

Father Paul writes



CONGRATULATIONS to Andy Hewines....

As many of you will know, Andy Hewines, a member of our local churches and church Treasurer for Broome church, has been in training for a share in our Lord's ministry as a Licensed Lay-minister (Reader). He has been studying Theology at the Queen's College in Birmingham over the past 2 years and has now completed the course.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to him for all his hard work on a very demanding course.

The service to license Readers is 2.30pm on Saturday 17th September in Worcester Cathedral. It would be good if you would go and support him on this special day in his life. Thank you.

Father Paul

BELBROUGHTON UNITED CHARITIES



Allotment plots are now available. For further information please contact: Peter Jones 0121 453 7785

CALLING ALL KNITTERS



Some of you may be aware that, when children are brought to church to be baptised, we like to include a knitted teddy as part of their experience. Unfortunately, we are running out of these little teddies. Would anyone, who loves to knit, be kind enough to knit us some teddies for these events? Please contact the Office for details. Many thanks.

Churchwarden of St Mark's writes

Dear friends,

Is it just me, or has the summer!! break come upon us very quickly this year? I hear so many people saying they don't know where the months have gone. Busy, busy!! Perhaps, as we move into August, many of you will be planning a break from routine, a holiday away, or just more time to spend together as a family.

At church we have fewer services, so I encourage you to check the notice boards and join us when you can. Consider visiting the church where you are holidaying; I am sure you would be welcomed and it is good to experience different patterns of worship and meet new people.

We have less meetings in August, all little adjustments to the usual routine which provide a chance to relax, reflect, and re-charge the batteries, as the saying goes. Whether we are sun-bathing on the beach, lounging in the garden, or quietly sitting in our favourite chair, it is a good time to reflect on our relationship with God. With our country and world in such turmoil, let us pledge more of our time to speak to God through prayer, laying before him our doubts, fears, and misgivings, and asking for his help and support to make the right decisions at whatever stage of life's journey we may be at.

"Come onto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will refresh you." so speaks our God of love.

Enjoy your relaxation. Love and care for one another.

God Bless
Mary



LITTLE FISHES

at

St MARK'S CHURCH FAIRFIELD

Wednesday 17th August at 9.15am

(The church will be open at 9am)



Do you have young children or care for young children?

Come and join Little Fishes for stories, songs and fun.

Refreshments provided and a chance to chat.

All very welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Archbishop of Canterbury Is coming to the Worcester Diocese

Friday 7th October 2016
In the evening

This will be a large event with the Archbishop being interviewed about his life and ministry. It will be entertaining as well as thought provoking.

Please put this event, being held at the Worcester Arena, in your diary now and please encourage others to come along and join in.

Black Country Food Bank

We are getting closer to the summer holidays and a time of year when lots of families struggle as free school meals cease for a few weeks. Please help us to support as many of these families as we can with emergency food provision.

We have shortages of:- Breakfast cereal (low sugar), jam/marmalade, biscuits, plain rice, mashed potato, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, tissues, shaving foam/gel, adult toothpaste/toothbrushes, washing up liquid, sanitary towels.

Please note that the Storehouse in Albion Street will be closed week beginning Monday 29th August 2016 and reopen on Monday 5th September 2016.

Thank you to all those who support us!

FROM THE REGISTERS

BELBROUGHTON

Baptism

12th June 2016 Elsie Caroline Hickinbottom

Wedding

18th June 2016 Thomas Carl Davies & Chelsea Clare Hammond

25th June 2016 Craig Andrew Lewis & Jennifer Anne Lydia Baugh

Funeral followed by cremation

28th June 2016 Doris Evans Aged 96 years

Funeral followed by burial at Holy Trinity

22nd June 2016 Evelyn Mary Rose Aged 90 years

Funeral at Wyre Forest Crematorium followed by Memorial Service

1st June 2016 Ernest Henry Pearman Aged 85 years

CLENT

Wedding

3rd June 2016 Mark Williams & Kerri Jayne Thornhill

Funeral followed by burial at St Leonard's

2nd June 2016 Colin George Palmer Aged 82 years

16th June 2016 Pamela Rose Palmer Aged 80 years

FAIRFIELD

Baptism

26th June 2016 Florence Ann Pinfield



BELLS

The bells of Belbroughton have this last month commemorated Private Leonard Tandy age 21 who died 3rd July 1916, Private James Portman age 21 14th July 1916 and Captain Charles Dutton age 35 29th July 1916. In August the last of the Belbroughton nine to die in the First World War will be remembered on 24th August 1916. I assume they all died at the Somme offensive. May they rest in peace

Rosie Thorns
Tower Captain

Readings for all the Churches in
AUGUST

Sunday 7th August Trinity 11 (Green)

Holy Communion

Isaiah 1: 1,10-20 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 14th August Trinity 12 (Green)

Holy Communion

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Hebrews 11: 29-12.2 Luke 12: 49-56

Worship4All to be advised

Sunday 21th August Trinity 13 (Green)

Holy Communion

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17

Sunday 28th August Trinity 14 (Green)

Holy Communion

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Hebrews 13: 1-8,15-16 Luke 14: 1,7-14

Worship4All to be advised

Sunday 4th September Trinity 15 (Green)

Holy Communion

Jeremiah 18 :1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33

BELBROUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

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BELBROUGHTON CHURCH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 'POSH' JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who helped, and donated jumble to the sale held on Saturday June 23rd. The profit made was £345.00, and this will go towards the maintenance of our lovely Church Hall.

Currently, the committee are working on plans to up-date the kitchen and the toilet for the disabled, and to provide better baby changing facilities, to install a cupboard for all the cleaning utensils, and to deal with the problems we are experiencing with the Hall floor. We are also working on the 'noise' system and have done some outside clearing up and shrub planting. Sometimes the committee, (who are all volunteers from the village), feel our meetings are compared to the 'Vicar of Dibley' committee because, although we do have a lot of light-hearted moments, we do have to get involved in a lot of serious matters relating to the looking after the Hall and all the bookings, so that it is kept in a good condition for everyone to enjoy.

Lesley Senter

BELBROUGHTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1961 by local gardeners Affiliated to The RHS

Mrs Undine Yates (General Secretary) (01562) 711118 Email bhs@epsilon9.co.uk



55th Annual Show

Saturday 27th of August 2016

in Belbroughton Church Hall and Marquee

Staging of exhibits 9:45am to 12:45pm

Official Opening at 2:30pm

By Mr Glynne Ashman

Raffle, Auction of Produce, Refreshments

Admission to show 50p - Children free, accompanied by an Adult

We hope you will be able to join us by entering some exhibits at the show or maybe just come along for the auction of home grown produce.

Closed Classes

1. A collection of 5 kinds of Vegetables - £1, 75p, 50p
2. Peas 8 pods
3. Kidney Beans 8 pods
4. Onions 3 Large
5. Onions 5, Not Exceeding 3" in diameter
6. Shallots 12 Pickling
7. The longest Bean
8. Carrots 3
9. Beetroot any type with not more than 3" of leafstalk
10. Leeks 3
11. Parsnips 3
12. Potatoes 5 White
13. Potatoes 5 Coloured
14. Tomatoes 5
15. Cherry tomatoes 10
16. Courgettes 3
17. Collection of 5 named culinary Herbs
18. Any other vegetable not separately classified in closed class
19. Apples 5 dessert
20. Apples 5 cooking
21. A plate of soft fruit
22. Vase of Spray Chrysanthemums
23. Gladioli 3 spikes
24. Rose 1 specimen
25. Roses 3 HT
26. Dahlias, decorative 3 blooms
27. Dahlias, cactus 3 blooms
28. Dahlias pompon, 6 blooms not exceeding 2" diameter
29. Sweet Peas vase of 9

30. Vase of 6 cosmos, any variety or varieties
31. Vase of annuals excluding cosmos
32. Vase of perennials
33. Pot plant flowering
34. Pot plant foliage
35. Any arrangement of flowers, any foliage allowed; no accessories allowed

Children's Classes 4 - 8 Years

80. A Bookmark
81. A Creature made from Re-cycled materials
82. Rustic or Comic Figure made with Natural Materials

Children's Classes 9 - 13 Years

83. A Bookmark
84. A Creature made from Re-cycled materials
85. Rustic or Comic Figure made with Natural Materials

All Staging must be completed by 12.30pm. Exhibitors please ensure your exhibits have a numbered ticket.

If you are new to exhibiting or require any help or advice, please feel free to ask the show secretary or a steward.

A full schedule can be obtained from the secretary or you can download a copy from the Belbroughton website at <http://www.belbroughton.com/index.htm>

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	<u>READING THE LESSONS</u>	<u>SIDESPEOPLE</u>	<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>
August	7 th Mrs E Crawford, Mr C Palmer	Mrs L Garvin	
	14 th Mr P Jones	Mrs B Tarbuck	
	21 st		No service
	28 th Eve Weizel, Mr P Jones	Mr R Garvin	
Sept	4 th Mr R Garvin, Mrs M Fairbairn	Mrs M Scurrell	

St MARK'S CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

August	5 th	C Brogan
	12 th	S Gormley
	19 th	S Morris
	26 th	C Morris
Sept	2 nd	M Scurrell

BINGO

at

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 24th August 7.30pm



We would welcome new, like-minded people to join our monthly
Bingo sessions.
(tea or coffee and biscuits 20p)

FAIRFIELD 200 CLUB JUNE 2016

£100	90	Mr D Tarbuck		
£10	69	Megan Colley	87	Mr D Gough
	54	Mrs Avril Perks		
£5	65	J Mathews	161	Mrs Steve Savva
£2	76	Mrs H Cleaver	140	Steve Elmes
	67	Mr R Mason	150	Mr Chris Must
	165	Mr James Brogan		



**Fairfield WI
Annual Produce Show**

Saturday 20th August

Open to the public at 3pm

Auction of produce at 4pm



**Cake stall Tombola Raffle Teas Produce Auction
Entries welcome from non-members**

Schedules available from Ann Griffin: 01527 83249

SIR GEOFFREY HILL

The death of Sir Geoffrey Hill, world famous poet, was announced on 30th June, 2016. He lived in Fairfield with his father William Hill, village policeman, in what was the Police House at the top of the village. He went to Fairfield school from April 1937 until August 1942, leaving to attend Bromsgrove County High School. He was extremely well thought of in the Poetry World and only narrowly missed the post of Poet Laureate.

Someone had given him a copy of my Fairfield book, and in a letter to me dated May 20002, he thanked me for writing a history of the village, and he said " I think very kindly of Fairfield, where I spent 17 years from 3 to 20. My grinning face is visible, with the aid of a magnifying glass, on the front cover of your fascinating book."

So Fairfield can claim one famous son, despite Bromsgrove referring to Sir Geoffrey as a Bromsgrove Poet.!

Margaret Must.

NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY at FAIRFIELD West Mids DA

Soil Fertility **Members Mini Show**

The next meeting of the **West Midlands District Association (DA)** of the **National Vegetable Society (NVS)** will be held at **Fairfield Village Hall** on **Thursday 25th August at 8.00pm.**

The hall will be **open at 6.30 pm.** for the setting up of tables, free refreshments will be available before and after the talk, an opportunity to catch up with **NVS** news and chat with members.

This will be a two event meeting comprising a **Mini Show for NVS Members** and a talk by our **DA Chairman Mick Poultney FNVS** on **Soil Fertility** and how this will provide optimum plant growth and improve vegetable crops, without the use of expensive and sometimes detrimental pesticides. This will be of interest to any keen gardener who wishes to increase their yield for the kitchen.

Soil Fertility can be a complex subject, but Mick has the experience and ability to explain this in a way that the ordinary gardener and Allotment plot holder can appreciate the importance. He will, of course, be pleased to answer any questions.

Following the ongoing successes of the **Mini Shows**, again there will be Classes chosen and preferred by the members. There will be 5 classes for experienced Exhibitors and 5 similar Classes for Novice Exhibitors.

The Classes are: Carrots Stump Rooted (3); Potatoes Coloured or White (3); Onions from Sets or Seeds (3); Runner Beans (6); Beetroot Round (3).

A Novice being defined as a person who has not won a First Prize at any NVS Show.

Staging of Exhibits will be from 7 pm to 8 pm. Judging will commence 8 pm.

Members will be on hand before and after the talk, to offer advice and ideas on growing Vegetables or to answer any specific questions that anyone may like to ask.

NVS books and growing guides will be on sale and there will be an opportunity to learn about other events and activities of the NVS both nationally and more specifically within the Midland Region.

New members or anyone interested in growing vegetables are welcome to attend.

For non members there is a £3 admission fee which includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

Fairfield Village Hall is situated on the B 4091 (Stourbridge to Bromsgrove Road) about 2.25 miles from J4 on the M5. For anyone using Sat. Nav. the Post Code of the Village Hall is B61 9LZ.

If anyone requires a map, directions or other information please contact:

Roy James on Tel: 01527 831508 or email roy_james2 @sky.com (preferred).

**Church Services in the United Benefice of
Holy Trinity Belbroughton, St Mark's Fairfield,
St Leonard's Clent**

Sunday July 31st 10.30am	Trinity 10 Group Service	St James, Churchill
Sunday August 7th 10.00am 6.30pm	Trinity 11 Worship4All Holy Communion	St Leonard's St Mark's
Wednesday August 10th 11.15am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's
Sunday August 14th 11.15am	Trinity 12 Worship4All	St Mark's
Wednesday August 17th 09.15am	Little Fishes Service	St Mark's
Thursday August 18th 09.45am	Holy Communion	St Mark's
Sunday August 21st 11.15am	Trinity 13 Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Wednesday August 24th 11.15am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's
Sunday August 28th 11.15am	Trinity 14 Holy Communion	St Mark's
Wednesday August 31st 11.15am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's
Sunday September 4th 11.15am 6.30pm	Trinity 15 Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Holy Trinity St Mark's

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BELBROUGHTON

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Liz McMillan - 01562 700338

BELBROUGHTON CRICKET CLUB

01562 731062

BELBROUGHTON CLUB

Tel: 01562 730490

Darts, Pool, Dominoes, Bingo, Weekly Entertainment, Function room Hire.

BELBROUGHTON HISTORY SOCIETY

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belbhistory@btinternet.com

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Indoor Mat Bowls	danelli@talktalk.net	Dennis Anelli 01562 885536
Jnr Football Training PSI Sports		Pip Hanson 01384 442236/07966 644762
Just Little Ones Dance Class		Danielle Marsh 07525 757 635
LingoBugs - fun first French for a flying start	Janie Rees Smith	07817 728747 Janie@lingobugs.co.uk
Mind Relaxation Classes	louiseperrins@hotmail.com	Louise Perrins 07855 755 751
New Aerobics & Body Conditioning, Pilates	dave.weston@mbplc.com	Julie Weston 07836 372849
Pilates for Horse Riders		Irma Prins 07402 825904
Rhythm Time mums & babies music classes	rtejenny@outlook.com	Jenny Cole 07948 625006
Rosie Hopkins Dance Class	rhdance@me.com	Rosie Hopkins 07866 600431
Scorpion Freestyle Kick Boxing	scorpionkickboxing@sky.com	Mark Partridge 01384 74764
Tennis Club	david@slann.fsworld.co.uk	David Slann 01562 730322

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& BELBROUGHTON SCYTHE FUND

Rodney Spencer - 01562 730030

BELBROUGHTON SCARECROW COMMITTEE see website:

www.belbroughtonscarecrow.co.uk

email:chair@belbroughtonscarecrow.co.uk

BELBROUGHTON SPINNERS

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1st Wed monthly 7.30pm Belbroughton Church Hall

Jill Edwards - 01562 730415

BELBROUGHTON TODDLERS

Mary Hughes - 01562 730346

Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.15am Belbroughton Church Hall

07960 039 140

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND THE BENEFICE

CLENT

2ND CLENT BROWNIES

Girls between 7 and 11 Michele - 01562 730076

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Service ringing Sun. 9.30 - 10.00

Martin Whittaker - 01562 883891

Practice Monday 19.45 - 21.00

Kim Topham - 01562 887441

CLENT CRICKET CLUB

Chairman - Mark Brocklebank - 01562 730666

Centenary Field Belbroughton Rd Clent

CLENT GARDENING CLUB:

4th Fri monthly 7.30pm at Clent Parish Hall

Chairman-Martin Grange-01562 883009/07917 184762

Secretary-Ann Hunt - 07980 453706

CLENT HILLS ROTARY CLUB:

Thurs 7 for 7.30pm at The French Hen Clent

Contact-Keith Sprason-01562 883038

CLENT HISTORY SOCIETY

meets in Clent Parish Hall Church Avenue

Carole Hodgson - 01562 885759

CaroleHodgson@Clenthills.freeseve.co.uk

CLENT SCHOOL PTFA

Rachel Dawe 01562 730430

CLENT TODDLERS:

Mondays 10am - 11.30am Term Time only - Clent Parish Hall

Jessica Swain - 07814 725 954 & Charlie Coney 07837 517 764

CLENT W I: 2nd Thursday monthly

7.30pm Clent Parish Hall

President - Toni Allison: 01562 884079

Secretary - Jenny Trigg: 01562 884158

COMIC (Comedy Opera and Music in Clent)

Email - comicinclent@gmail.com

SOCIAL DANCING BALLROOM & LATIN

Wed. 7.30pm-9pm

Clent Parish Hall.
Lynne Thomas - 01384 918892 lippylynne@talktalk.net

KEEP FIT

Clent Parish Hall. Fri. 9.30-10.30

Jennifer Field - 01562 882669

MUSIC BUGS

Clent Parish Hall. Tues. 9.40

Emma Rhodes - 08445 781 047

emma@musicbugs.co.uk

SUNFIELD SCHOOL FUNDRAISING TEAM

Community Fundraising & Volunteering

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Fundraising Appeals

Ian Jones - 01562 882253

FAIRFIELD

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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07775 669946

THE WELCOME CLUB

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Sharon Shorthouse

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FAIRFIELD W.I. 2nd Wed monthly 7.30pm

Fairfield Village Hall

President Carol Hine - 01527 873072

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

August	6 th	Jenny Allan & Jane Collins	
	13 th	Audrey Walton & Jayne Wilkinson	Wedding 1.30pm
	20 th	Claire Morgan & Family	
	27 th	Dinah Davis & Alison Lewis	
Sept	3 rd	Rose Hughes	

CLENT MOTHERS' UNION

As usual there is no branch meeting during August. However the work of the Mothers' Union continues both at home and overseas, with projects covering literacy classes, parenting classes, prison work, holidays for families in a crisis, support for teenage mums and their babies, etc. The generous financial support we, as a branch, receive by our fundraising is much appreciated but, more important, is the prayerful support we need in order to organise and carry out all these events, especially as we advance in years!

Members are reminded to give in their names if they wish to go on the annual outing, which this year is on Thursday 8th September when we plan to go to Bodenham Arboretum for lunch. Details in next month's magazine.

We wish everyone restful and happy holidays and look forward to meeting again in September.

CLENT MOTHER'S UNION

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

**Please join us for our
Annual Outing to**

BODENHAM ARBORETUM

**CLENT MOTHER'S UNION
CLENT PARISH HALL**

**THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER
12noon**

**Please join us for our lunchtime meeting
Speaker: Margaret Penn
On "M.U. Teenage Mums Project"**

CLENT WALKERS

If anyone would like to come for a local walk on the second Thursday of the month beginning and ending at a local hostelry, please contact 884158 or 730508 - we have done some lovely walks in the past. We start at 10.30 am.

CLENT WI

If you are planning to enter The Village Flower Show on Sat 3rd September, remember to get hold of a schedule which will give all the details you need. Schedules are usually obtainable from St Leonard's Church and from Clent Nurseries. The show is jointly organised by Clent Gardening Club and Clent WI.

Sept 8th sees a return to our regular meetings in Clent Parish Hall and we will take a few steps back in time, from 2016 to the 1960s. Ray Sturdy will guide us through this exciting decade. No doubt we will be meeting Mary Quant, the Beatles, Lulu, perhaps Cilla Black and many others along the way. Friends are invited to join us on this journey.

Janet Adams has kindly invited members to 'Coffee in the Garden' at her home on Friday 16th Sept. This event will be our fundraiser for the WI's Denman College.

Another date for the diary is September 29th when Clent WI will be hosting the Group Meeting.

Some members have already booked places to join Kinver WI on Sat 22 Oct. The evening offers another chance to be entertained and informed by historian – Max Keen who will take on Oliver Cromwell! Family and friends are welcome too.

Contact our President Toni Allison 884079 for more information about us or come along to one of our meetings.

CLENT HISTORY SOCIETY

We hope that you will join us at our next open meeting on 22nd September when that most entertaining local historian, Brian Draper, will talk to us about “Elgar’s Countryside”. Our journey will start at **Elgar’s Birthplace** at Lower Broadheath before we go to Malvern, Ledbury, Hereford and Gloucester. We shall take a look at several of the houses in which Elgar lived, his favourite haunts, his old school, places of worship and other places he had connections with, such as Spetchley Park, Croome Court, Eastnor Castle, Berkeley Castle, Little Malvern Priory and Powick. We shall also call at one of **Elgar’s favourite pubs** and see his favourite fishing spots on the Teme and Lugg. Throughout the journey, Brian will cast his expert eye over the countryside, and how it has changed since Elgar’s time.

Clent History Society’s contribution to “From the Archives” returns this month (at the rear of the Parish News). Some of you may have taken canal holidays this summer and you may be interested to learn that in the late eighteenth century, during the period of “Canalmania”, a canal was planned near Clent.

OUT AND ABOUT

THE DODFORD SHOW

Saturday 3rd September 2016

Dodford Village Hall

Registration and staging of entries from 9.30pm

Open to public from 3.00pm

Prizes, teas, raffle, plant sale – auction of produce after 4.00pm

HELP FOR HEROES FAMILY FUN DAY & DOG SHOW

Saturday 6th August 2016

Rowberry’s Nurseries, Chaddesley Corbett

Dog Show – entries from 12.00pm, judging 1.30pm

For information tel: 07473 189520

ROTARY

SERVING

HUMANITY

Rotary Club of Hagley



Rotary Club of Hagley update August 2016

On 26th June 2016, in an emotional ceremony held at the Stone Manor Hotel near Kidderminster, Derry Millington took over from Bill Harris as the new president of the Rotary Club of Hagley.

The outgoing president has had a very successful year leading the club through an eventful year of charitable work, fundraising and fellowship. Amongst the fundraising events was the now traditional cabaret nights during which the public, at a packed Hagley community centre, enjoyed an evening starring comedian Ashcroft & Lewis. Both Bill and Derry's chosen charity was the Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG) a Worcestershire-based charity which supports agricultural development projects in rural Uganda. The club, as usual, supported several other projects led by local charities and beyond. As always, there were many opportunities for fellowship, through interesting speakers invited to some of the weekly meetings, theatre breaks and week-ends away amongst others.

If you would like to learn more about the Rotary's local, national and international activities, please visit our website on www.1060.org.uk/hagley, or find us on Facebook and twitter.

Hassan Paraiso

FROM THE ARCHIVES BELBROUGHTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Our recent 'From the Archives' reports, which featured the pupil teacher system, also referred to the opening of a 'new' school in the 1870s. However, there was evidently disagreement and rancour between the Rector and the rest of the school management committee as to what form the school should take to best accommodate the pupils. In this statement of 1873, Rector Woodgate argues that the new school should have been provided with two rooms, not just one. It seems that this dispute led to a delay in the school opening.

BELBROUGHTON SCHOOLS

The number of children at present under instruction in the Belbroughton Schools is, in round numbers, about 190. Of these, about one-third are Boys, who occupy the old School* under a trained and certified Master; the other two-thirds, forming a mixed School consisting of Girls and Infants (the latter designation including Boys too young to be admitted into the Boys' School) occupy the larger room over the Boys' School. These Schools, at the Government Inspection last May, obtained together a Grant of £66, with a favourable report as to the efficiency of the Schools. But the children in the upper room having greatly increased of late in number, and continuing to do so, it has become necessary to reduce the numbers within the limit prescribed by the Education Department, unless a larger room can be provided for them.

The consequences however of thus thinning the numbers will be:-

1. The loss of the Capitation Grant, which would otherwise be obtained for the children thus removed.
2. The expense of a separate Mistress to superintend and instruct them (unless they are turned out into the road) amounting to a considerable sum.

Recently a new schoolroom** has been built, with funds subscribed by the Parishioners and others, for the purpose of providing additional School accommodation for the children of the Parish, without reference to sex; and if the children now in the upper room can be moved into the empty School, these difficulties will be obviated, the whole grant obtained for the present or even a larger number of children, and the cost of an additional Mistress avoided.

The sum subscribed for new Schools was sufficient for the purpose, had it been judiciously expended in providing two or more rooms of the proper dimensions, instead of being wasted on a single and comparatively useless building, larger than would be required for any one school.

This error having been committed, nothing remains for the present but to make the best of it, by ... utilising the building, as far as may be, in the way which the wants of the Parish, the claims of the Poor and their children, and good faith to the subscribers more immediately and imperatively require.

*At the top of Church Hill, marked with a plaque

**The present school on Bradford Lane

Nationally, the present controversy between different authorities over the Academy programme and methods of testing, perhaps indicate that when it comes to the education of children – nothing changes!

Madge Vaughan
Belbroughton History Society

FROM THE ARCHIVES CLENT HISTORY SOCIETY

CLENT - A PICTURESQUE CANAL-SIDE VILLAGE

by Buff Chater

(from Clent Clarion No.19; November 2006)

A picturesque canal-side village - that would have been the description given to Clent if early plans for the Worcester Canal had come to fruition.

Around 1786 it was proposed to create a waterway joining Stourbridge to the city of Worcester. This canal would pass through Pedmore, Clent and Bromsgrove and then south of Droitwich to join the Severn, thus avoiding the upper reaches of the river which were deemed to be dangerous. In the immediate area of Clent, the canal would have followed a path now taken by the A491.

The canal would have been of great benefit to the industrial Black Country. However, the local owners and occupiers of many forges, iron works and paper, corn and other mills, depended for water on the Stour, Broadwaters, Hurcott and Churchill streams and on the Hoo, Barnet and Belbroughton brooks and, yet further afield, on the Bromsgrove and Salwarpe streams. These owners realised that a canal would take away water from their works and would have a profound effect on the whole area. Farmers in the area were also not enthusiastic. A petition was put to Parliament and, whether or not on other economic grounds, the plan was dropped.

So, the sight of brightly coloured narrowboats chugging through Clent against the backdrop of the hills must forever remain a dream ...

BELBROUGHTON and FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Veolia ES Ltd - Planning Application, Sandy Lane Wildmoor

The Parish Council has submitted to the County Council its detailed letter of objection to the proposed incinerator bottom ash industrial facility. A copy of this letter is available on the website or can be ordered from the clerk.

New Councillor for Fairfield

Gerald Ingram has been co-opted onto the parish council and he looks forward to helping the community in his role. The council now has a full complement of 14 councillors.

Little Bell Hall Pool – Belbroughton

Following heavy rains in June a ‘sink hole’ has appeared on the dam adjacent to the sluice gate. With the surrounding ground exceedingly boggy the area has been fenced off and to protect the dam structure from further water pressure the pool level has been significantly lowered. The council now urgently awaits a surveying engineer’s report on the structures and will consider shortly what actions may be needed to repair the leaks in the aged brick and earthworks. Residents are asked to keep away from the immediate area.

Fairfield Recreation Ground

The council has approved repairs to the potholes on the car parking area. It will also be investigating options and costs for extending the car park to create a further 10 spaces although no decision has been made to proceed with that project.

Parish Room - Belbroughton

Applications for the new tenancy of the building in Hartle Lane are due to be assessed this month.

Speed Limits – Hartle Lane Belbroughton

The reduction from 50 MPH to 40 MPH on the stretch from the A491 traffic lights to the edge of the village is due to be finally implemented by the County Council following many months of pressure from residents the parish council and your county councillor.

The Green Belbroughton

The council remains to hear from the developers of the adjacent site in Hartle Lane regarding the completion of the Deed of Easement they had previously agreed to with the council under Heads of Terms dated 23rd February 2015.

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CLENT PARISH COUNCIL Notes of meeting held 16th May 2016

Clent Parish Council

Outline of Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016

Resignation

It was with much regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation of Alan Hess. Following the Community Governance Review, Alan no longer lives in the parish and felt it was best he resigned. The Parish Council will miss Alan immensely, he has been a very active Parish Councillor, especially with regards to the Cala Homes and Strathearn planning applications and submitting the monthly piece for the Parish News. The Parish Council thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well for the future.

Youth Council

The Youth Council elected a Chairman, David Hughes and a Vice Chairman, Lawrence Weston. They are very keen to recruit new members to the Youth Council and if any young resident is interested in becoming a Youth Councillor could they please contact me clent.parish@btconnect.com.

Queen's 90th Birthday

The Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic in the Park was a great success which residents asking whether this could be an annual event. Approximately 150 residents attended and had fun and socialised with other residents. Could we please say a huge thank you to Clent Cricket Club for providing the BBQ and to Clent Gardening Society for the wonderful floral display at the Clent Nurseries Island?

Boules Pit

The new fenced Boules Pitch in Centenary Field, installed by the Cricket Pavilion is now up and running so please come along and have a game of boules. Maybe we could get enough interest to form a Clent team?

The date of the next meeting is Monday 18th July, 7.00pm at Clent Parish Hall.

BELBROUGHTON RECREATION HALL - REGULAR BOOKINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday	1.00 - 3.00pm	Best Pals Dog Training Club
	4.30 - 6.00pm	Rosie Hopkins Dance Class
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Pilates Class
Tuesday	1.00 - 3.00pm	Best Pals Dog Training Club
	7.30 - 10.00pm	Belbroughton Dog Training Club
Wednesday	10.00	Mind Relaxation Classes
	2.00 - 4.00pm	Bowling Club
	6.30 - 9.30pm	Best Pals Dog Training Club
	7.00pm	No Fear Bridge in Jubilee Room
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30pm	Best Pals Dog Training Club
	9.30 - 10.30am	Pilates for Horse Riders
Friday	9.30 - 10.00am	Rhythm Time Toddlers Music Classes
	10.10 - 10.40am	Rhythm Time Pre-School Music Classes
	10.50 - 11.20am	Rhythm Time Babies Music Classes
	6.00 - 7.00pm	Kids Session Kick Boxing
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Adults Ladies Only Kick Boxing
Saturday	10.30 - 11.30am	Just Little Ones Dance Class Ages 2 – 6
Sunday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Kids Sessions Kick Boxing
	6.00 - 7.00pm	Adults Kick Boxing
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Self Defence

Outside of these regular bookings, other times are available for activities. The adjacent play area makes the hall an ideal venue for children's parties. "THE NEWLY UPGRADED JUBILEE ROOM IS AVAILABLE FOR DAY AND EVENING HIRE, BUSINESS MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, PRIVATE PARTIES ETC"

For full details please contact Andy Finnie on 07970 957838

BELBROUGHTON PARISH HALL BOOKINGS – AUGUST 2016

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1.			5.45-8.15 Dance class
2.			
3.			7.30-9.30 Spinning club
4.			
5.			
6.		2.00 Private booking	
7.	9.00-12.00 Post party		
8.			5.45-8.15 Dance class
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
13.			
14.			
15.			5.45-8.15 Dance class
16.			
17.			
18.		2.00 Wedding preparation	
19.			Wedding Reception
20.	9.00-12.00 Post wedding		
21.	9.00-6.00 Christening party	continues	
22.			5.45-8.15 Dance class
23.			
24.			
25.			
26.		2.00-6.00 Horticultural show prep	
27.	9.00-6.00 Horticultural show	continues	
28.			
29.			5.45-8.15 Dance class
30.			
31.			

FAIRFIELD PARISH HALL BOOKINGS – AUGUST 2016

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1.M			Line dancing
2.T			Sequence dancing
3.W		Welcome Club	Hall Man. Committee – Barton Room
4.Th			Zumba
5.F			Martial Arts
6.Sa		Children's Party	
7.Su			
8.M	Shortsteperz		Line dancing
9.T	Shortsteperz		Sequence dancing
10.W	Shortsteperz	Welcome Club	WI
11.Th	Shortsteperz		Zumba
12.F	Shortsteperz		Martial Arts
13.Sa	Wedding Preparation		
14.Su		Children's Party	
15.M	Kicks Dance		Line dancing
16.T	Kicks Dance		Sequence dancing
17.W	Kicks Dance	Welcome Club	
18.Th	Kicks Dance		Zumba
19.F	Kicks Dance		Fairfield WI
20.Sa	Fairfield WI	Fairfield WI	
21.Su			
22.M			Line dancing
23.T			Sequence dancing
24.W		Welcome Club	Bingo
25.Th			National Veg. Society
26.F			Martial Arts
27.Sa			
28.Su			
29.M			Line dancing
30.T			Sequence dancing
31.W		Welcome Club	

CLENT PARISH HALL BOOKINGS – AUGUST 2016

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1.			
2.	Music Bugs		Yoga
3.	FROGS		Ballroom & Latin class Dance class
4.	Yoga		Soaring Association
5.	Keep Fit		
6.		Private booking	Private booking
7.			
8.			
9.	Music Bugs		Yoga
10.	FROGS		Ballroom & Latin class
11.	Yoga		WI
12.	Keep Fit		
13.			
14.			
15.			COMIC Theatre Co
16.	Music Bugs		Yoga
17.	FROGS		Ballroom & Latin class Dance class
18.	Yoga		COMIC Theatre Co
19.	Keep Fit		
20.			
21.	Private booking	Private booking	
22.			COMIC Theatre Co
23.	Music Bugs		Yoga
24.	FROGS		Ballroom & Latin class
25.	Yoga		COMIC Theatre Co
26.	Keep Fit		Gardening Club
27.			
28.			
29.			COMIC Theatre Co
30.	Music Bugs		Yoga
31.	FROGS		Ballroom & Latin class Dance class

