcome!

We meet in the Narthex at the back of the church and welcome anyone 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 you are welcome to 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 on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Please just come along if you are interested, or ring Richard on 07496 850192. 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Note change to second Monday in May...there's a Bank Holiday involved again! June as usual on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Looking Ahead

There is more information on all these events further on in the magazine.

**May 11th 7pm: An Organ Extravaganza** by Keith Hearnshaw who has entertained us in the past and left us all smiling.

Keith's mission is to show how much we can enjoy listening to the organ and his amusing anecdotes and nuggets of information leaves us educated and entertained and there will be refreshments ...of course.

£12 per ticket: email [fmdavies83@gmail.com](mailto:fmdavies83@gmail.com) or 01905621176

## Church and School Fête: June 15th 1pm

We need lots of help to make the Fete a successful and happy community event: Books, White Elephant, Full) bottles, Toys, Cakes, Plants and Jam.

And of course, willing helpers both on the day and preparing beforehand. Contrary to popular belief the Fête does not just happen!!

**October 20th:** A concert by the West Mercia Police Band

### *A Blessing for Today*

*May we find joy in the  
everyday beauty showered  
around us and rejoicing  
take care of it*

*May we remember that we  
hold love in our hearts  
and hands and in  
kindness pass it on*

*May we learn how we daily  
can make our world a  
better place*

*And may God's peace  
rest and abide in us  
always*

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## 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 May:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Haye Lane, Oldfield Lane,

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Main Road South, Church Lane, Hill Top, Ombersley Court

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and Hunt Green

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Churchwardens

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.

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

**Keith Hearnshaw**

**Saturday**  
**11th May**  
**7pm**

**£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





## LOCAL NEWS

### ENJOY THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY

- Have you been Spring Cleaning this month? I expect you have found 'that' drawer in the house where all the odd bits like phone leads, chargers, remote controls and other things go throughout the year, or maybe you have just tidied up the garage. There is a Local Repair Café in Droitwich Library where volunteers meet on the last Saturday of the month 10-2pm who could help you upcycle or recycle your unwanted items. **Their next meeting is on May 25<sup>th</sup> contact Bromsgrove & Droitwich Makerspace [www.facebook.com/BDMakerspace](http://www.facebook.com/BDMakerspace).**
- Big shout out to all local **Detectorists**. On **Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Ombersley History Group have organised a talk in OMH at 7pm by Finds Liaison Officer, Sushella Burford, who will talk about recent finds in Worcestershire. Further details elsewhere in the magazine.
- **Ombersley Gardening Club** mentioned the threat of Asian Hornets to our bees and other wildlife in last month's magazine. Please keep extra vigilant this month with all the beautiful blossoming trees and flowers. **IF** you see one of those pesky yellow legged hornets then report it immediately to the NNS.
- At the time of going to print I have had several 'visits' in my garden from a pair of blue tits. Fingers crossed Mrs Blue Tit will like my **new bird box**. I am hoping that our local robin has not deterred her too much as he has been monitoring his patch! Watch this space.
- **Wichenford Blubell Cross Country Ride** fundraising for local charities from **May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup>** every week-end. Contact [gbl@wichenford.net](mailto:gbl@wichenford.net) for bookings and further details
- Fancy a concert with a difference? **Then St Andrew's Church** is organising a fund raising evening **on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. There will be an **Organ extravaganza** of traditional and popular music performed by acclaimed concert organist Keith Hearnshaw. Check out advert in magazine for contact information.
- **On May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Ombersley Dramatic Society** will be performing a Comedy Play called Spirit Level in Hartlebury Parish Hall 7.30pm. Tickets from Mike Turner 01905 620757 or Chris Marsh 01905 774210

- **YOUR HELP** needed for **Ombersley Guides**. Are you over 18 yrs old and would like to become involved in this wonderful worldwide organisation? Our local unit needs Leaders to help start a second group of Guiders (10-14yrs) in Ombersley. Applicants for this important and fulfilling role should be aged over 18yrs. Any training will be given and there is no upper age limit for this vacancy. They meet in the Guide Hut next to OMH every Wednesday 7.15-8.30pm Contact Carole on: [nprobert298@gmail.com](mailto:nprobert298@gmail.com) for further information.
- **Ombersley Brownies** also have a few vacancies on Thursdays 6.00-7.15pm for girls aged 7-10yrs. Contact [ombersleybrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:ombersleybrownies@hotmail.com)
- **Local Quiz Community** - Sue Johns and Petra Silvester raised a magnificent £1456.16 and donated 30kg of food at their recent Quiz night in Ombersley Memorial Hall for the **Droitwich Food Bank**. They would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support at this event. The Droitwich Food Bank currently provides food for nearly 100 people every week.
- **Celebrate 50 years of ABBA** – join the Party, Sing a long or Dance along and enjoy a delicious hot meal at our Film, Food and Fun Charity Night **on June 8<sup>th</sup>** showing Mamma Mia -The Movie in Ombersley Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. Contact 07798 797095 or email [maxdiane@outlook.com](mailto:maxdiane@outlook.com) **ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BEFORE MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** as entry will be by ticket only. Raising funds for The Brain Tumour Charity.

*If you are planning any special events either as an individual or as a club or have any snippets of local news then email me at [maxdiane@outlook.com](mailto:maxdiane@outlook.com) or phone 01905 620350*



A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In March 2024 there were:

- 3,436 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1044 telephone consultations
- 142 DNA (Did not attend)
- 13,564 medications issued
- 2089 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 13,055 test results reviewed and actioned




### **Spring Covid Booster**

We have now started to invite patients to have their spring covid booster done at the surgery. We are currently inviting those who are over 75 years old or patients who are immunosuppressed. We have clinics starting at the surgery from mid-April.

If you have had an invite, please contact the surgery to book your appointment.

We are currently accepting new patients! You can register online or by coming into the surgery.



# OMBERSLEY

CHURCH & SCHOOL

# FETE

SAT. 15 JUNE

1PM



All the FUN of a  
Traditional English Village Fete  
Maypole, Teas & Cakes, BBQ, Grand Raffle, Tombola,  
White Elephant, Plants, Toys, Dog Show,  
Children's Games and Fun Races...



Entry just £1  
under 12s free

CASH ONLY & ON THE STALLS  
BUT there will be a card machine  
available to 'buy' more if you run out!

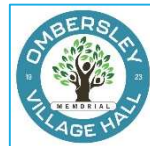
The success of the Fete is thanks to YOUR generosity so  
PLEASE remember, we'll need Home-Made Cakes for the Cake Stall,  
Bottles for the Bottle Tombola, Books (including children's), Toys, Jigsaws,  
Games etc (in good condition please), New Gifts etc for Tombola,  
Plants for the Plant Stall, Things for the White Elephant Tables.

Helping at the Fete is a great way to be involved in village life!  
Volunteers are always needed to help both before and on the day,  
so please... if you'd like to help, do get in touch... this year, with  
Liz - [lizhooper127@btinternet.com](mailto:lizhooper127@btinternet.com) or Fiona - 01905 621176

10% of the Fete profits go to a National and a Local Charity

# OMBERSLEY MEMORIAL HALL

## EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY 2024



**13<sup>th</sup> July – Classic Car Show 12 noon until 5pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> October – Curry evening**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November – Christmas Fair (with Santa)**

**OCTOBER – will see our movie nights start again for the winter season.**

### St Andrew's Tenor Bell Update

The Faculty Application to gain permission for the removal of the Tenor bell, its recasting, and subsequent refitting is proceeding well. Once that is granted the work can commence, which we envisage to be at the beginning of May.

Significant preparation is required, to include the moving of bell ropes, dismantling the clock assembly and opening the hatches, all of which will enable the bell to be lowered to the ground in the West Porch. The advice from Whites of Appleton Church Bellhangers is that once removed, not less than 6 weeks will elapse until the bell is back in place. Throughout that time, and probably for a couple of weeks either side, there will be no Church bells rung on Sundays, for weddings, or Thursday evening practice sessions. The clock will also of course remain silent until the bell is replaced.

Rest assured, normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!

This essential work comes with a price tag (approx. £25,000) as indicated in my article published in the February magazine. The first fundraising event is an organ extravaganza by the acclaimed concert organist – Keith Hearnshaw, to be held at St Andrew's on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Further details available in Church and elsewhere in this Magazine. One of the things we might all think about is how easy it is, with a bit of organisation, to get the taxman to pay up to 40% of any contribution we make – this is all built into the tax system, and it is a waste not to take advantage of his generosity!

*Andrew Horn. Tower Captain*



# Ombersley Gardening Club



After the wet weeks our gardens are gearing up for a great summer and there's so many jobs we can be getting on with like sowing seeds, preparing the lawns, weeding and generally tidying up and doing day to day jobs.

Looking around our beautiful local countryside we see many of the fields are a mass of sunshine yellow as the rape seed comes into bloom cheering up the dullest day. As we all try and become greener a few tips for you to try. If you like avocados rather than throwing away the skin use it as an eco-friendly compostable seedling pot. The scooped-out skins provide enough room to fill with compost and to plant your seeds also allowing enough room for the roots to grow. The stones can also be used to grow into a plant or softened and ground down as a nutritional food for tomatoes, strawberries and other potassium-loving plants, otherwise the stone and the skin can be disposed of in your compost.

Old towels are something else that can be useful in the garden. Use as a weed barrier, just covering with soil and mulch. They are also very good as a frost protector as they act as an insulator. Folded-up they can be used as a kneeler and they are also excellent for watering plants by cutting into strips, popping one end into a vessel of water weighed down with a stone and the other end in the soil of the plant. Always, position the water above the plant if possible.

Our next meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and entitled Potty Time, A Year in Pots with Harriet Rycroft followed on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, with a self-drive visit to The Walled Garden at Westwood House. We look forward to welcoming you at our next meeting and until then, Happy Gardening.

*Ombersley Gardening Club Committee*



## Tea & Coffee Shop Ombersley Memorial Hall



**Opening Times**  
**Tuesday 7th May 2-4 pm**  
**Thursday 23rd May 2-4 pm**

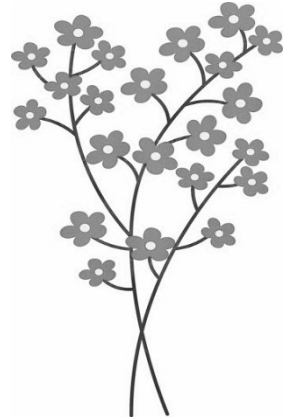
# The Smile of Spring

Apple, cherry, blackthorn, pear,  
he spoke of blossom and the joy of it.  
Ah yes, I have driven past  
blackthorn in the hedgerows  
and it has caused me to raise  
my eyes and sing a song of praise.

But what of snowdrop, daffodil,  
violet or forget-me-not?  
The snowdrops are over and the  
daffodils nearly so and I only have  
one violet in my garden this year  
but the forget-me-nots are here

Thank God the forget-me-nots are here!

What would we do without forget-me-nots  
reminding us that God's love is still  
here in the blue haze they spread around?  
So I have been planting them in the dark  
places on my daily walk for they make me smile  
a smile that will stay with me for a long long while.



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**OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7.00 for 7.30pm**



**“Come and join us for a Dementia Friends session hosted by Adam Evans (Regional Fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Society)**

**Adam’s session will help explain about dementia, describing the symptoms and is designed to help change people’s perceptions of dementia including the small ways we can help.”**

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

**13th July**

**SATURDAY**

**Midday-5pm**

**OMBERSLEY  
MEMORIAL  
HALL**

**Veteran, Vintage and Classic**

**CAR SHOW**



**ENTRY FEE:**

**Adults £3**

**Children Free**

- **Cars & Motorbikes**
- **Shopping village**
- **Food Court**
- **Bar (card facilities)**
- **Entertainment**
- **Children's activities**
- **Community Tea Shop**



# Benjamin Brecknell Turner

## England's First Rural Photographer and his Connection with Worcestershire

Fox Talbot is well known as the inventor in the 1830s of an early type of photography, rivalling Daguerre's inventions in France. One of his friends was the son of a London manufacturer of candles and tallow: Benjamin Brecknell Turner (BBT). When BBT inherited the family firm, which was known to produce the finest candles in London, he achieved the financial security which allowed him, from 1849, to participate in the new expensive hobby of photography.



The Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace in 1851 brought photography to the general public and to an elite in society who could afford the one guinea licence payable to Fox Talbot for his calotype process, and then the considerable expense of the camera and developing equipment.

BBT self-portrait, albumen print from calotype negative.

Unlike most photographers of the period, who concentrated on portraits or scenic views of historic buildings, BBT photographed rural scenes and villages especially around the Midland Counties. His photographs of Ombersley are the earliest known, dating from 1852 to 1854. In 1854, he published a collection of his photographs, many of Worcestershire scenes, entitled "Photographic views from nature". These can be found online or by searching the Victoria and Albert Museum archive catalogue.

So, what is the Worcestershire connection? Agnes Chamberlain was the daughter of Henry Chamberlain, who managed the London branch of the Chamberlain Worcester China business, in New Bond Street. Henry left the business in 1836 and bought Bredicot Court, a 16<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse with 400 acres to take up "gentleman farming". Bredicot is about 4 miles East of Worcester and BBT and Henry used it as a country retreat for their hobby of photography. As for Agnes; well, on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1847, she and BBT were married in the church at Bredicot.

### Photographic Process

Benjamin Brecknell Turner used "Calotype" or "Talbotype" (paper negative) photography, licensed from Fox Talbot. The negatives were made from fine paper, prepared by brushing with a solution of silver nitrate, drying it, then brushing with a solution of potassium iodide. After exposure, the negative was then waxed to make it translucent. A positive image was made by placing another piece of sensitised paper beneath the negative and leaving it to print in the sun. The prints were the same size as the negative.





Park Cottages, Ombersley (1852-54) looking North

Image on the left is from the V&A Collection of BBT's photographs. Reproduced with permission. The image is a negative, hence the timber framing appearing pale compared to the darker in-fill. The image on the right is a positive made from the negative.

*David Collier, Ombersley History Group*

**Ombersley**  
History Group

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

**Ombersley  
Memorial Hall  
7pm**



**Sushella Burford, the "Finds" Liaison 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 Ph

## Ombersley Endowed First School



### Easter celebrations



Just before Easter all the children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt, with a delicious chocolate egg supplied by 'The Friends' for every child. We had a lovely visit from a baby lamb from one of our farming families.

Finally, we all enjoyed our annual Easter service in St Andrew's church. We walked down to church wearing our Easter bonnets. The children all read and sang beautifully; it was a wonderful end to our spring term.

### Summer term at Ombersley

All classes are looking forward to lots of new and exciting topics during the summer term:

Pre-school are learning about the Teddy Bears Picnic and looking forward to a walk and picnic. They have an open afternoon on 8<sup>th</sup> May – come along to have a look at the lovely things they are doing.

Reception children are learning about animals and have a trip to The Cotswold Wildlife park to learn more.

Year 1 are finding out about nature all around us and looking forward to getting out in the sunshine.

Year 2 are growing plants and learning how to look after them in science and in history they are looking at the changes in technology.

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian workshop to enrich their topic about the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 4 are looking at Art and colour – they are very excited about their upcoming residential trip in May.

Year 3 and 4 are also looking forward to their bell boating trip on the Droitwich canal. The whole school are looking forward to their annual bluebell walk in the local woodland to enjoy our beautiful local area.

# Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



## New Classrooms – Grand Opening

We were very excited to be joined by Olympic Champion, Matt Richards MBE on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April to open our wonderful new classrooms!

This has been a project the school has been working on for 4 years to replace two dilapidated and collapsing portacabin classrooms.

Matt joined lots of other groups from our local community which have supported the school to raise funds towards the 10% contribution the school was obliged to pay of £65,000. We are so very grateful to families and members of the local community who contributed so generously (there are far too many to name). Our PTA was fantastic and raised £30,000, the Ombersley Conservation Trust donated £15,000 and the Lloyds Educational Foundation donated £10,000. Thank you all so very much for helping us to secure classrooms which are fit for purpose and will provide our children with a fabulous learning environment for many years to come.



## Tudor World Trip

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April our pupils in Year 3 and 4 visited Tudor World in Stratford as part of their current History topic. They explored life in Tudor times, learning about the plague, Kings and Queens, Crime and Punishment. Poor Mr Webster ended up in the stocks! The children also explored Stratford, learning about Shakespeare and where he lived.

## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

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Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse	

### FLOWER ROTA

May 5<sup>th</sup>. ROGATION

MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, June 2<sup>ND</sup>, June 16<sup>TH</sup>: Jean Dowty

### PEWPOINTS

### DIARY DATES

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: ROGATION SERVICE at 11.00a.m. with St. Mary's traditional short walk around the lanes, weather permitting.

### EASTER AT ST. MARY'S

HOLY WEEK celebrations began on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March with a short Gospel Reflection (Compline) at 5.30p.m. led by James Homer. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from the Latin word COMPLETORIUM, meaning "Completion" and consists of prayers at the end of the day. It is, above all, a lovely opportunity for quietness and reflection before rest at the day's close.

On GOOD FRIDAY, the traditional Walk of Witness took place from Doverdale to Ombersley. Many thanks to Jean Dowty for, once again, inviting the walkers to call in at Woodfield Lodge on the way for refreshments.

On Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, parishioners met to celebrate one of the most important occasions in the church calendar, Christ's resurrection from death on the cross. Revd. Stephen Winter led the service and began by welcoming the families and friends gathered together. The church looked very colourful with the Easter flowers and greenery and it was good to welcome so many little ones with their Mums and Dads.

After the service, glasses of wine were served and Easter eggs for the children: a lovely opportunity for everyone to mingle and chat.

Thank you to all those whose help and support with flowers, music and other church duties, enabled us to enjoy our Easter service of worship and thanksgiving.

## SERVICES

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May ROGATION 6 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	11.00a.m. Service of Rogation	Lectors:- TBA
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector: Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings:- Acts 2 (1-21) & Gospel, John 15 (26-27) & 16 (4b-15)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity	11.00a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mrs. A. Chapman Sidesperson: Mr. J. Chapman Readings:- Deut.5 (12-15) & Mark 2 (23) -3 (6)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> after Trinity	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector:- Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson:- Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Ezek.17 (22-end) & Gospel, Mark 4 (26-34)

Please send articles/reports for inclusion in the June Magazine by  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

- Adverts (electronic) 2024

- AJ's Window Cleaning Services – windows, gutters etc. – 07809 730085
- AS Locks & Services – 01905 726671 / 07956 371673
- AY Services – general maintenance – 01905 759151 / 07876 308058
- Alena Morton – ladies' personal trainer – 07857 753340
- All-inc-Cars – taxi service – 01905 826261 / 07739 109590
- Andy Johnson – chimney sweep – 01886 821933 / 07798 790913
- Andy Pritchard – painter and decorator – 01886 889001 / 07973 783240
- Bedwardine Funeral Services – 01905 748811
- Best of British Garden Services – 01886 889070 / 07983 351634
- Bluebird Care – care visits at home – 01386 764830
- Bowbrook Gardens – landscaping etc. – 01905 937852 / 07792 613020
- David Ward Firewood – 07866 441154
- GJS Dillon House Surveyors – 01905 676169
- Doorbars – chartered surveyors/land agents – 01905 27288
- Elite Sweeps – sweep/log burners – 01905 700701 / 07712 220671
- Graham Pugh – decorating/carpentry – 01905 621147 / 07967 883121
- Green Thumb – lawn care – 01905 840740
- E J Gumery – funeral services – 01905 22094
- I & S Stoves – woodburning stoves etc. – 01886 812452
- Jenny Davis Fitness – fitness classes – 07886 726102
- Jeremy Billingham TV Aerials – 01905 799152 / 07850 969307
- Jones & Associates – Estate Agents – 01386 291010 / 07496 625205
- Karol Kleen – carpet/upholstery cleaning – 01299 404275
- Lee Russell Independent Funeral Directors – 01905 347588
- MG Domestic Heating – 07870 498879
- MSB Plumbing & Maintenance Ltd. – 07769 342897
- Manor Hill House Ltd. – Wedding & Events venue – 01527 861 1200
- Mark Foster Podiatry/Chiropody – 07941 138957
- Marshall-McKay Kitchen & Interior Design – 07765 447704
- Me..Time Pilates – 07791 873870
- Mick Miles Pest control & Gardening Services – 01905 620394 / 07732 223825
- Oldfields of Ombersley – country/equestrian – 01905 622295
- Ombersley Family Dental Practice – 01905 621881
- Ombersley Golf Club – 01905 620747 (restaurant 01905 620621)
- Ombersley Memorial Hall – 07936 467390

- Ovengleaners – oven cleaning – 01562 702883
- Oven Magic – oven cleaning – 01905 700500
- Parks Café Droitwich – 01905 776633
- Phillip Serrell Auctions – 01684 892314
- Precision Pressure Cleaning – patios etc. – 07951 885745
- Protex Midlands Ltd – long life wall coverings – 01905 622164 / 07833 965258
- RNA Heating Ltd – central heating maintenance – 01299 40515801299 405158 –
- Reynolds Heating Services – central heating installations etc. – 07857 755340
- W Roberts Tree Care & Landscaping – 01299 250664 / 07772 456692
- S G Electrical – electrical services – 01905 620693
- S J M Locksmith Services – 01905 570999 / 07871 442011
- SMB Electrical Solutions – 01905 428892 / 07917 182945
- Sage Skin – skin care products - 07715 571139
- Shelter-Adams Ltd – home heating experts – 07990 523790 / 07922 548915
- Steve George of Ombersley – landscaping etc. – 01905 621427 / 07745 597050
- Studio Smith Architects – 01905 622373 / 07921 623709
- Sytchampton Community Centre – 01905 620943
- T M Shouler – carpentry/joinery – 01905 620374 / 07900 268075
- Taylor & Co Architects – 01905 621600 / 07831 146738
- Walkercrips – stockbrokers & financial advisers - 020 3100 8285
- Whitleng Gardens – tea rooms/gardens – 01299 250669
- Worcestershire Imaging Centre – MRI scans – 01905 771500