

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



October—November 2019



Forthcoming Parish Events

Remembrance Service

2:45pm Sunday 10th November
at the War Memorial then in
St George's Church.



All Saints

Christmas Fair and Coffee Shop

10:30am on Saturday 23rd November
in the Parish Hall

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times of our Special Christmas
Services



The Feast of All Saints

Sunday Morning Service
November 3rd at 10.30am

All Saints' Church

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Three Churches Together

Coffee Morning in aid of Wirral Food Bank

WI Hall, Saturday 19th October at 10.30am

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ACF 30th Anniversary

Wednesday 9th October at
2.15pm in Parish Hall

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Thornton Hough Community Trust

"Switch On " of Christmas Lights

Last weekend in November
with carols, mulled wine, mince
pies etc.

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A letter from the Vicar

Remembering

Autumn is with us. You can see it in the trees as they lose their reddening leaves, the shorter days, long dark nights and the chilly mornings. Robins, sparrows and a few blackbirds and blue-tits quarrel in the hedgerows, but the visiting swifts and summer songbirds have left for warmer regions. We will soon find that the warmth and vigour of summer are just memories.



Autumn is a time for remembering. Not only do we remember the summer sun, but we also begin to call to mind other past times and people. The children's rhyme goes, "Remember, remember the fifth of November." We will be having our All Saints service on November 3rd, in which we give thanks and light candles for those who have died in the last year. Those who have lost loved ones longer ago will also be drawn to remember them. We will also remember the sacrifice of all those who have laid down their lives in the two World Wars and in more recent times of conflict, in our Remembrance service on November 10th.

We remember them. We will remember them, we promise.

But what does that mean?

Remembering is an activity in which we call people to mind. As we remember, we *re-member* them: we put them back together, piece by piece. We place their lives into a jigsaw of connections with us and our whole community and ensure that their names and characters and sacrifice for our freedom are not forgotten. Our photographs and mementoes help us to do this. We can enjoy sharing them. They enable us to reconnect with people who have died. In some cases, we research archives and records to discover and connect ourselves to the lives of relatives or people we have never met.

Remembering is very difficult for some people. The scourge of diseases such as Alzheimer's or vascular dementia is that it robs people of the capacity to put

the world together in a way which makes sense. It can be a terrifying thing to recognise that someone has lost their memory.

For some, it can be hard to believe that God can remember us, but no-one is beyond the memory of God. In Luke 23 verse 42 the criminal on the cross next to Jesus asks, "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom." Jesus tells him that he will be with him in paradise that very day. His criminal past is put behind him. He will be re-membered; put together and restored to fullness.

As the days shorten, let us join in remembering, helping to build together the Kingdom of God here in our parish of Thornton Hough.

With Love and Blessings

Vicky

Children's Sunday School Group

Our programme for the autumn 2019 term is now displayed on our Group notice board in the main room of the Parish Hall. This term we will be studying how "God saves His people" in the Old Testament books of Judges and 1 and 2 Samuel. The sessions include, for example, the well-known accounts of Ruth and David and Goliath. Sessions include Bible stories, supported by prayer and other activities like discussion, craft and quizzes.

Except when there is an "All age" service, we sit round a large table, in the Choir Vestry at the front of Church for part of the 10.30 am service. The sessions are suitable for primary school-age children, from Reception/Foundation Year upwards. All leaders and helpers are DBS checked and we take Safeguarding seriously.

New children are invited to join in. Please come through to the Choir Vestry with your child on the first visit, so that you, as parent / carer can sign a consent form.

Linda Arch

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 9th September

The children are back at school, the days are getting shorter, the season of Harvest Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Time for the members of the PCC to reconvene again, refreshed after the summer break!

The first item on the agenda was **Hall Booking**. More centralised booking by some users and different safeguarding and insurance requirements had necessitated revision of the Terms and Conditions and the booking forms for the use of the Parish Hall. Margaret Gamble was thanked for all that she does in managing the hall. If you are planning to use the Parish Hall or the Small Hall for an event or for a group to meet on a regular basis Margaret Gamble will be able to help you.

Next on the agenda was the **service pattern**. It was reported that the current pattern of services seems to work well and to fit in with people's needs. The PCC agreed to continue the current monthly pattern of Sunday services:

	8:00am	10.30am	6:30pm
1 st Sunday	Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)	United service of Holy Communion with St George's	
2 nd Sunday		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)	Holy Communion	
4 th Sunday		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
5 th Sunday		Holy Communion	

Holy Baptism, Choral Evensong (three or four times a year) and special seasonal services will be fitted into this basic pattern.

Service booklets. Having worked with the current Common Worship service booklets for some months now Vicky would now like to compile new liturgy, looking at alternative segments e.g. for the prayer of consecration before communion. She would like more emphasis on the seasons; initially she would like to develop a service to be used in the season of Advent and Christmas and a service for ordinary times. Help will be needed with this and it was suggested that we should have workshops so that people could contribute to this and learn more about the way services are put together.

The new Bishop of Chester. The PCC then split into three groups to discuss the attributes needed in the new Bishop. Vicky has forwarded the PCC's thoughts

on what qualities they would like in the new Bishop on the diocesan online questionnaire.

Churchyard regulations - the way forward. This is a sensitive subject. The day before the PCC meeting the Vicar had found broken glass in the churchyard. Glass, pots and plastic items are not safe. Vicky has had some gentle conversations with some of the families visiting the churchyards and made them aware that they need to remove items which are not allowed. There has been some improvement but there are still items in the churchyards that are not permitted. The PCC wants to take a gradual approach. As a next step a notice will be affixed to a lamppost explaining the regulations, then if necessary discreet signs will be placed on individual plots to make sure that everyone understands what is required. The churchyard regulations are explained at the time of a funeral, but this can be a difficult time for people and the regulations can be forgotten as time goes by.

Charitable giving was next on the agenda and the PCC was asked to consider which charities the church should support this year and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Finance reports and Treasurer's reports had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted by the PCC.

The Fabric, Health and Safety Team had met. Quotes are being obtained to fix the handrail in the new graveyard; a window in the Parish Hall, a broken light fitting in the church and windows in Hirst Cottage which let in the damp also need attention. Lucinda Russell has resigned from the team (but remains on the PCC) and was thanked by the PCC for all the work she had done.

Small **Safeguarding** pocket guides were given out to the PCC members and their attention was drawn to the safeguarding posters which are displayed in the church and the Parish Hall. Pocket guides have also been given to helpers with children's groups and those in contact with vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding is something which everyone needs to take seriously.

The Prayer and Pastoral group has met and is briefing the Vicar on what is happening. Alan Splitt is maintaining the prayer list.

The Three Churches Together group has also met. They are organising a Coffee Morning on 19th October at 10:30am in the WI Hall. It will be in aid of the Wirral Foodbank and donations of food etc for the foodbank will be welcomed at the event. Plans for a Parish Christmas card are in hand and they are also having conversations about a Lent course and meditations.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

Harvest

This year a different approach to Harvest Festival was celebrated at All Saints. A whole week of celebration was started with a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday 15th September. Over 50 members of the church enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Rachel and her team. It was all fresh and beautifully presented and was excellent value for £5. All of us who were present, thanked Rachel and her team for this abundance of delicious food.

During the week the church was open for contributions towards the Harvest Gifts which this year went to "Tomorrow's Women Wirral". (TWW). TWW is a registered charity to help women in need, mainly to keep them from committing crime and works in conjunction with the Criminal Justice System. The gifts included Traditional Harvest goods such as Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables as well as dried and tinned foodstuffs, coffee and sugar. Also welcomed, were goods needed for daily use e.g. Tissues, toilet rolls small toiletries and personal items such as socks, nightwear, bras, knickers, hats, gloves scarves etc.



Members of the church gathered on the Saturday Morning to display some of the goods received during the week in preparation for the service on the following day.



Our Harvest Festival on Sunday 22nd September was well attended and more gifts were submitted at the beginning of the service.

The windows and floral displays looked a picture and were a tribute to the skill and artistic talent of the ladies who had given of their time on Saturday morning. They were thanked most profusely for their wonderful efforts.



A Special Prayer for Harvest (Collect)

Eternal God
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons;
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever,
Amen.

All the gifts were collected on the Monday morning and taken to TWW.





ACF

A church fellowship : for anyone from anywhere

Church Fellowship

A very big thank you to Iain Stinson who at very short notice stepped in as our September Speaker / Musician when Dr Ian Cubbin was unable at equally short notice to fulfil his agreed commitment to tell us about Agatha Christie's writings. Dr Cubbin is now rebooked for February 2020.

Iain's illustrated talk about computers from their beginnings until the present day was fascinating and everybody appreciated its content. Plenty of questions and discussion followed. - see also Iain's full account on the next page.

ER

Forthcoming Events - All Welcome

Fellowship Meetings in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 9th October at 2.15pm: Celebration of our 30th Anniversary

Speaker : The Venerable Dr Mike Gilbertson Archdeacon of Chester .

Following our Celebration Service there will be a tea party.

Wednesday 13th November at 2.15pm: Pastor Bernie Frost will talk about Charles Thompson Mission and its work today.

Chatterbox Venue : 64 Eton Drive

Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 19th November at 2.15pm

Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 27th November at 10.30am

Everybody welcome to come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and biscuits and the usual cake stall, jams, chutneys, cards and a generous raffle.

Eileen Roberts

ACF September 11th

Because the scheduled speaker was unable to give their talk, Iain Stinson stepped in to give a talk about computers in our everyday life.

He began with the challenge *“When did you last use a computer?”* One of the more likely responses he expected to receive was *“I don’t use computers!”* Iain explained that this response was almost certainly not correct because computers in one form or another are all around us in many of the day to day “things” we regularly use.

We heard that:

Most mobile phones are not really telephones – they are small battery powered computers which run a computer program which provides telephony. Most of them also run programs which provide a “camera like” facility to record still or moving images. Some also run programs which give access to your email, browse the web, manage your diary/calendar, let you write notes and documents, and so on...

Many household appliances – washing machines, dish washers, heating systems, garden watering systems and so are also controlled and managed by computers. Most modern televisions are really computers which run a program which provides the television facility you want: some will also play music, play the radio, show your holiday pictures, record/ pause programs, browse the web...Getting a straight forward tv receiver is probably almost impossible today.

Most of the cars we drive or are driven in today are controlled to some level by computers.

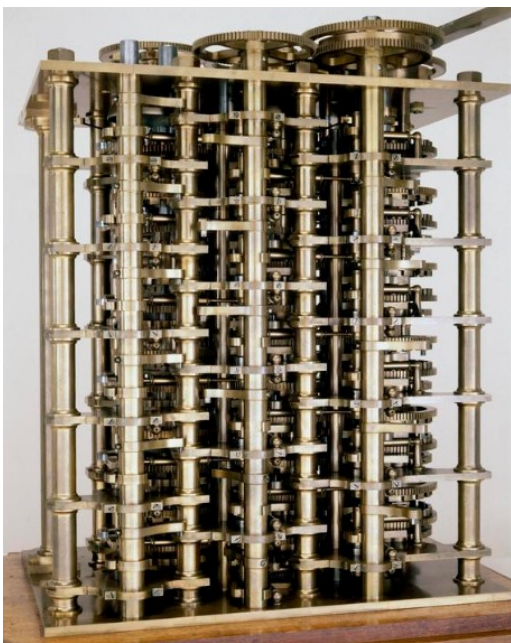
The computers “inside” other things are termed embedded computers. Using an embedded computer as the heart of a control system is less expensive and offers more flexibility than “old fashioned” discrete control systems. The embedded computer-based control systems are programmed for the tasks they are to carry out. Whilst a car control system may make use of the same “computer” as a television set, the embedded control system will run different programs, one to manage and control a car and another to provide a television. Being able to use the same embedded computer hardware in multiple different devices (and using different programs, or software, to make them serve different needs) provides considerable economical and engineering benefits.

These tiny computers are built as an integrated circuit (“microchip”) and it is because of the advances over the years in this technology that these computers may be made very small and still be very powerful computers.

We spent a few moments being amused by an Amazon Echo Dot (“Alexa”), with Alexa answering simple questions for us. The Echo Dot is an example of a tiny computer being connected by the Internet to a set of powerful server computers which analyse the spoken questions, search for answers and work out the reply sent to the Echo Dot as speech.

“Connected” (or networked) computers provide more opportunities to support us in our daily lives (with tasks like turning the lights on in response to spoken commands etc.).

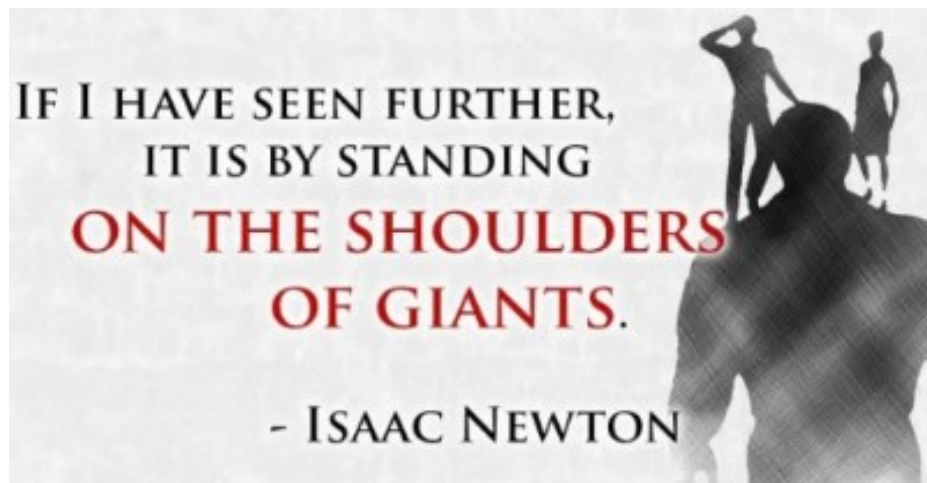
We briefly considered the development of today’s computing systems beginning



with mechanical systems such as Babbage’s Difference Engine, some of the electro-mechanical systems used to help decode enemy messages during World War II, rooms full of comptometer machines and operators, and at mainframe computers.



When thinking about these considerable advances in technologies, how the successive developments are built on the work of earlier systems, it is very helpful to remember the phrase Sir Isaac Newton used “*Standing on the shoulders of giants*”.



Computing based technologies are everywhere and in everything. “Connected” computing is ubiquitous (omnipresent, universal). It is unavoidable!

Computers that through programming can make simple deductions exhibit what appears to be “intelligence”. This *Artificial Intelligence* (AI) has the potential to further enable computer-based systems to become of more assistance to people, in their care and welfare.

Engineers and others developing these systems need to do so in a way which is ethical and with consideration of the impact such systems have on individuals and society as a whole. “Do no harm” must underpin these developments and deployments.

But beware there are those who would use computers in a “bad” way – to cause “harm”.

Computer systems are not a threat if approached with common sense and a degree of caution. If a computer system offers you something which is too good to be true – it’s almost certainly not true and you are not being given a generous offer, but someone is trying to defraud or cheat you! Never give anyone information about yourself and your personal matters unless you are certain who they are. Follow advice from organisations such as Age Concern about being safe online.

Computers, of course, offer great potential for us – enjoy this (but be cautious).

IS

Celebrating the achievements of some of our younger members of the church

The Cooke family have been stalwarts of the church ever since Judi 's children were old enough to come to church and have become regular members of the church and then when old enough, the choir - following in the tradition started by Judi's parents, Alan and Val Splitt. It is wonderful to hear of the children's development and educational progress and to be able to share it with you all.

Jack has been very successful this year at school. He has completed his post as head boy at Neston High School in July. He was studying hard for his A levels as well, gaining an A in Spanish and B for English Language and French.

He also won boys' Sports Personality of the Year for working with younger students, through sports and gaining a £7,000 Mental Health through Sports grant which he worked for himself. A first at Neston High School for a student to apply for one.

He has been accepted at Liverpool University on the Hispanic Studies course but he has deferred his place for a year as he is off to Madrid on 25th September. He will be working in a Spanish school teaching English Language as a teaching assistant for 11 months.

Michael has just taken the next part of his journey in his education by starting his first year at Neston High School. He had a very successful last year at Thornton Hough Primary School, passing the 11 plus exam and being very successful in his SATS.

Ciara, who is a member of the church choir, has just moved into her last year at Thornton Hough Primary School. She will be taking her 11 plus exam in a few weeks time. She also took up karate a few months ago and gained her yellow belt a few weeks ago.

Ruby, who is also a member of the church choir, has just moved up into the juniors at Thornton Hough Primary School. She gained an award for 100% attendance in the last academic year and continues to enjoy her time at school.

Needless to say Judi and Mark are extremely proud of their children.

This year marks 10 years since Kerry Hughes joined the church choir. She attends Wirral Grammar School for Girls and achieved fantastic results in her recent GCSE exams. She now attends the Sixth Form where she is studying Art, Design and technology and Sports Psychology.

After the exams finished, Kerry started what was to be a very busy Summer. Starting with her final silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition - 4 days of trekking up and down mountains in that heat wave we called summer. Returning on the Sunday it was a quick shower, feed and a night's rest in her own bed before embarking on the 1st of another 2 weeks of residentials with the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme. This covered such activities as completing first aid courses, hygiene certificates and various team building exercises. The 3rd week of NCS was a week of charity work. Her team chose to work in a local nursing home in Birkenhead. The team split in two, one entertaining the residents and the other transforming the outside space they use to relax. This was followed by a graduation ceremony at Tranmere Rovers.

Next she began working for Brimstage Maze. Kerry has been visiting there for over ten years and has been so looking forward to finally being part of the team.

She plays volleyball for the school, helps with coaching the younger students after school and did play for the local national team until it disbanded earlier this year. She is hoping to continue with volleyball by attending referee and coaching courses in Manchester.

Next July, Kerry is on her way to Borneo and hopes to work with orangutans, a community project and also a school project. She is busy raising money to fund this by making flowers and jewellery.

All in all it's been a fun and actioned packed year so far!

Another of our younger members is Margaret Gamble's Granddaughter, Chloe Jones who has left school after completing her exams and is delighted to have been accepted at the Wirral Met College at the Oval Campus in Bebington to study "Personal Training". Chloe was a regular attender of the "Abide" and "Impact" groups.

We wish all these young people every blessing, success and happiness for the future and we will watch their progress with interest.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for special events such as children's parties, birthday celebrations or anniversaries at a reasonable cost. Please contact Margaret Gamble on 336 7540 for availability and further details.

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough 2020 Calendar

On Sale **£5**

At the Village Hall and
Thornton Hough Post Office and
from members of the Church



Forward Planning!

Calendar 2021

We hope to make another calendar next year but we will need some new photographs of our beautiful parish. Please take your camera with you as you walk round our village and capture the scene when you see it. Hopefully the photos will also depict the various seasons. Don't forget the photos will be enlarged to A4 for the calendar so it would help if they had at least 6MP. Some of the phones now have very good cameras. If the photographs can clearly be identified as of the parish then all the better.

Praying with your Calendar

Not only does the All Saints 2020 Calendar offer you a pretty and practical place to note down important events, but how about using the photos as a way of helping you to pray for our parish, too?

Here are some simple steps.

1. Find a quiet place to sit. Take time to settle yourself: keep your feet comfortably flat on the ground. Let your shoulders relax; be aware of your breathing.
2. Sit quietly-you don't need to say anything. Simply give this quiet time to God. Some people find resting their hands with palms uppermost is helpful.
3. Pick one of the photos on the calendar. (If you get into this habit regularly, you might want to work through each successive month's picture.)
4. Spend a few minutes simply gazing at the photo. Enjoy the scene.
5. Does any particular feature of the picture or memory of the place seem striking? Spend another couple of minutes reflecting on that. Offer those thoughts to God.
6. Think about the people you associate with the photo: residents you know, or those working in a particular industry, such as hospitality or agriculture. How might God bless them today? How might you be part of that blessing?
7. Let your gaze draw back to the picture as a whole. Thank God for our beautiful parish and the people in it.

Give it a go! You may find this discipline of contemplative prayer a bit strange to start with, but, like any form of exercise, it becomes easier with practice.

VB

Visiting the nursing homes

Each month a few members of All Saints' Church go along to Brimstage Manor Nursing Home and sing hymns with the residents. Around a dozen residents, sometimes with their visitors, and some staff take part.

We sing hymns from a specially selected set of hymns which incorporates many of the most popular hymns. The residents are encouraged to choose the hymns we sing and occasionally we introduce an additional hymn which has been requested.



It is wonderful to see the residents enjoying hymns which they often remember from earlier times. We sometimes use *percussion instruments* to enliven the music; the residents and the members of All Saints' who come along to sing really enjoy shaking and hitting the instruments.

Each month, our vicar, Revd. Vicky Barrett, also visits Westwood Hall Nursing Home to celebrate Holy Communion for some of the residents there.

On the afternoon of December 17th, we shall visit both Brimstage Manor and Westwood House to sing Christmas Carols (and other Christmas songs). You would be most welcome to join us in this lovely activity.

A Link with All Saints' Church Banstead

In order to attend The Royal Marsden hospital for cancer treatment, we needed to live in South London. We thought we would be away from Thornton Hough for some 6 months. The side effects of the treatment and other complications made it impossible for us to travel home, we were away for more than 2 years. During that time we received fantastic support from our friends here in All Saints. The frequent telephone calls, emails, postcards, photos of children together with visits from friends who always brought cakes made by Eileen and Heather. This support and the prayers offered, combined with the incredible medical attention has enabled us now to attend the hospital monthly.



We have to thank all our friends in All Saints' for helping us to achieve this stage. It was your support that helped us cope through the difficult times. We would welcome your prayers and support as we continue with treatment.

While in London we attended All Saints' Church in Banstead where we were made most welcome. We value their friendship and the support they provided during our difficult periods. When we informed our church friends in Banstead that we were returning home they arranged an Afternoon Tea Party. We were given a candle and asked if we would light it in All Saints' Thornton Hough to remind us of their fellowship and to say prayers for All Saints' Banstead.

Today as we are lighting this candle here in All Saints' the congregation in All Saints' Banstead will be saying prayers for our church in Thornton Hough.

Bobby and John McIver



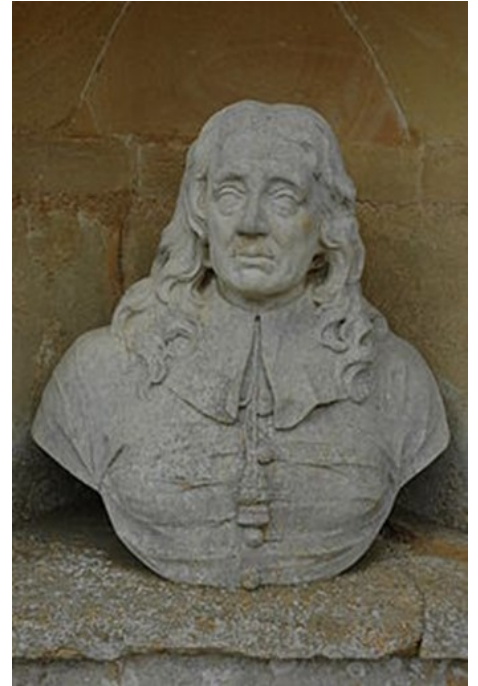
CONFECTIONERY QUIZ

1.	A meal out of doors	
2.	Mutiny ... Where?	
3.	7.15 is too soon	
4.	Not Monday to Friday	
5.	Charles' favourite sport	
6.	Red planet	
7.	Exclude half a dozen	
8.	Wobbly infants	
9.	American out west	
10.	No news is ...	
11.	Small sparkling objects	
12.	Herb and top of the milk	
13.	The extra job for Cybil Shepherd	
14.	Dark to light	
15.	Little 'know alls'	
16.	Posh road	
17.	Theme ...	
18.	Pleasure from the Orient	
19.	Between ...	
20.	Lancaster and York	
21.	Greek race	
22.	American coin	
23.	Classic horse race	
24.	Water movement	
25.	Family of stars	
26.	Our galaxy	
27.	How do you eat yours?	
28.	Mr Thomas has the Midas touch	
29.	Big bus	
30.	Terrier, not for girls	

Poetry Corner

Sonnet: Upon His Blindness John Milton 1652

When I consider how my light is spent,
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one Talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide;
“Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask; but Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies: “God doth not need
Either man’s work or his own gifts; who best
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best. His state
Is Kingly. Thousands at His bidding speed
And post o’er Land and Ocean without rest.
They also serve who only stand and wait.”



This Italian sonnet (eight lines rhyming together, then six) is by a devout Christian trying to come to terms with a catastrophe. John Milton (1608 - 1674) is most famous for the epic blank verse poem *Paradise Lost*, a lengthy description of war in heaven, the descent of Satan to hell, and the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, which he wrote to “justify the ways of God to man”. His blindness started in 1646 and was complete in 1652.

In this sonnet he’s thinking about the “ways of God” to John Milton. He considers two aspects of God’s nature, one in the octet and one in the sestet. The first aspect is of the “hard man” who reaps where he does not sow and gathers where he has not strewn, as in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14 - 30). There the “wicked and slothful servant” who hid his solitary talent, not putting it to use, is “cast ... into outer darkness”.

Milton was largely self-educated. He taught himself theology, philosophy, history, politics, literature and science by learning to read Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, French, Old English and Dutch. By the age of 44 he was extremely knowledgeable and rather disdainful of lesser intellects - firing off pamphlets on all manner of subjects, political and theological, such as divorce, free speech and republicanism. In other words, he was very clever.

Poetry excels in allowing words to mean several things at once, and here Milton uses *light*, *spent*, *talent* and *account* very cleverly. *Light* can mean both sight and daylight, *spent* can mean both used and used up, *talent* can be both Biblical money and a God-given gift, an *account* can be monetary or verbal.

Thus the octet is an elegantly complicated way of asking whether God is like the returning master who will *chide* (punish) those who haven't used their talents to their full extent. Would God be so hard as to *exact day-labour, light-denied*, expecting a proper use of a talent lost (hidden) through no fault of his own. In the words he chooses to ask whether God could be so unfair there's a subtle reference to John 9: 4 & 5, where Jesus heals a blind man, saying: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Fondly means foolishly. The long and complicated question, with all its Biblical references and double meanings, roughly translates as: "How can I be expected to go on serving my God with my unique talent if I can't see?" But it is a foolish *murmur* (complaint). The sestet answers the question with a second aspect of God, pointed out by a personification of patience. He is not a hard demanding task-master; He is a mighty king who requires nothing but obedience. As Jesus says in Matthew 11: 30: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

The last line of the poem is the most famous and most often quoted. Milton took his own advice and waited for the inspiration which produced not the magnificent drama which he had always intended to write (although he did write the splendid verse play *Samson Agonistes*, about the great hero "Eyeless in Gaza, at the mill with slaves") but the immense poetical saga of *Paradise Lost*, and later the (rather less exciting) *Paradise Regained*.

It is arguably because of his blindness that Milton was able to conjure the extraordinary dramatic scenes of *Paradise Lost*. He enjoyed the aid of many helpers, including the young poet Andrew Marvell, who read and wrote for him at his dictation.

Beethoven lost his hearing and composed sublime music; Milton lost his sight and created striking pictures, with "no light, but darkness visible" immortalised in Gustav Doré's famous illustrations, as here: **Satan falling**.

Caroline Lancelyn Green



Cookery Corner

Chocolate Mousse (serves 4) *from Margaret Basnett*

176gm/6oz plain chocolate
4 eggs -separated
2 tablespoons brandy (optional)
300ml / 1/2 pint whipping cream



Melt the chocolate, either in a bowl over a pan of simmering water or in a microwave. Allow to cool slightly.

Add the egg yolks, one at a time. Add the brandy, if used.

Whip the cream and add gradually to the chocolate mix .

Whip the egg whites until stiff, then fold into the chocolate mix .

Serve in individual dishes or glasses

Veal Scallopina *from Pam Machin*

4 thin veal escalopes
1.5 oz plain flour
1 tsp salt
2 oz butter
8 oz button mushrooms
2 medium cooking apples
peel & juice of half a lemon
125 ml red wine
1 tsp cornflour

Dust the veal in flour and salt and fry in melted butter until brown both sides.

Add mushrooms and cook gently for 10 minutes. Stir in the wine, lemon peel and juice. Peel apples, cut into ¼ inch thick rings and add to mixture.

Simmer for 20 minutes.

Remove the veal escalopes and place in warmed dish and arrange the mushrooms and apples over them.

Blend cornflour with a little water and add to the wine gravy left in the pan.

Stir until thickens, using extra blended cornflour as required.

Pour the wine gravy over veal, mushrooms and apples and serve with pasta of your choice.

The Great Wirral Afternoon Tea

SWEET AFTERNOON TEA

Peanut and Caramel Petit Gateau

Mango and Passion Fruit on Coconut Sable

Apple and Earl Grey Mousse

Lemon and Blueberry
Choux Bun

Plain and Fruit Scones and Clotted Cream

Finger Sandwiches

Rare Roast Beef, Horseradish Cream

English Brie, Apple Chutney

Smoked Salmon Chive Cream Cheese

Truffled Egg Mayonnaise

Afternoon Tea £24.50

To book please call 0151 336 3938
or online at lawnsrestaurant.com



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After our summer break we began our new season on **Tuesday, 3 September**, with a talk, demonstration and amusing stories around preserves, entitled *Chutney and Cheer*. Melanie Latham was a most entertaining speaker. An excellent evening finished with a list of extra events.

We had a busy September:

- **Tuesday, 10 September** – an evening sampling a variety of crafts
- **Wednesday, 18 September** –the Red Fox for our Ad Hoc lunch
- **Tuesday, 24 September** – Taster Tai-Chi session, 7 pm –fun to try something new
- **Thursday, 26 September** – Coach trip to Erddig Hall

At the beginning of September five of our members enjoyed a 2-day coach trip, along with members from other Women's Institutes, to Hereford. Visits were made to **Croft Castle, the Judge's Lodgings in Presteigne, Hergest Croft Gardens** and **Grange Court** in Leominster.

Our next full WI meeting will be **Tuesday, 1 October**, 7.30 pm when our speaker, John Hinde, will talk about the National Garden Scheme.

On **Saturday, 19 October**, 10.30 – 12 noon –3 local churches are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Food Bank. Admission will be £1 plus a small FOOD donation. An important help for many people – we will be pleased to have your support.

Tuesday, 24 October, 7 pm – we propose to hold a Halloween Charity Supper – monies raised will go to 2 local charities: Horse Sense and Sticks and Steps.

Our Annual Meeting will take place in **November – Tuesday, 5th**! Expect fireworks!

Looking even further forward to December and we will be celebrating Christmas Festivities on **Tuesday, 3rd December**.

Hope to see you at any of these events. Do join us!

Ann McTigue





Teams4u- shoebox appeal

It's over 25 years since the Christmas shoebox appeal started and it is still going strong. Dave Cooke the original founder of Operation Christmas Child set up Teams4u last year and it was a resounding success.

The shoe boxes will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages.

The area they are donating to is Eastern Europe.

Please could I ask you to support us again this year by either filling a shoebox with gifts, or providing us with gifts that we can add to shoeboxes.

There will be shoeboxes available at the back of church along with the Teams4u envelopes/leaflets. You can also look at the Teams4u website for more information, teams4u.com and donate online.

The closing date to have the boxes in by is Sunday 17th November at the morning service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Judi Cooke 07711389909.



A little Humour!

If you can sit quietly after difficult news;

If, in financial downturns you remain perfectly calm;

If you can see your neighbours travel to fantastic places without a twinge of jealousy;

If you could happily eat what ever is placed on your plate;

If you can fall asleep after a day of running around without a drink or a pill;

If you can always find contentment just where you are;

You are probably a DOG!

Jack Kornfield

“If you take Christ out of “Christmas” what are you left with? **M & S!**”

Dear Milkman notes left on doorsteps,

“Just had a baby. Please leave another one!”

“Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it!”

“Leave one extra pint. If this note blows away then please knock!”

From “A Box of Delights by J John & M Stibbe

Thornton Hough Community Trust News

The Trust will hold its AGM in November which will be a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to a new one. Anybody with an interest in the villages of Thornton Hough, Raby, Raby Mere and Brimstage is welcome to become a member of the Trust and help with preserving our beautiful area. Membership costs £5 per year. Please contact Maureen Arthur, membership secretary to join info@thctrust.co.uk

Remembrance Sunday is the next community event; this is organised by the British Legion but is a very important date in the calendar of the village. Many of the original members of the British Legion are now advancing in years but the British Legion is keen for this commemoration to continue. Therefore all residents, it is not necessary to have been in the armed forces or a uniformed organisation, are invited to gather on Smithy Hill at 14:25 on Sunday 10 November if you wish to join the parade which marches down Smithy Hill, along Neston Road to gather at the War Memorial for a short outdoor service. The parade is led by a uniformed band, followed by standard bearers and local dignitaries, uniformed organisations and local residents. If you do not wish to march you are welcome to join in the service at the Memorial. The assembled march will then move to St. George's Church to continue the service. Later, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall by the Brownies.

We will soon be launching this year's **Christmas Lights campaign** and inviting donations towards these lights on our "Just Giving" page. We are looking to build on last year's success in encouraging as many residents as possible to light up their houses and gardens in white lights. We have purchased more new lights to add to trees on the Green, which last year saw the village and entrance to the estate lit up for the festive period. Last year we raised over £2,000, which has been spent on purchasing new festoons and for the maintenance of the existing strings. This year our target is £3,000.

We are planning a **"switch on"** event over the last weekend in November, hopefully to include Carols, mulled wine and mince pies on the Green, weather permitting – umbrellas and warm coats may be needed! We will circulate this date when arrangements have been finalised.

Please visit our website and social media accounts to keep up to date with information, and do let us know of any events or topics that can be shared within our community.

Website: www.thctrust.co.uk

Facebook: Thornton Hough Community Trust

Geoff Dale Chairman



The Red Fox

Thornton Hough • Wirral



You will find us a classic country pub with open fires, wooden floors, good old furniture and lots of rugs and plants.

The bar sits at the heart of the pub, with an array of cask ales on tap, a back shelf crammed with malts and gins and a decent list of over 50 lovingly chosen wines. Our team of chefs continually develop our daily menu with a spine of freshly prepared classic British dishes, complemented by a few more exotic influences here and there.

We hope you can pop in and see us soon.

www.redfox.pub ~ 0151 353 2920 ~ [f/redfoxpub](https://www.facebook.com/redfoxpub)

The Red Fox, Liverpool Road, Thornton Hough, Wirral, CH64 7TL

Remembrance Sunday November 10th

Our **10:30am service of Morning Prayer** will include a short Act of Remembrance and observe the two-minute silence at 11:00am.

The village Remembrance Sunday service will begin at 2:45pm at the War memorial and continue in St George's Church. The preacher this year will be our vicar, Revd. Vicky Barrett. After the service, tea will be served in the Village Hall by the Brownies. We are all asked to try to stay for the tea to both enjoy the fellowship of our friends in the village and to support the Brownies in their work towards their service badges.



Quiz Results

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A meal out of doors | Picnic | 16. Posh road | Quality Street |
| 2. Mutiny ... Where? | Bounty | 17. Theme ... | Topic |
| 3. 7.15 is too soon | After Eight | 18. Pleasure from the Orient | Turkish Delight |
| 4. Not Monday to Friday | Weekend | 19. Between ... | Twix |
| 5. Charles 'favourite sport | Polo | 20. Lancaster and York | Roses |
| 6. Red planet | Mars | 21. Greek race | Marathon |
| 7. Exclude half a dozen | Bar Six | 22. American coin | Dime Bar (Daim Bar) |
| 8. Wobbly infants | Jelly babies | 23. Classic horse race | Gold Cup |
| 9. American out west | Texan | 24. Water movement | Ripple |
| 10. No news is ... | Good news | 25. Family of stars | Galaxy |
| 11. Small sparkling objects | Spangles | 26. Our galaxy | Milky Way |
| 12. Herb and top of the milk | Mint Cream | 27. How do you eat yours? | Cadbury Cream Eggs |
| 13. The extra job for Cybil Shepherd | Moonlight | 28. Mr Thomas has the Midas touch | All Gold |
| 14. Dark to light | Contrast | 29. Big bus | Double Decker |
| 15. Little 'know alls' | Smarties | 30. Terrier, not for girls | Yorkie |

Christmas Services – Advance notice!

As we move into October, the retail and hospitality world is gearing up for Christmas. At All Saints our planning for this busy time is underway and we thought you might like to have a brief preview of our plans so you can reserve the dates in your diary!

Our **Advent Carol Service on Sunday December 1st at 10:30am** helps us begin our preparation for Christmas and reminds us of God's promise to send his Messiah to set us all free! There will be readings, hymns for the congregation to sing and music from our choir.

We shall hold a **Christingle Service on Sunday December 15th at 4:00pm** in church; this promises to be a lively event and will provide a great way to help us all, young and old, understand the Christmas message and its relevance for us today.

We shall be visiting **Brimstage Manor and Westwood Hall nursing homes on Tuesday December 17th** to sing Christmas carols with the residents. If you would like to join us, please contact Patsy Baker or Iain Stinson.

We also hope to **sing carols around the village on the evening of either Wednesday December 18th or Thursday 19th**. Watch out for further details in the coming weeks.

At the **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 22nd at 6:30pm** in church we shall re-tell the Christmas story using the traditional readings. There will be Christmas hymns and carols for the congregation to sing and carols (old and new) sung by the choir.

Our midnight service on **Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th will begin at 11:00pm** and will be a celebration of Holy Communion. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, if you are able stay up late!

Our **Christmas Day service, Wednesday December 25th, at 10:30am** is a celebration of the joy of Christmas for all. Come along with your friends, your family, or on your own and join the All Saints family as we celebrate together in a service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day.

Newspaper Headlines

"Include your children when baking cookies!"

"Miners refuse to work after death"

"If strike isn't settled quickly, it may Last a while!"

"Enraged cow injures farmer with axe"

Compiled by "A Box of Delights" by J John and M Stibbe

Ready for winter

The Diocese gives clear guidance to all of the churches in the Diocese regarding the maintenance of the churchyards and we at All Saints' have received a directive, on health and safety grounds, which has to be implemented. (*Chester Diocesan Churchyard Regulations, 2007 - see below*). Please help us meet the directions given to us by clearing away all your free-standing glassware, plastic and ceramic pots in the churchyard. They get damaged by the strimmer and are liable to shatter in frosty weather, making the churchyard untidy and dangerous.



*15.V: Wreaths and floral tributes may be laid upon a grave and cut flowers arranged in metal or stone vases placed on the memorial plinth. If there is no plinth, a vase may be **sunk into the ground below ground level so as not to impede a mower when not containing flowers.** Glass, ceramic and plastic containers are not permitted. Silk and other good quality artificial flowers are permitted but once the type of flower is out of season they are liable to be removed. PLASTIC flowers are not permitted.*



Please contact the Vicar if you require further advice.



Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages

Extracts from the Church Registers for July - September

Marriages

Alexander Stuart TILL and Georgina Anne BOWLING 14. 9. 19
Philip Adam WRIGGLESWORTH *and* Alexandra Elizabeth KIRKLAND 09 8. 19

Holy Baptisms

Viviana Florence MACHIN 28. 7. 19
Jake Ian Thomas CORBETT 28. 7. 19
Daisy Grace STONE 11. 8. 19
Grace Neve O'SHEA 08. 9. 19

Deaths

	Died	Age	Burial/Cremation/Ashes burial
Vera BOWYER	6. 7. 19	80	22. 7. 19
Kenneth LANGSHAW	9. 5. 19	90	29. 7. 19
Ann May PIERCE	14. 3. 19	93	18. 8. 19
Patricia Mary DIXON	17. 3. 19	89	30. 8. 19
Rita SUTTON	21. 8. 19	83	16. 9. 19

Feast of All Saints

At our **10:30am service on Sunday November 3rd** we shall be celebrating the feast of All Saints. This is not just a day when we think about the prominent saints (many of whom have their own special day) but it is a time when we remember, with thanksgiving, all those who have followed Jesus Christ. It is a time when we give thanks for all those Christians, living and departed, who have tried to follow Jesus' teachings (shown through his life, death and resurrection) and accept that Jesus has brought us into a good relationship with God. It's a great festival for giving thanks to God for those who have helped us with our own Christian faith.

At All Saints we also remember, by name, those known to us who have died in the last twelve months. If you would like someone who was close to you, who has died in the last twelve months, to be remembered at this service, please give their name to the vicar or one of the churchwardens.

Trade Directory

Trade	Name	Contact Tel	Mob
Gardner	Nick Holden	364 0592	0754 734 1175
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Joiner	Paul Whitehead	353 0493	07762 637374
Painter & Decorator	A Foreshaw	327 4788	07979 233 422
Health & Wellness - Pilates	Peter Heath	644 9279	07808 920 813
PAT Testing	Joey Farrell		07723 997 434
Gas Service	Mike Jones	342 5805	07813 137 134
ACG General Maintenance	Andrew Grover		07384 466 414

Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. if you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.

Disclaimer "The above are not recommendations of the editorial team and neither All Saints PCC nor the editorial team can accept any liability resulting from using these organisations/trades people."

COFFEE ROTA

October

6th Ron and Shirley
 13th Rhona
 20th Heather and Eileen
 27th Margaret and Elaine

November

3rd Margaret and June
 10th Syd and Rachel
 17th Shirley and June
 24th Margaret and Elaine

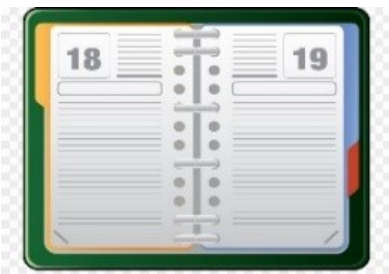


Morning Prayer at All Saints

Why not join Vicky for a Morning Prayer service in church
 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:15am.

It is a very peaceful way of starting the day,
 with readings from Psalms, Old and New Testament.

All welcome.



Parish Diary

September 2019

Sunday	29		Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
		5:50 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Monday	30	9:00 am	cots2tots

October 2019

Tuesday	1	2:30 pm	Hymns at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
Wednesday	2	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	4	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	6		Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11:00 am	United Service at St George's URC
Monday	7	9:00 am	cots2tots
		7:30 pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	9	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		2:15 pm	ACF: Speaker: The Venerable Dr Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester
Sunday	13		Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Monday	14	9:00 am	cots2tots
Tuesday	15	2:15 pm	ACF: Chatterbox Club
Wednesday	16	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Saturday	19	10:30am	Coffee Morning for Wirral Foodbank (WI Hall)
Sunday	20		Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Monday	21	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	23	10:30 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	25	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	27		Bible Sunday / Last Sunday after Trinity
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Wednesday	30	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

November 2019

Friday	1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	3		All Saints
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion for All Saints (Common Worship) United with St George's and with children's group
Monday	4	9:00 am	cots2tots
		7:30 pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	5	2:30 pm	Hymns at Brimstage Manor Nursing Home
Wednesday	6	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	8	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10		Remembrance Sunday
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with an Act of Remembrance and with children's group
		2:45 pm	Service of Remembrance - beginning at the War memorial and continuing in St George's church.
Monday	11	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	13	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Wednesday	13	2:15 pm	ACF: Charles Thompson Mission (TBA)
Friday	15	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	17		Second Sunday before Advent
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with children's group
Monday	18	9:00 am	cots2tots
Tuesday	19	2:15 pm	ACF: Chatterbox Club
Wednesday	20	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	22	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	23	10:30 am	Christmas Fair and Coffee Shop (Parish Hall)
Sunday	24		Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with children's group
		6:30 pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Monday	25	9:00 am	cots2tots
Wednesday	27	10:30 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	29	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

December 2019

Sunday	1		Advent Sunday
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30 am	Advent Carol Service with children's group
Monday	2	9:00 am	cots2tots
		7:30 pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	4	10:30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Who to contact about our groups

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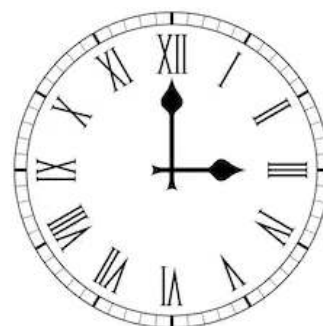
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Reminder

British Summer Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday October 27th 2019.

The clocks go back one hour.



The Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photographs and ideas for this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Please contact any member of the editorial team with your ideas and articles. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is earlier than usual because of Christmas activities. It would help to have them as early as possible.

The deadline is Thursday 7th November 2019.

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