West of Severn News

April 2019

Hasfield, Tirley & Ashleworth

April's winning Easter picture is:
by Felicity Taylor age 8

A very worthy runner up for his Egg Picture is
Ewan Taylor age 3!

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Letter from the editor

Dear Villagers,

It is publishing day tomorrow as I write this, the Royal Exchange (left) has been visited for a late Sunday lunch and all is well. It was quite an effort to get all the content in this month, Tirley village seems to be upping its game on the events front and there is much happening in Ashleworth too, from the start of practice for the cricket season to a Mexican quiz night. Also well done to the W.I for the magazine's first ever use of the word "collywobbles" on page nineteen.

Easter of course falls in April this year and the Taylor family came up trumps with some creative pictures. well done Felicity (Flea) and runner up Ewan! Its back to the grown ups for May and we will be accepting adult only pictures (no, not that kind Dave). Theme is "garden life" so do pop your head out the window/venture out and take a quick photo or dust off your paintbrushes . Entries by 15th please to email below.

There are many special services for Easter across the Parishes including the pony procession on Palm Sunday in Ashleworth, see page thirty eight.

No poem from Thomas Irey this month I'm afraid, as it is his annual retreat to the short stories and jujutsu convention in Slough. Hazel Field has kindly stepped in as a one off, see page twenty.

Yours,

The Editor

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Electronic copies via Facebook and village pages.

ASHLEWORTH COMMUNITY LUNCH

At The Memorial Hall, Ashleworth

Next date:

Wednesday, 10th April 2019

Booking: Amanda Chamberlayne 01452 700241

Volunteers always appreciated please call above

Tirley Village Hall Garden Events

Warmly invites you to

A talk by

Chris Evans

Proprietor of Dundry Nurseries and The Butterfly Garden

Tuesday 30th April 2019

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Entrance fee £5.00 to include tea/coffee and biscuits

Please contact Elaine Davis
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Ashleworth School PTFA

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Mexican Quiz Evening

Saturday 27th April 2019
7pm till 10.30pm – Ashleworth Village Hall

Two-course Mexican themed dinner
Bring your own drink
Quiz teams of six
Raffle & games

Tickets (£12pp) from
Ashleworth Post Office or School reception
Please advise of any dietary requirements

Raising funds for
Ashleworth CofE Primary School

An Annual Report with thanks for your Annual Support
Vicar's bit Revd John Longuet-Higgins

The churchwardens, Steve Godsell and I, very much hope you will continue to be a church member by joining the electoral roll. Do attend the annual meeting of your parish church. We have much good news to share this year.

We have an exciting new ministerial team, Revd Steve Godsell who is a Deacon this year and who becomes a Priest in the summer, and Debbie, Steve's wife, our family development minister. Their ministry, in collaboration with members of our seven Anglican churches and our Methodist church colleagues, gives us a wonderfully cooperative and active local church.

We are reinforcing our partnership with the uniform organisations. Over 250 people came to the Remembrance Sunday Service at Staunton, a service where the children had a high involvement.

We are deepening our relationship with the schools. Each week the church gifts our three schools with an act of collective worship each and an "Open the Book" drama. We provide 8 school governors. Debbie teaches music. And we are involved in the setting up of the "Primary Quest" multi-academy trust (involving Hartpury and Staunton & Corse Schools with Highnam and Redmarley Schools).

We now run a monthly Messy Church held in our schools, with 40 children and parents engaged in craft and games, worship and a shared meal.

We run have a monthly Family Church on the second Sunday at Woodies Sports centre Ashleworth. Together with Little Church on the third Sunday at Hartpury Church. Families are experiencing worship which is fun, engaging and real for them.

And we break new ground by running "Encounter", our exciting new contemporary service at Lawn Farm on the fourth Sunday. Up-lifting praise, prayer and God's word.

We are working hard at multi-school partnership. With the PSALMS charity we are putting on the "Pulse Games" for our local schools and the "Get-Sported" holiday clubs.

Locally, part of a Deanery initiative, we are running training days for Christians in the Newent area and in Gloucester.

All of this on top of services Sunday by Sunday in our 7 churches, and the myriad of community activities our churches put on.

Thank you for your generous giving of time and money and talents over the last year. We would love to offer you an opportunity, with the revision of our electoral roll this year, to develop your support.

Vicar's bit Revd John Longuet-Higgins

We are particularly looking for 30 or more people to sponsor our family development programme. £10,000 has already been met through Trusts. £1,500 has been raised since September 2019 by generous sponsors. We are looking for 30 people a year to sponsor our family development programme.

You can do this through the Parish Giving Scheme, monthly by direct debit, which give us about 30% extra by gift aid. (Note: Anything you put in the church collection is also gift aided).

Our 30 sponsors can support the family minister project for as little as £9 a month. Please contact me on 01452 700965 or vicar.westof7@gmail.com and I'll arrange for someone to contact you to help you through the Parish Giving Scheme process.

Steve, Debbie are I are very thankful for any support you can give. We wish you a very Happy Easter on 21st April. Do look at all the special services on in Holy Week too. There will be something for you and your family.
Revd John Longuet-Higgins

Annual Parish Meeting

Ashleworth Parish Council is now preparing for their Annual Parish Meeting (APM) which will be held on **Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm.**

At the meeting the Parish Council and other local organizations will talk about activities over the last year, providing an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest in an informal and relaxed environment.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who may be interested in serving the community, who cares about what happens in Ashleworth and would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a Parish Councillor.
Refreshments will be available and the APM will be held in the main hall of Ashleworth Memorial Hall. **ALL WELCOME.**

LEADON VALE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Singing is always uplifting and members of LVCC always welcoming. Dragging myself away from the fire/tv on cold Monday evenings takes a little effort – but I return home cheerful and energised!

The LVCC produces two major concerts a year, in the summer and at Christmas, which take place in a variety of local village halls, we divide into smaller groups to sing at different venues, and have enjoyed supporting local care homes, church, and village events.

The choir sang at Maisemore Church as part of the Maisemore Festival in 2018, and for Richard and Hazel's birthday party. Hartpury School raised £478 from our combined concert in March, which went a long way to funding their participation in the Young Voices programme.

In our last financial year we were pleased to be able to donate £300 to charities, including Macmillan, Winston's Wish and the John Hopkins Trust. This year's accounts will show we have already exceeded this amount with donations to the Willow Trust and Family Haven. The choir has about 40 members and we sing all parts from bass to soprano. Our aims include promoting enjoyment of learning to sing as a group and encouraging others to take part, as well as entertaining the community with organised concerts and small groups.

At the start of term all the new music can feel a bit overwhelming and we think there's little chance of learning it in time for a concert, but Eric - our talented and patient Musical Director - cajoles, instructs and stretches us to achieve satisfying results. Assisted by Esme and Ian, accomplished accompanists, there is a moment (most evenings) when we all 'come in' together on Eric's beat – it's worth it to see the look of amazed delight on his face!

Our summer concert will be at Corse and Staunton Village Hall on 8 June. The theme is musicals and it will be hard for the audience to resist singing along. If you're at all interested in joining, do come and give the choir a free trial, you'll be very welcome. There are no nerve wracking auditions, you sing where you feel comfortable and soon gain in confidence – in fact this week I **almost** volunteered to sing a solo …!

Monday 7.15 for 7.30 pm start. Lawn Farm, Pillows Green, Corse. £35 per term www.leadonvalecommunitychoir.co.uk or telephone Paul, 01452 700579

Update: The Ashleworth Hub.

Your Ashleworth Village
Post Office and Shop:

Dear All,

By the time you read this you'll need to keep your eyes peeled as we're anticipating the submission of our Change of Use application being live on the TBC website. We're still to receive the comments from the Pre-app but are keen to progress regardless as the money is now in the bank!

Simon has had to do his first exam in some time…., and whilst we eagerly await the results who knew that the legal age to buy cigarettes is 18 in the UK (and has been since 2007!)? Particularly interesting when the exam was all about alcohol!

We've had meetings with accountants, fridge providers and prospective suppliers. We've lined up a local landscaper to work on the front patio area as soon as we get the green light. We've been really pleased with the number of people looking to work at the Hub too.

FYI-These are some potential logos (in colour in the on-line version):

Best wishes. Amy and Simon.

Ashleworth Parish Council

This month, I would like to focus on four separate topics for this April issue.
Firstly, local elections: by the time you read this we will be very close to the deadline of 3 April for the receipt of nominations from the Parish Council to Tewkesbury Borough Council for potential Parish Councillors. We hope that we will have a full complement of five councillors, however, if we do not and if you want to get involved, we are able to co-opt local residents on to the Parish Council if we have a vacancy after elections. Elections, if necessary, will be held on 2 May and our new make-up will be known then. The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 14 May at Ashleworth Memorial Hall.

Secondly, money: the Parish Council receives an annual budget and we have some discretion as to how some of those funds are spent. Our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9 April – advertised separately in this issue – will provide an opportunity to see how we used our funds over the last 12 months. It also provides an opportunity for local residents to make their views known about the priorities for the 2019/20 budget. To be an effective and democratic parish council, we need to understand the priorities of our local residents, so please make your views known.

Thirdly, traffic speed: following concerns raised by a few local residents, the Parish Council has begun to assess whether there is a problem to address and, if there is, to explore the different options available to resolve the problem. We are in touch with the relevant County Council Highways people as well as local Police Community Support Officers and we are trying to arrange to meet.
Before we prioritise potential solutions however, we do need to establish that this is a real problem and that the local community wants the Parish Council to take steps to address the issue. If you think we have a problem in the village, please let us know by contacting any councillor or our Clerk.
If there is support for the idea, we may be able to organise a volunteer "speedwatch" using equipment available from the local highways people to provide us with some facts and figures on the extent of the issue.

Ashleworth Parish Council

Finally, flooding: it may be blindingly obvious to local residents that the rain water and sewerage drainage infrastructure in Ashleworth is wholly inadequate. Sadly, this observation does not automatically result in repairs and improvements to this infrastructure. This can be extremely frustrating but we must try to collect all the evidence we possibly can to prioritise investment in Ashleworth. Another factor making the issue more complex is that different types of flooding are covered by different organisations.

Sewerage problems, including manhole covers coming loose, must be reported to Severn Trent, preferably accompanied by a photo and details of the exact location. Please ring 0800 783 4444 or/and report online at https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/report-a-problem/ .

Gloucestershire County Council has responsibilities for managing flood risk from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses (i.e. non main rivers). So if drains on our roads are not coping, please call 08000 514 514. The County Council works with partners including, nationally, the Environment Agency and, locally, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Severn Trent.

More information can be found on our website - http://ashleworth.info/ - and the Clerk, Nicky Hill, can provide guidance on most aspects of our work.

Tony Eardley, Parish Council Chair.

Severn Vale Mobile Library - Wednesday, 10th April 2019

12.15pm —1.15pm Ashleworth
Village Hall Car Park

Villager Spotlight: Ian Fox from Ashleworth

In 1991, Her Majesty the Queen remarked to my wife that as I worked so hard, she perhaps didn't see much of me. The Duke of Edinburgh interjected, "She must have seen him at least twice; they have two sons!" This was during the interval at a joint King's Schools' Concert in the Royal Albert Hall attended by the Monarch and her husband. In my 26 year stint as Director of Music at The King's School, Gloucester, I had prepared a Choir and Orchestra for the event. Another highlight was conducting a service at the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton Court in the presence of Diana, Princess of Wales.

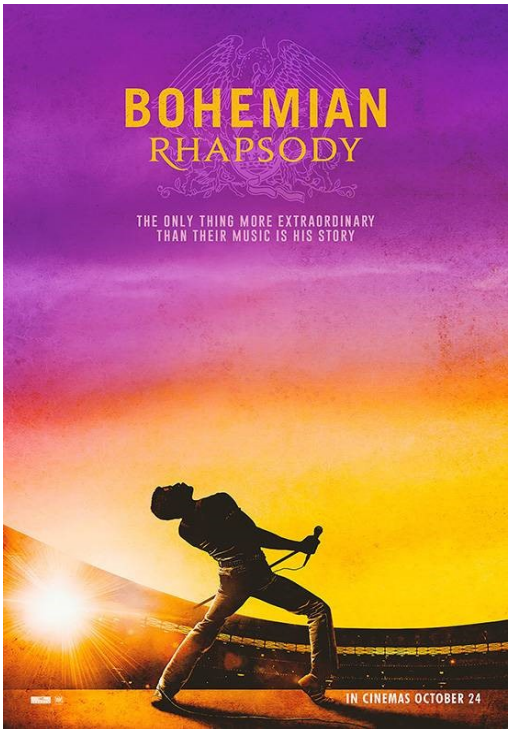
I was born in Bedford in black and white during the last century. I passed the 11 plus to go to Bedford School where I learnt the organ, and I went on to Worcester College, Oxford to read Music. After this I spent a year at Reading University doing a Diploma in Education. Thereafter, I spent four years as Director of Music at Cranleigh Preparatory School in Surrey and then six years as Assistant Organist of Chichester Cathedral. At that time, I featured on several vinyl records and played the organ for broadcasts on BBC Radio Three. I retired from The Kings School in 2004. Since then, I have been busy as Gloucester Diocesan Organs Adviser and taking an active role in the Gloucestershire Organists' Association.

My wife Jean and I moved to our home on the Hasfield Road in 1979. The reason we moved to Chapel Cottage was that it was available as a DIY project ripe for development. The stone house was bought at auction in 1979 and was a simple two up two down building with an outhouse and a tap with no sink plus a bucket as a loo. We have since enjoyed two extensions the first built by ourselves and the second with some help. Our loos are now much more comfortable. We are officially in Corse Parish but Ashleworth is our closest village with a Post Office, shop and a pub. We very much enjoy the elevated setting of our house, surrounded by fields and a view towards the Cotswolds and Gloucester Cathedral. I enjoy organ building and have a useful workshop in the garden where there are four pipe organs and several electronic instruments. Our neighbours are all sociable and talented.

I was for many years Conductor of three local Choral Societies: Tewkesbury, Newent and Ross on Wye. My last concert with all three was Verdi's Requiem in 2010 in Gloucester Cathedral. My main passion is as an organist at Ashleworth, Chaceley and Deerhurst but I also find myself playing for Weddings and Funerals at various other local churches including some in the Worcester Diocese.

Our elder Son Stuart lives with his partner Nina in Tirley. Apart from his expertise in computers and website design, Stuart has composed music for a number of TV documentaries and films. One recent short film was nominated for a BAFTA. Our younger son, Mark is known to many villagers as Landlord of The Boat Inn which has won a good number of awards. Effie, our granddaughter, who is nearly four, keeps us young at heart and on our toes. She enjoys playing the church organ with her grandad.

Coming VERY Soon to THE ASHLEWORTH CINEMA



Bohemian Rhapsody 12A

Showing

SATURDAY 11th May

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BAR AND REFRESHMENTS!

FILM STARTS 7:30pm

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ASHLEWORTH CINEMA

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FROM ASHLEWORTH POST OFFICE IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DOOR

Ashleworth Woodpeckers Cricket Club

Hard to believe with all the recent weather but the cricket season is about to start! Last year was such a great success, especially with regard to youth cricket, so we will start this season in a really strong position.

Senior Cricket - We are really lucky in the Woodpeckers to have such an enthusiastic and diverse range of members – pleased to confirm that Rob Cockburn and Phil Beer are continuing as Captains for the Firsts and Seconds respectively with Dave Griffiths taking on the Vice Captain role for the Seconds. We have decided not to enter the mid week league this year but have added a load of extra friendlies on Sundays where the team focus will be on older youth and for who want to play on a more informal level. So, we have lots of senior cricket going on throughout the season so if not already a member, come along and swing your bat or roll your arm over (or for some both).

Youth Cricket – We are maintaining our success over the last few years and are entering 3 teams in the league this year and also having some U9 friendlies. We have the same coaches as last year with Mungo Chambers overseeing the U11's and Martin Coupe now with the U15's. Joey Roach will be helping Tom Stevens oversee the senior youth team on Sundays and I am delighted to announce Graham Townsend as our new U13 coach. A massive thanks to them for taking on the roles and taking our youth cricket up yet another level. Matches will be on Sunday mornings (U13), Tuesday (U11) and Monday (15) evenings.

Training and All Stars Cricket. Yes, Friday nights training, socializing, eating and drinking start again. First Friday is the 26th April at 6.30pm and continue all the way through to the mid July. This year whilst Dave Griffith will still be helping our All Stars program will be headed up by Tom Radcliffe. All Stars is for 5 – 8-year old's, a national training scheme run by the cricket governing body (ECB). Register at allstarscricket.co.uk. We then will have 3 other training groups based on the team ages above with two professional coaches this year to help the team of other helpers from within the club. For those too old to play youth cricket you are more than welcome to come along and watch – it is always a great atmosphere!

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Ashleworth Woodpeckers Cricket Club

All our fixtures are on playcricket – follow the link from ashleworthwoodpeckers.co.uk to see them and if you want to join in the banter join our Facebook page which will hopefully have live updates from all matches this year. We are a really friendly club and always welcome new members, in the youth and senior sections. It's easy to join, just get in touch with myself, any club member or just turn up! We look forward to seeing you at the cricket and having a successful season.

Robert Stevens
H-01452 700998 M-07966 531295 E rob@boxbush.com

Severnsiders Senior Citizens Club

Again we had several people missing this month but those who were in attendance more than made up for this with their enthusiasm.
Rita, we learnt was away on holiday, so we hope to have her company again next month. It was very quiet on the Margaret table as Lynn was missing as she accompanied her man to Hospital. We were pleased to welcome Nesta back again after a short absence. There was only one Birthday, for Margaret, this month.

We had already enjoyed reading the papers with a nice cup of coffee, so then it was time to turn our attention to the serious business of the lunch, and then the even more important task of selecting from an array of puddings. I indulged in a Raspberry Pavlova and fresh fruit salad, while my husband enthused about the Pineapple upside down cake.

Alan Tickner bustled about serving Tea and Coffee after lunch before donning his "entertainment hat" to organise a game of Bingo, which everyone seemed to enjoy. We were joined at this meeting by Mo Butler who had volunteered to help with all the tasks that the regular team do each month. Let's hope that we didn't put her off and that she will become a regular herself in future.

If you would like to join us and be treated to a two course meal each month for only £5 each, with Tea, Coffee and some form of entertainment too, then contact Sue Woodthorpe on 01452780610. Every thing will be arranged for you.

Velma Sutton

Tirley Elm Estate & Almshouse Charity

Charity No.202739

The Trustees have available for rent a two-bedroom bungalow.
The property comprises of two double bedrooms, kitchen/living room and bathroom. A small, easily maintained garden. Private parking for two small cars.

Weekly rent currently £127.18 plus £12 ground source heat pump contribution, paid four weekly in advance by Standing Order direct to the Charity's bank account. The resident is responsible for all service bills/council tax etc.

Applications by email, giving reasons why you should be considered, to The Secretary at elmstrustcharity@gmail.com no later than Thursday 25th April 2019

Applicants ONLY can view the property on Saturday 27th April 2019 between 9.00am and 10.00am

As required by the Trust Deeds preference will be given to applicants from or having connections with Tirley.

Patricia Sharman

Good gardening jobs for April

1. Get rid of weeds before they take hold.
2. Fill up bird feeders for the nesting season.
3. Protect new flowers from frost and slugs.
4. Top up pots with compost & a handful of blood, fish and bone.
5. Mulch your vegetable, shrub and rose borders and around fruit trees

How does the Easter Bunny keep fit?
With plenty of Eggs-ercise!

Garden Events at Tirley Village Hall

All events mentioned are held on a Tuesday and start at 7.30pm doors open at 7.00pm so please feel free to arrive and have a chat.

April 30TH Chris Evans: The Unexpected Journey.

Most of you will know of Chris Evans either through Dundry Nurseries or the Butterfly Garden. Please come and join us for an unexpected journey with Chris's fascinating talk. See page 5

May 21st Andy Pedrick. Shrubs, Perennials and climbers of interest.
Andy has had a long career as a nurseryman and was trained at Pershore College. His range of shrubs, climbers and perennials will prove popular. Please come and join us the more the merrier!

For more information please contact Elaine Davis on 07464 787 252 or email elaine.davis21960@outlook.com.

Tirley Village Hall
Save the date! Saturday 29th June
Cabaret & Comedy evening with

Eternity Duo &
Bruce Thompson
Licenced bar

Details to follow! Please see our
Tirley Village Hall Facebook page!

Ashleworth and Hasfield WI

Meeting 5th March 2019
History of Punch and Judy by Philip Collins

Philip introduced himself by his stage name, Professor Collywobbles and told us he would be talking about the history of Punch and Judy shows which started 350 years ago.

After difficult times during the Civil War Oliver Cromwell outlawed many festivities in towns and villages, theatres were destroyed. After this puritanical period Charles 2nd came to the throne and theatres were rebuilt. He married Catherine of Braganza a Portuguese lady but had 13 mistresses including the famous Nell Gwynn and was known as the Merry Monarch. After the years of puritanism he introduced a more hedonistic and European flavour to the English Court and actors and entertainers were welcomed from all countries.

We know from Pepys diaries that he went to see puppeteers who talked with squeaky voices particularly one called Punchinello from Commedia dell'arte originating in Italy which gave rise to our Punch and Judy shows. There is a church in Covent Garden with a plaque stating it is the site of the first Punch and Judy show in England performed for King Charles in Italian. The shows were soon translated for English audiences and the upright theatre was developed so it could travel around easily. Punch uses a split stick with which he hits Judy and most other characters, this is a slapstick which is where we get the term slapstick comedy. The storyline like many fairy stories is violent and cruel and has had complaints through the years but Charles Dickens was a fan and said the shows were a relief from the harshness of life.

Many Londoners used to go on the “crab and winkle line” down to Whitstable to get away from the grimy city, the street entertainers went with them and soon Punch and Judy was a regular sight at our seaside resorts.

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Ashleworth and Hasfield WI

Professor Collywobbles performs regularly at fetes, fairs, food festivals, Gloucester Quays, Sudeley Castle. Philip demonstrated his "swazzle" the gadget which gives Punch his distinctive voice meaning people would hear the show before they saw it. "You're not a proper Punch and Judy man until you've swallowed your swazzle 3 times" he quipped.

Phil tried to break his record for assembling his stage while volunteer Jenny played "music" on a tin whistle and tambourine, luckily for our ears he did this quite quickly. Phil loves seeing reactions to his shows which are technically challenging and each one is different as the audience has to be assessed and ad libs used liberally. He is proud to be part of a 350 year old tradition and meets up with other Punch and Judy practitioners, there are 6 showmen in in Gloucestershire. Members were able to pass the puppets round and "try their hand" at working them, it's not as easy as it looks!

Next Meeting: 2nd April Speaker:
Ian Caskie SS Great Britain Trust
Open meeting, new members welcome. Refreshments

Carole Bowe

The Easter Bunny
By Hazel Field

No one knows where he comes from, he is never often seen,
Leaving chocolate presents in hedgerows and on village green,
They come wrapped in foil or in coloured shells of every hue,
They are never wrapped in plastic bags and are never full of poo!
So be like the Easter bunny and just leave things that are nice,
I'd rather find some tasty chocolate, than bags of smelly surprise!

ASHLEWORTH CINEMA

NEXT SCREENING – 11 MAY 19 – BY POPULAR REQUEST – 'BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY'.

Our final screening for this current season of the Ashleworth Cinema will be on Sat 11th May 19, and the majority of people who came to our last screening voted to show Bohemian Rhapsody next time. The film has won multiple awards recently at the BAFTAs, the Golden Globes and the Oscars, and is definitely worth watching on the big screen with good quality sound rather than on your home set. It's also a film which is just as enjoyable the second time around. Here is a summary by the distributors:

'Bohemian Rhapsody is an enthralling celebration of Queen, their music, and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and convention to become one of history's most beloved entertainers. Following Queen's meteoric rise, their revolutionary sound and Freddie's solo career, the film also chronicles the band's reunion, and one of the greatest performances in rock history.'

Also, if you missed our showing of the astonishing film 'First Man', one of the Cinema Team won the lucky DVD (blu ray), and will happily lend it out for a small donation to the cinema. Just contact me – see below.

We hope you will come along and support our next film and we thank everyone who has helped to make the Cinema into this popular village event.

Your Ashleworth Cinema Team
(c/o Maggie 700098, mfish1@btinternet.com)

Dear Villagers,

Please may we offer our thanks to all who helped in all sorts of ways to provide the Austerity Lunch on 9th of March.

Also a big thank you to those who came to eat lunch and contributed to £320 which has been sent to Christian Aid.

Mary and Jeremy Barnes

PILATES

Stretch Strength Control

Tirley Village Hall

New class starting 10am Wednesday 10th April 2019

- **Improve Posture**
- **Improve Flexibility**
- **Develop Core Strength**
- **Develop balance**
- **Suitable for all levels**

Please email info@suziemattypilates.com
or call 07863239927 for more information

Limited to 12 people per class
Run by APPI certified instructor
www.suziemattypilates.com

Flower Show and Plant Sale

Hartpury Village Hall

Monday April 22nd

09.00 AM for plant sales 12.00 noon for show
There is also an artistic completion with paintings,
Crafts and photography

£3.00 (couples £5.00)
AGS Members and accompanied children free

Refreshments and a tombola are available all day.
Further details please ring 01453 762812

ASHLEWORTH'S BIG DAY!!
THE VILLAGE SHOW, 31ST AUG 2019

We hope you liked the preliminary Ashleworth Show schedule which came out with the last edition of the West of Severn.

The date for your diary is **Sat 31st August this year** – the Show is always the first Saturday after the August Bank Holiday, which falls early this year, making our Show the last Saturday, indeed the last day in August.

By the time you read this, the full Show Committee will have met to start planning for the day – discussing topics and options for catering, entertainments and attractions, stalls, the raffle, publicity, logistics and volunteers. If you have any suggestions, or see things at other Shows or events which you think we'd like to know about then please contact me (details below) or Steph (the Secretary) on 700667 in the first instance. The same applies if you know of anyone who would like to hire a pitch or a stall – we particularly like to have different stalls each year, with a variety of 'local' sellers/tradespeople if possible.

In the meantime, make sure you have saved the date. We hope that many people will be able to help out as usual in the run up to the Show, on the day itself, and afterwards. New volunteers are most welcome!! Coming together for everyone to have fun is what makes it into such a great community day for Ashleworth and the surrounding area.

You can support the Show in advance by buying one of the high quality tea towels still available at the Village Shop for just £4.50 – a perfect present if you are visiting friends or relatives over Easter. All proceeds from the tea towels go to Show funds.

Very many thanks – watch out for more information in the forthcoming West of Severns as we finalize the organizational details.

Maggie Mitra

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The Bleak House Chronicles

Tote that barge, lift that bale. Get a little drunk and you land in jail…

I am still married. So what's the big deal with that I hear you say, well those who read last month's Chronicle will recall that Mrs P (who is not to be trifled with) had undergone a surgical procedure that had left her unable to undertake tasks of a domestic nature and that, under close supervision, I stepped into the breach to keep everything at Bleak House on an even keel. So, as I have stated I am still married albeit that I have been very close to becoming a divorcee, widower and murderer – perm any two from those three to win a coconut.

I am, it seems, unable to do anything correctly and am told as much many times each day. On more than one occasion I was told I was not doing things correctly whilst we were in different rooms. I've carried washing baskets upstairs and then back down again. I've filled them and I've emptied them. I never realised how many washing baskets we had and apparently they are colour coded. Having learned from previous mistakes it is not my position to ask the reason why. I have passed both practical and written tests on washing machine operation and also fully understand the necessity of cleaning the fluff filter in the tumble dryer (I always thought it was a second washing machine without a window reserved for really dirty clothes). I have been excused ironing duties since the fire – don't ask – but I have had to take a remedial course in filling the dishwasher and indeed the rubbish bin. It seems those hardworking chaps from TBC Refuge Dept. discuss not only the quality of each households rubbish but also how neatly fill their bins.

We are now moving into the next stage of Mrs P's rehabilitation, however, and I was told today that in future, she my dear wife will dust and yours truly can follow with the vacuum cleaner. My dear son, Edward, has been conspicuous in his absence using the excuse that the latest chocolate teapot that he has designed is undergoing stress tests before hot water is added. My dearest daughter, Helen, is in her seventh heaven as senior supervisor to instigate spot checks on my work very much in the style of The Spanish Inquisition. The Dowager, thankfully, is still in Germany which further proves you cannot teach a granny to suck eggs.

My release date has been set for St Georges Day but this has still to be confirmed

John Price….In Service

Maisemore Local History Society

Dr Nicholas Herbert came to the above society on Thursday 21 February 2019 and gave an illustrated talk on "The Squatter and Rural Settlements in the Georgian Age". The first part gave an outline of the way villages developed in the period; he then went on to show in detail the way that Hartpury - particularly Woolridge Common - developed. Having worked in Local History for some thirty years, it was strange that I had never heard of "rights of soil", and a large number of the audience had not either.

Our meeting on Thursday 25 April 2019 will be informative, colourful and hands on! Jill Ruiz from the Waterways Museum will be showing examples of the crafts done by the women and children from the narrowboats. Maisemore Village Hall - 7.00 for 7.30pm This will be our last meeting of a very successful season. We have an outing in the Summer to Corsham Court, Wiltshire, a walk around Alney Island and a visit to a restored corn mill and a C12 church at Shelsley Walsh in Worcestershire.

Our season 2019-2020 is all arranged, with topics such as Bletchley Park, the Brontes, and a "City Fit for Heroes", so make a note of the first meeting on Thursday 26 September 2019.

Contact Rosealeen Lane: 01452 527341 local.history@maisemore.org.uk

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Sudoku!

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Village Recipes:

By Hazel Ley

Very Sticky Toffee Apple pudding

Ingredients: Serves 1-6….

1 tsp vanilla extract
100g golden caster sugar
140g dark brown sugar
140g self-raising flour
1 egg, beaten
200ml milk
85g butter, melted
2 Bramley apples (or other cooking) apples, peeled, cored and sliced
50g hazel nuts roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.
2. Grease a 2-litre/3½-pint ovenproof dish lightly with butter.
3. Add the flour, sugar and baking powder, a pinch of salt, into a large bowl.
4. Mix together the milk, butter, egg and vanilla extract and stir into the dry ingredients until you get a smooth batter.
5. Arrange the apples in the dish, spoon the batter on top and smooth with a knife until the apples are covered.
6. For the topping, pour 250ml boiling water over the sugar and stir together until smooth.
7. Pour the liquid over the pudding mixture, then scatter over the nuts.
8. Bake for about 40 mins until the pudding has risen and is golden.
9. Use a big spoon to serve the pudding, making sure you get some of the gooey caramel sauce covering the bottom of the dish.
10. Serve with pouring cream, warm custard or vanilla ice cream

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Easter Story

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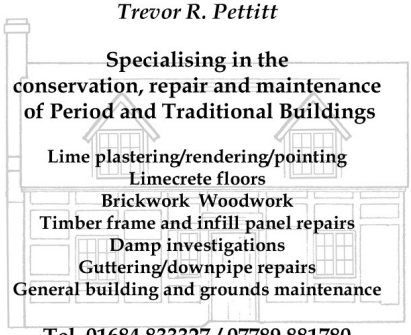

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3rd April Wednesday	**3.30-5pm Corse and Staunton School Messy Church**		
7th April	**Passiontide**		**Purple**
Corse	8.30 am	BCP Communion	Isaiah 43. 16-21
Staunton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Philippians 3. 4b-14
Ashleworth	9.30 am	Holy Communion (sung)	John 12. 1-8
Tirley	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Hartpury	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Hasfield	6.00 pm	BCP Evening Prayer	[Psalm 126]
14th April	**Palm Sunday**		**Red**
Hartpury	8.30 am	BCP Communion	*Liturgy of the Passion*
Staunton	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Philippians 2. 5-11
Corse	10.00 am	Healing and wholeness	*Note:* Luke 22. 14 to end of ch. 23
Maisemore	11.00 am	Communion	
Woodies Ashleworth	3.00 pm	Palm Praise	
Tirley	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong	[Psalm 31. 9-16]
21st April	**Easter Day – Christ is Risen Alleluia**		**White**
Hartpury	7.00 am	Sunrise BCP Communion & Breakfast	Acts 10. 34-43
Corse	8.30 am	BCP Communion	1 Corinthians 15. 19-26
Ashleworth	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Sung)	Luke 24. 1-12
Staunton	9.30 am	Communion (by extension)	
Hartpury	9.30 am	Little Church	
Hasfield	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Tirley	11.00 am	Communion (by extension)	
Maisemore	6.30 pm	Communion (by extension)	
28th April	**Easter 2** (and St George's Day)		**White**
Staunton	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 5. 27-32
Ashleworth	9.30 am	BCP Morning Prayer	Revelation 1. 4-8
Maisemore	11.00 am	St George's Day service	John 20. 19-31
Tirley	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Lawn Farm	7.00pm	"Encounter" Contemporary Worship	[Psalm 150]

8th May Wed	3.30-5pm Family Party Staunton & C School		Messy Church
5th May	**Easter 3**		**White**
Corse	8.30 am	BCP Communion	Acts 9. 1-6
Staunton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revelation 5. 11-14
Ashleworth	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Sung)	John 21. 1-19
Tirley	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Hartpury	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Hasfield	6.00 pm	Christ in the Quiet	[Psalm 30]

Special Services Holy Week and Easter

- **Palm Sunday 14th April** – with pony procession
  3pm meet at Ashleworth Village Green (by the school) for a Palm Sunday procession through the village to Woodies Sports Club for a Family Service
- **Monday 15th April** 7pm Bible Study and Compline – Liz and Charles Dobbins, "Bridge House", Ledbury Road, Maisemore GL2 8EU 527851
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- **Maundy Thursday 18th April** 11am Eucharist in the Cathedral with Bishop Rachel (note: Revd Stephen Godsell is her Deacon) 7pm Communion & Agape Service at Tirley Church
- **Good Friday 19th April** 2pm meet at Ashleworth Village Green (by the school) for a Good Friday procession to Ashleworth Church. 2.20pm Good Friday Service Ashleworth.
- **Easter Day 21st April– special services "Christ is risen Alleluia!"**
  7am Hartpury Church Sunrise Communion followed by breakfast in the Old Chapel
  9.30am Hartpury Church Little Church Easter – for young children and adults
  11am Hasfield Church Family Easter Communion

Other Easter Services – all Communion Services

8.30am Corse, 9.30am Ashleworth, 9.30am Staunton, 11am Tirley, 6.30pm Maisemore

Other Special Services

Wednesday 3rd April 3.30-5pm Messy Church at Staunton & Corse School
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St George's Day 28th April 11am

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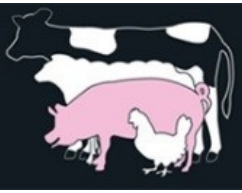

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