

# *The Four Parishes News Magazine*

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Daffodil Day at Shotover House 2022

*April 2022*

## The editor writes:



After nearly a whole week of glorious weather there is a wonderful feeling of growth and change all around us. We are lucky that nature offers us a counterbalance to the weight of pointless violence and destruction that people are experiencing in Ukraine, and in other parts of the world, many of which have rather gone 'off the radar' for the time being.

You will notice that Ukraine features quite heavily in this month's magazine, with an article about refugees on page 11, some interesting reflections on farming in Ukraine on pages 16-17 and some useful information about the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and other initiatives on pages 26-27.

There is plenty going on in our Four Parishes and you will find information or 'Save the date' notices about a number of local events. There is also some advance warning of plans for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2 - 5 June.

Please keep on sending us your articles and photographs - we are always pleased to receive them. I hope to see many of you at events around our villages soon.

*Julia Stutfield*

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## Church Services in the Four Parishes, April 2022

	St Nicolas, Forest Hill with Shotover	St John the Baptist, Stanton St John	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Beckley	St Barnabas, Horton-cum- Studley
<b>3 April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>11am</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>4pm</b> Children's Service at St Nicolas			
	<b>6pm Taizé Service via Zoom</b>			
<b>10 April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion
	<b>4pm</b> Messy Church at Stanton St John Village Hall			
<b>11 April</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<b>7.30pm</b> Holy Communion			
<b>12 April</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> Holy Communion		
<b>13 April</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>			<b>7.30pm</b> Holy Communion	
<b>14 April</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>				<b>7.30pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>15 April</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>12 noon</b> Benefice Service of Reflection (Hour before the Cross) at Stanton St John			
<b>16 April</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>12 noon</b> Benefice Easter Vigil of Readings, Psalms and Prayers at Horton-cum-Studley			
<b>17 April</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion

## Church Services in the Four Parishes, April 2022

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<b>24 April</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10am</b> <b>Holy Communion Benefice Service at Forest Hill</b>			
	<b>4.30pm Family Church</b> <b>Horton-cum-Studley Millenium Village Hall</b>			
	<b>6pm Church Without Walls</b> <b>Stanton St John Village Hall</b>			

### Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday when we celebrate Jesus triumphal arrival in Jerusalem. Crowds met him, throwing palm branches on the road. There was a celebratory atmosphere, but we must not forget that Palm Sunday sets before us the suffering of Jesus, and the cross. We receive Palm Crosses during our services, which we take home as a reminder. Palm Crosses from this year are burnt to provide the ash for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

In the following days we are once again reminded of the Cross and the suffering of Jesus for us, as we observe Holy Week through services, times of reflection and readings. On Maundy Thursday we normally strip the altar and leave the Church in silence. Then on Good Friday we have a service of reflection on the 'Hour before the Cross', where we spend time thinking about Jesus and remembering his agony, his death, and his burial. It is essential that we come to the Cross and face it squarely, in all its horrors - this time of reflection helps us do that.

Holy Saturday is a time of desolation as we remember the reality of Jesus' death. At noon we meet to bring to mind the story of God's people, through readings from Genesis to the Gospels, from the Psalms, and through prayer.

On Easter Day we gather to celebrate what many consider the most holy day of the Christian calendar: the astonishing good news of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. We look forward to celebrating this special day together, when we say 'Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!'

## A letter from Anthea

Hi everyone,



Today has been a day of two halves! I woke this morning to thick fog. I could tell immediately because of the light through the mottled bathroom window. When I sat at my desk the treetops were shrouded in mist, and I could not see clearly to the end of the road.

It was one of those days that I spent a lot of time at my desk, so I did not particularly notice the weather as it improved, but gradually I could see more clearly down the road as the sun burnt through.

It was not until late afternoon that I managed to get out and walk Bertie, by which time it was beautifully warm and the sky a perfect blue. As we walked, I paused to look at the sheep in the field - no lambs there yet - although I had had a lovely look at some new-born lambs earlier in the week - and then I watched the burning red sun gradually set over the horizon - a beautiful sight, and such a change from the start of the day, which was drab, with no hint of what was in store for us later. Turning the other way, the sun on the trees in the distance gave another super sight to behold.



April brings for us something somewhat similar to that day of contrast, the drab beginning followed by a beautiful ending. The beginning of April sees us continuing our Lenten journey - that time of self-examination and repentance; of prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and of reading and meditating on God's holy word. Lent tends to be a serious time as we prepare to remember all that Jesus did for us on the Cross.

On 10 April we celebrate Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, before moving on to remember the story of Holy Week and Jesus' suffering for us as he journeys towards the Cross - the denial, the betrayal, the trial, the mocking, the beating, and his crucifixion.

And then comes Easter Day! That glorious day when the women of that first Easter day found the tomb empty, and we remember the truth of the risen Lord, the truth of the resurrection, through which we have the gift of eternal life, if we choose to recognise Jesus, and say 'yes' to his invitation.

And so begins the 'bright sunshine' of April - the second half of the month, when we celebrate that Jesus is alive! That he has conquered death! That time when we rejoice in the truth of the empty tomb and we remember the stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples, of Thomas believing when he sees his Lord, recognising Jesus as God, and then on we move into the Book of Acts, and the stories of the early Church, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

As the horrors of the world situation continue to develop day by day, as we stand in solidarity with Ukraine, and pray fervently for peace, and for the Ukrainian people amidst their dreadful suffering, may we also hold firm to the hope set before us, as we remember that first Easter, and the truth of the empty tomb, and all that that means to us now. It is wonderful to see that our local communities are working together to see what can be offered as tangible practical support to Ukrainians fleeing the horror of the war: money is being raised, and regular prayer is being offered, as we continue to be horrified by the news.

Please do get in touch if you need someone to talk to. Take great care, keep safe and God bless you and your loved ones.

*Anthea*



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# CHURCH MATTERS

## Church opening and services

All the churches in the benefice are open daily:

Beckley: 10am-6pm

Forest Hill, Horton-cum-Studley and Stanton St John: 10am-4pm

Please check our website <https://www.fourparishes.org.uk/> for any last minutes changes to the list of services on pages 4-5.

## Advent challenge and beyond

I hope you enjoyed reading through Daniel, Lamentations and Hosea last month. Hopefully it was not too taxing, being just a chapter a day, although not perhaps the easiest reading!

This month the challenge is to read six books, but it involves reading one chapter a day, so should not be too bad to keep up: Joel (3 chapters), Amos (9 chapters), Obadiah (1 chapter), Jonah (4 chapters), Micah (7 chapters), Nahum (3 chapters), and Habakkuk (3 chapters). Happy reading! Please do let me know how you get on.

## Ongoing midweek activities on Zoom

We are continuing Morning and Evening Prayer and the Benefice Book Group on Zoom as detailed. Please do get in touch with Anthea for invitations if you wish to be included.

	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Morning Prayer at 9am</b>		√		√
<b>Evening Prayer at 6pm</b>	√		√	
<b>Benefice Book Group at 7.30pm</b>			√	

## Book Group

We are just starting to read 'The Longest Week' by Nick Page. If you would like to join the Group, please do get in touch with Anthea. All are welcome.

## Dates for diary for children and family church activities

We now have a regular series of Sunday afternoon services and activities aimed specifically at families with young children (although older children and adults are equally welcome). Each one offers a slightly different style of worship and we hope that means there will be something for everyone.

Please see the Four Parishes website <https://www.fourparishes.org.uk/> for more information.

### **Messy Church**

10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December (joint Christmas Party for all children and family activities)

### **Family Church**

24 April, 22 May, 26 June, 24 July, 25 September, 23 October, 27 November, 11 December (joint Christmas Party for all children and family activities)

### **Children's Service at St Nicolas**

3 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December (St Nicolas Day Celebration), 11 December (joint Christmas Party for all children and family activities).

Please always look out for email updates.

## Easter Garden competition

I thought it would be great to have another Easter Garden Competition. Once again the rules are very loose. The garden can be of any medium. Examples could be a painting, a traditional 'garden' with plants, soil etc, a cake, knitted, crocheted - whatever you would like. Once completed, send me a photo by email with your name. We will display the photos on the Four Parishes website for all to see. **The closing date for entries is 15 April**, and the winner will be announced on Easter Day, 17 April. There will be a small prize for the winner. The idea is that you have great fun producing the garden, and that the photos will bring joy to everyone. All ages are eligible, from the youngest to the oldest in the Benefice. Please do spread the word so we have a good number of entries.

## Annual Meetings of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

It is that time of year again! The **Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)** have to be completed by 31 May this year, and so dates have been set for these. The related **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** is on the same day, immediately before the APCM. Here is advanced notice of the meetings:

<b>Beckley:</b>	<b>25 May at 7.30pm in Beckley Church</b>
<b>Forest Hill:</b>	<b>18 May at 6pm in Forest Hill Village Hall</b>
<b>Horton-cum-Studley:</b>	<b>4 May at 7.30pm in Horton-cum-Studley Church</b>
<b>Stanton St John:</b>	<b>24 May at 7.30pm in Stanton St John Village Hall</b>

### Revisions of Electoral Rolls

Electoral rolls need updating in readiness for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings in the Benefice. **If you are on the current roll of your Church, you do NOT need to complete a new form this year.** If your name is not currently on the roll, but you would like to be included on the roll, then you must complete a form. Forms are available in each of the Churches in the Benefice. If you cannot locate them, please do contact the Electoral Roll Officer of the related Church (see details below).

To qualify for inclusion on the electoral roll of a Parish Church, you must be living in the Parish, or be a regular worshipper in that Parish. If you have any questions about this, please do contact the Electoral Roll Officer of the related Church (see details below). After the revision of each of the electoral rolls, an updated copy will be exhibited for inspection at each Church. Here is the timetable for these reviews:

<b>Beckley:</b>	<b>27 April - 10 May</b>
<b>Forest Hill:</b>	<b>20 April - 3 May</b>
<b>Horton-cum-Studley:</b>	<b>6 - 19 April</b>
<b>Stanton St John:</b>	<b>26 April - 9 May</b>

For further information, please contact your **Electoral Roll Officer:**

<b>Beckley:</b>	<b>Gina Robson (01865 351637)</b>
<b>Forest Hill:</b>	<b>Pat Fraser (01865 875679)</b>
<b>Horton-cum-Studley:</b>	<b>David Slingo (<a href="mailto:stbarnabaspcchcs@gmail.com">stbarnabaspcchcs@gmail.com</a> or 07850 004700)</b>
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## GENERAL

### Supporting Refugees in our Communities

In the Second World War, Britain took refugees from Eastern Europe, many of them Jewish, among whom was my maternal grandfather, who came to London in 1939 from Budapest, ostensibly as a language student, but fleeing imminent horror. Most of his family didn't survive. My family can consider themselves among the lucky ones. My maternal great-grandparents had left Belarus as a result of the Pogroms a generation beforehand.

Refugee and immigrant communities have made incalculable contributions to our society. It is course not only Jews. My daughter's peer group at Beckley School includes children with Kurdish, Greek and Thai heritage, to name some few examples. There is no doubt they will make similar contributions, as do the majority of immigrants and refugees in Britain.

Now faced with a refugee crisis in Europe on a scale not seen since the 1930s, our government is struggling to work out how to achieve an appropriate response. The speed with which the crisis in Ukraine has developed is clearly putting additional strain on government departments which appear to be woefully unprepared.

All this needs strong and immediate redress as well as a change in mind-set. If you are concerned about current policy, I'd encourage you to contact our MP. Public pressure can help, as it did in the 1930s. Some of us owe our lives, quite literally, to such actions.

I'd also encourage you to support our excellent refugee-supporting charities and campaigns, such as Oxford's Asylum Welcome, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, the Refugee Council and others who will be there for those seeking vital support.

*Stephanie Kitchen, Forest Hill*

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## Dame Elizabeth Holford's Charity

### Applications for Bursaries welcomed

Dame Elizabeth Holford's Charity offers benefits to children and young people up to the age of 25 who are or who have parents resident in Stanton St John, Forest Hill with Shotover, Beckley, Horton-cum-Studley and the ecclesiastical Parish of Elsfield.

The bursaries are available now for help in educational needs. In the past monies have been granted for computer software, sporting equipment, residential courses, text books, laptops and other electronic equipment, college courses not funded by Student Finance, tools for an apprentice and music lessons. Applications are not means tested and funding is granted on a case-by-case basis.

The Trustees welcome applications for bursaries addressed to the Chair of Dame Elizabeth Holford's Charity, Alison Finch. The email address is [HolfordtrustChair@gmail.com](mailto:HolfordtrustChair@gmail.com). You can also apply in writing to Alison Finch, 14 Mickle Way, Forest Hill, Oxford, OX33 1DX.

### The Shotover School 1950-1972: 'A Celebration' Old Fred's School Log Book - Launch and Exhibition



Do come for an afternoon of memories, reminiscences and friendships in the Shotover School Hall, (now Primary School)

Littleworth Road, Wheatley OX33 1NN

**Saturday 23 April 2.00pm - 4.30pm**

Talk on the history of the school and Fred Anson's log book  
by Kevin Heritage at 3.30pm

Contact [kmharchive22@wheatleypark.org](mailto:kmharchive22@wheatleypark.org) for more information.

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## News from Beckley School



This term at Beckley, we have been getting involved with all sorts of exciting learning opportunities!

We really enjoyed World Book Day on 3 March, where we dressed up as our favourite book characters, listened out for a bell to signify 'drop everything and read' throughout the day, and had a competition to find the most extreme reader; we had pictures of pupils reading on horseback, in the snow, and even underwater!



Every pupil in the school got to enjoy a homemade pancake on Shrove Tuesday, with lots of lovely lemon and sugar.

We have also launched our extra-curricular Science Club this term, where pupils have been invited to discover amazing things through scientific experiments. We certainly have some top scientists in the making at Beckley!



In between all of this, we managed to find time to learn about woodwind instruments from the visiting 'Music Man' from Music for Schools, who wowed us with a whole-school assembly where we got to hear the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Trumpet.

You can also follow us on Facebook to see regular updates from school. Find us at [www.facebook.com/beckleyschool](https://www.facebook.com/beckleyschool) and give us a like and a follow!

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## Land North of Bayswater Brook (LnBB)

### Second Masterplan Consultation

The latest Masterplan for the Land north of Bayswater Brook [LnBB] revealed **a 55% increase in housing and no alleviation of the traffic from the site**, as required in the Local Plan.

The site promoters of part of the LnBB site (Lower Elsfield and Wick Farm) - Christ Church, Pegasus Group and Dorchester Residential Management put their latest Masterplan out for public consultation, which ended on 31 March.

The number of homes for the whole site in the Local Plan is 1,100 to include the part at Bayswater Farm which was allocated 130-170 dwellings, with 930-970 for this western part. The developers have increased the number of homes to 1,450, a 55% increase. This has significant negative impacts on many aspects of the development for local residents.

One of the most concerning is traffic. There will be at least 1,450 extra cars from LnBB alone and over 7,050 in total from all the Green Belt sites around the ring road, plus those in Cherwell. The ring road and Headington roundabout are at capacity, and as well as serving Oxford they are important national trunk roads. Local roads are very congested at peak times with long journey times and 'rat-runs' through our villages are feared. While cycle paths with a bridge to the west of the site over the ring road and 2 buses are planned, all go into Oxford with no provision for other destinations, which is unrealistic.

The SSSI Sydlings Copse is at risk from new development, particularly from increased visitor numbers, with few plans to mitigate the threat. A number of old hedgerows and trees will be destroyed.

The map and plans can be found at <https://www.bayswateroxford.co.uk/>. The developers' plan is to continue consulting with the County Council over transport infrastructure and SODC over other aspects. Please contact them with any questions. A planning application to SODC is expected late this summer for consideration early next year. They aim to start building in 2024.

There is no news about the other part of the LnBB site, Bayswater Farm, but there are legal and practical issues with access.

*Ginette Camps-Walsh, Beckley*

## Spotlight on Local Government

**Editors' Note:** Local government District Council elections are taking place on 5 May this year. Councillors are elected every 4 years and the only village in the Four Parishes to have elections in 2022 is Horton-cum-Studley, which is in Cherwell District. The other three villages are all in South Oxfordshire and will have elections next year. We asked all the main political parties in Cherwell to write a short article about their policies and **Gemma Coton** from the Liberal Democrats sent us the following contribution.

The Liberal Democrats are serious about standing up for the people of Horton-cum-Studley and Cherwell and ensuring that their opinions are listened to. We find that far too often decisions are made in Banbury without the input of local voices and the community and we want that to change.



Since taking control of Oxfordshire County Council last year the Liberal Democrats have been hard at work making a real difference for local communities. Residents have expressed concerns that our roads are unsafe. We have listened and acted on that, making it easier for Parish Councils to request 20mph speed limits through their villages as well as developing a plan to limit freight traffic within Oxfordshire which will reduce the number of HGVs using inappropriate and unsafe routes.

Added to this, the Liberal Democrats are determined to do everything we can to maintain and improve our local bus services. We know that many residents rely on these services and many more would use them if they were more reliable. We cannot let our rural communities be cut off and so Lib Dems at County Hall have applied to the Government for funding to boost these important local services.

The Liberal Democrats are concerned that CDCs current policy of sky-high housing targets puts much of Cherwell under threat from speculative developments. Our towns and villages don't have the schools, health provision, sewage or transport networks to cope with the level of development that is proposed. We want to see more realistic housing targets that will lead to better quality developments. We want to build proper communities and allow villages to grow organically and ensure that infrastructure is in place and the environment is protected.

## “Notes on the Rural Landscape”: a UK perspective on farming in Ukraine

Ukrainians as well as Belarusians, Moldovans, Georgians, and Russians, have all worked at Rectory Farm and at nearly all other UK fruit and vegetable farms. When the European Union brought in its "Community Preference" rules over ten years ago, they were stopped from coming, and UK farms relied on EU Eastern Europeans.

Ukrainians were well known at Rectory Farm and by other farmers for being very hard workers. We noticed that they put their Ukrainian flag on their mobile homes and were proud of being Ukrainian and proud of their country. They also had a reputation for "getting on with the job".

Ukraine is, in area, two and a half times the size of the UK with a higher percentage of cultivated land. Some 6% of Ukrainians work in agriculture but all Ukrainian men must do 18 months national service, so nearly all the men will have some experience and training in military life. Those on farms will tend also to have more practical knowledge of machinery and living in the open countryside.

It is therefore not surprising to us at Rectory Farm that Putin, and the West too, has hugely miscalculated and been surprised by the resilience of the Ukrainian people both politically and militarily.

Since the Russian invasion, Ukrainian farmers that we are in touch with have lost most of their staff because those aged between 18 and 60 have been called up. As a result, farmers are having to rearrange their cropping plans to "do the most with the least". Winter Wheat, a major crop for Ukraine, will have been drilled in the autumn but the spring planting of Maize and Sunflowers (Ukraine is no. 1 in the world for sunflower oil) is about to start. The crops which rely on a higher labour input, like potatoes and horticultural crops, will likely have to be reduced on these farms and production will have to rely on the smallholder farmers to make up the slack. Even so it is going to be difficult for all the crops to be drilled let alone properly fertilized, managed and harvested. It is usual for Ukrainian farms to drill throughout the night; this will be extremely dangerous now as the lights on their tractors will draw the attention of Russian land and air forces.

Ukraine and Russia provide about 30% of the world's wheat supply. At the moment Ukrainian farms have plenty of wheat on farm, though getting it to the flour mills will be difficult. Much of the wheat and maize (corn if you use the American term) is exported through Odessa (and other ports). With extensive Russian bombing and high fuel costs this may no longer be possible, driving a world-wide increase in basic food prices. To protect his country's own supplies, President Zelensky has put a stop on all food exports.

Some Ukrainian farms will be more resilient than others. The western concept of "just in time" production is very efficient but when such systems are disrupted, they go very badly wrong and don't work at all. Farms which tend towards the resilient business model are not as efficient as they could be but always keep going. The more isolated they are, the more resilient they have to be. In many parts of the world farms have to be virtually self-sufficient in everything from fuel production (bio-fuel) to making their own machinery to providing accommodation for their staff (UK farmers do that too!).

Many Ukrainian farms will have their own power supply (from generators), their own water supply and larger stocks of fuel. Even so getting parts and filters for their tractors (yes they use the same colour tractors as we do in the UK!) and machinery relies on a distribution system that is not working at its best. UK farmers are helping with this specialized skill by sending spares.

The recent UK Government announcement that Ukrainian refugees, more properly called evacuees, can live and work in the UK will be welcomed by many UK farmers and their reputation for hard work may soon be felt in other parts of British society too.

*Richard Stanley, Rectory Farm, Stanton St John*

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## 'Now that April's here'

by Lyn Ebbs

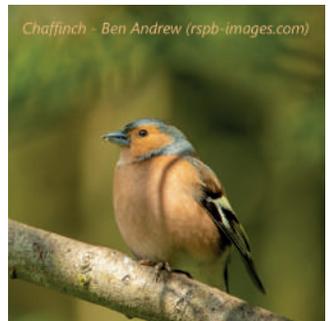
Are you familiar with Robert Browning's poem 'Home Thoughts from Abroad'?

*Oh, to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England - now!*



*And after April, when May follows,  
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!  
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge  
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover-  
Blossoms and dewdrops - at the bent spray's edge -  
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,  
Lest you should think he never could recapture  
The first fine careless rapture!  
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,  
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew  
The buttercups, the little children's dower  
Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!*

Much of what made an English spring memorable for Browning would conjure up spring-like images for us, too. We might not have orchards, but we would welcome the sight of a chaffinch singing among fruit tree blossom in a garden or hedgerow. If you don't know it, listen out for a song that starts quite slowly, then ends with a flourish. It's been likened to a fast bowler running up then making his delivery. Once you notice the song, you'll hear it again and again – chaffinches are very determined singers.



On the subject of repetition, I think this poem was where I learned that a song thrush's song was made up of repeated phrases: 'Lest you should think he never could recapture the first fine careless rapture!'. Though to my ears he repeats his song at least three times. And the song arrives at that time when you first start to notice the lengthening days, the increasing colour in the flower beds and realise that spring will really come again.



I wonder how many of us are now familiar with whitethroats and if not, whether Browning's audience knew them much better than us. The latter might actually be true. The common whitethroat really was common a few generations ago. A drought in the western Sahel region of Africa in 1968 caused a 90% drop in the number of whitethroats breeding in Britain and



numbers have still not fully recovered since. It's a bird of low hedgerows; bushy and scrubby areas, particularly where there are brambles and tall weeds – the origin of its local name of 'nettle creeper'. Its song is not particularly noticeable – it's most often described as scratchy – but periodically it will launch itself, in song, up from the cover of its bramble thicket and flutter down

like a dropped handkerchief.

The key image from Browning's poem that is now missing for us is the tiny leaf opening on the lower branches of the elm tree. I wouldn't know where my nearest full size elm tree is to be found though some Dutch elm disease-resistant ones have been planted in the Chilterns. Locally, hazel catkins, followed by pussy willows, are the first signs that winter is coming to an end. But opening leaves do still take us unawares, we suddenly notice that a distant view has gained a green haze – yes, spring is here.

*Lyn Ebbs has lived in Stanton St John for 34 years and has been volunteering at the RSPB Otmoor Reserve at Otmoor Lane, Beckley, since 2009.*

## BECKLEY

### Beckley Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on **pages 4 - 10**. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website [www.fourparishes.org.uk](http://www.fourparishes.org.uk).

For the first time since the Pandemic, we shall be decorating the church for Easter this year! If you would like to help, do come along at 3pm on Good Friday afternoon (15 April), and if you have any suitable flowers or greenery you could bring, that would be wonderful.

### Beckley & Stowood Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 7 April at 8pm in Beckley Village Hall**.

The Annual Open Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday 19 May at 7pm in Beckley Village Hall** followed by the **Village Hall AGM at 8pm**.

The Clerk's email address is [clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk) if you wish to contact the Parish Council to raise a question for the next meeting.

Parish Council information, including agendas and minutes, is available on the website [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk), together with much useful information about local events and services.

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 2 - 5 June

Events at the Abingdon Arms:

**Thursday 2 June** - Afternoon tea (clotted cream, jam etc) and a variety of gins in our garden gin bar, a small a la carte menu and pizzas

**Friday 3 June** - The very best of British food - Fish and chips, pie and mash, Cornish pasties etc

**Saturday 4 June** - Ticket event (200 maximum) Live music, hog roast, local beers, face painting and more

**Sunday 5 June** - The Big Lunch - Ticket event (up to 400) and a street party lunch to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Please do share any further ideas you might have about the Jubilee to an email account that has been set up at [beckleyjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:beckleyjubilee@gmail.com).

## Save the date: Beckley Open Day on Sunday 19 June

Open gardens and plant stall, art show, teas and various other stalls, followed by an Iona Service of thanksgiving at 6pm.

## More than a Pub program. <https://bacbs.org/events>

Please consider taking a lateral flow test before you attend an event at the Abingdon Arms, particularly if you have any relevant symptoms.

## Pub quiz

7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the bar at The Abingdon Arms. No need to book - just turn up.

## Community Walks

These gentle, approximately two hour, walks usually start at 2pm on the third Sunday of the month. Dogs on leads are welcome. Details of individual walks are available at <https://bacbs.org/events> a few days before each one.

## Forthcoming Talks

### **Sunday 24 April, 6.30pm Anthony Harnden: *Reflecting back on Britain's vaccination strategy***

Anthony Harnden, Stanton St John resident, is Professor of Primary Care, General Practitioner (in Wheatley), and Fellow of St Hugh's College. He has research interests in infections and paediatrics in primary care, specifically common childhood infections, vaccine preventable infections and the early diagnosis of rare but important childhood diseases. He has been the GP member of the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) since 2006 and Deputy Chairman since 2015. JCVI advises the UK government on vaccine policy, including the current Covid-19 vaccination programme.

### **Sunday 29 May, 6.30pm José Ramón Lopez-Portillo: *Can mankind survive the current exponential growth in technology?***

Dr Lopez-Portillo, a resident of Beckley, is a specialist in the subject of accelerating technological change and its socio-economic impact. He continues to be an adviser to the Mexican Government regarding science diplomacy and the UN Resolution on "Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the SDGs". His recent work on this topic is reflected in his book entitled: "The Great Transition" (2018).

## FOREST HILL

### News from St Nicolas Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on **pages 4 - 10**. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website [www.fourparishes.org.uk](http://www.fourparishes.org.uk).

Storm Eunice dislodged a small number of the clear glass panels high up in the 15<sup>th</sup> century West Window, leaving the rest of the window vulnerable to further damage if we have another big storm. Quotes for repairs have been received and we are hoping the work will take place soon.

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 16 April at 10.30am. New helpers are always welcome - just turn up and bring some flowers.

### Daffodil Day, 20 March

Daffodil Day at Shotover House has been an annual fundraising event for St Nicolas Church since 2002. The Covid-19 pandemic put paid to it in 2020 and 2021, and we were hesitant about holding it in 2022, especially since many of the original team of organisers are no long with us. After some thought, we decided to invite The Maple Tree Children's Centre in Wheatley to share the event with us.

Maple Tree Centre Manager, Laura Spencer, runs the Baby and Toddler Group in Forest Hill with help from local volunteers. Many families with young children from Forest Hill and neighbouring villages have benefited from Laura's kind and professional support. Like St Nicolas, The Maple Tree have had their fundraising activities severely curtailed by the pandemic and we were delighted to be able to share both the burden and the opportunity of Daffodil Day with another local charity.

One major change since the pandemic is the growth in online sales and card payments and on the eve of Daffodil Day, we had already received



a substantial number of advance bookings. The beautiful weather on Sunday attracted a huge wave of additional visitors and there were times when we had serious doubts about our ability to cope with the seemingly never-ending stream of people! Fortunately, the fine weather and the beautiful surroundings seemed to put everyone in a good mood.



The total raised was an astonishing £5,744.66 to be shared equally between St Nicolas Church and The Maple Tree. We are profoundly grateful to everyone involved and we look forward to working together again soon.

## Music at St Nicolas Concert for Ukraine

The Saturday afternoon concert on 19 March was converted at the last



minute into a fundraising event for Ukraine. The performers wore blue and yellow as a tribute to the Ukrainian flag and we finished with an arrangement of a haunting Ukrainian lullaby, followed by JS Bach's chorale-prelude 'Erbarme' Dich mein, O Herr Gott' ('Have mercy on me, O God'), played by Peter Stutfield on the St Nicolas organ.

The concert raised £531.90 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

## Early Evening Concert, Sunday 10 April at 6pm

Naomi Hinks and Julia Stutfield, accompanied by Joe Burgess, will perform **Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater' in St Nicolas on Sunday 10 April at 6pm**, followed by drinks in the garden. Pergolesi's beautiful setting of the great 13<sup>th</sup> century hymn describing Mary's grief and despair at the foot of the cross reaches across the centuries to comfort and inspire us all.

As with most concerts at St Nicolas, the music is classical but we aim for the atmosphere to be quite informal. All are welcome, including children, but if you would like to know more before deciding whether to come or not, please email [julia.stutfield@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stutfield@gmail.com).

## Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 12 May at 7pm in Forest Hill Village Hall.**

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 7 April at 7pm in Forest Hill Village Hall.

Current agendas and minutes are posted on the notice board outside the Village Hall. Archived agendas and minutes can be found on the website: [www.parish-council.com/foresthillwithshotover/index.asp](http://www.parish-council.com/foresthillwithshotover/index.asp).

You can contact Helen Cross, the Parish Council Clerk, tel: 0844 884 3328, during the hours 9am to 5pm, or email: [theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk](mailto:theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk).

## The Great British Spring Clean 2022

If anyone would like to form a group to organise a litter pick, the Parish Council have equipment to borrow. Please contact the Clerk.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, 2 - 5 June

James Skinner and Julia Stutfield hosted an open discussion in **Forest Hill Village Hall on 12 March** about how we might celebrate the Jubilee in Forest Hill.

Several people contributed a range of suggestions and the general conclusion was that the main event would take place on Saturday 4 June with co-ordinated activities all around the village from 2 - 5pm and a 'bring and share' get-together in the Village Hall from 6pm.

There were plenty of suggestions for more localised activities on other days of the Jubilee holiday period, so watch out for notices around the village or, even better, **sign up for the Forest Hill Events Mailing List** <https://www.stnicolasforesthill.org/community-events> to be kept up to date by email.

We hope to involve the whole village in this special celebration, so please get in touch with Julia or James if you want to be involved in helping or organising: [julia.stutfield@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stutfield@gmail.com) or [jde\\_skinner@hotmail.com](mailto:jde_skinner@hotmail.com).

# HORTON-cum-STUDLEY

## News from St Barnabas

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A joint benefice service with prayers for peace in Ukraine took place in St Barnabas on Sunday 27 February. For the first time in a very long time, we had a choir of all ages from all four Parishes, thanks to Derek Jewell and Julia Stutfield. A collection of £106.06 was sent to the Red Cross Ukraine appeal.

## Horton-cum-Studley Gardening Club

With the world in the midst of such troubled times, many of us undoubtedly feel comforted and very fortunate to see the familiar and much-loved signs of spring returning. Having weathered Storms Eunice, Franklin and Gladys, some of our gardens may have needed a spot of additional attention, but it is equally amazing to see how resilient nature can be. Snowdrops have brightened the gloom of February and are now being replaced by swathes of crocuses and daffodils, and wild primroses are beginning to brighten up various corners of our gardens and grass verges.

We were finally able to meet in person again in March at the Millennium Village Hall to hear a talk by TV presenter, garden and wildlife expert Ben Vanheems, whose regular blogs for BBOWT are entertaining and informative.

On Tuesday 19 April Rosemary Wise will speak on *Drawn to Travel: the work of a botanical illustrator*. Do come and join us.

A one-off visit costs £3, annual membership £10.

We were happy to welcome some new members from Stanton St John to the Club in March - and we are looking to increase our membership further.

For more details on upcoming events, a 'taster' visit or joining the Club, feel free to drop us an email at [victoriahunt@me.com](mailto:victoriahunt@me.com) or [melaniejones@cbtoxford.com](mailto:melaniejones@cbtoxford.com)

## Homes for Ukraine Scheme

### Update from Kevin Larner, Cherwell District Council

“As you will be aware, on Monday 14 March the government launched its Homes for Ukraine scheme and supporting website. The scheme will offer a route to those who want to come to the UK who have someone here willing to provide them with a home. It will enable individuals, charities, community groups and businesses to volunteer accommodation and provide a route to safety for Ukrainians and their immediate family members, forced to escape their homeland.

Sponsors should provide accommodation for a minimum of six months. The government is offering an optional ‘thank you’ payment of £350 per month to people who can accommodate one or more household (subject to the accommodation they have) for up to 12 months. For now, residents can record their interest in supporting an individual or family at [www.gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine](http://www.gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine). From Friday 18 March, the visa application route will open for sponsors and named contacts to apply to the scheme

There are very many questions we have on the detail of the government initiative and impact on our current and future activity. We are working to gain clarity from civil servants and Ministers. However, we are ready to do all we can to support this vital national effort. There is nothing specific that parish authorities are being asked to do, although if your residents do take in refugees you will of course want to make them feel welcome in your communities.

The CDC website is being regularly updated to ensure we can help any residents the best we are able at this stage. Any queries for CDC should be directed to [Ukraine.support@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Ukraine.support@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) and we will do our best to answer them.”

*Kevin Larner, Communities / Wellbeing / Cherwell District Council  
16 March 2022*

[Kevin.larner@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Kevin.larner@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

## Local Support for Ukrainian Refugees



A number of villagers kindly supported Sarah Woodward's early response to supply donations of goods and money to the Ukrainian call. Several people have since voiced interest in hosting/sponsoring refugees and/or supplied useful information.

Although some organisations looking to support refugees are only requesting homes in town or city locations, the village has a direct contact into families fleeing via Poland and there is a distinct possibility that this route would expedite welcoming homes being linked to families in need. If a number of families were to be based in the village, then we feel this would provide them with their own community. If you would like to be connected to this route, please email James at [james.shakespeare.allison@gmail.com](mailto:james.shakespeare.allison@gmail.com). We recommend that in any event you register at the Government portal <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>. If you are unable to open up your home, but would like to offer help in other ways, be kept informed, or be involved in supporting these desperate people, we would love to hear from you. Please email [lisamynheer@gmail.com](mailto:lisamynheer@gmail.com).

### Useful organisations:

<https://sanctuaryhosting.org/> Oxfordshire's hosting organisation for refugees - matching people with spare rooms to refugees

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/> One-stop shop local organisation providing advice and support to refugees, asylum seekers

<https://ukrainianoxford.org/> The university's Ukrainian society; already involved in collecting supplies for Ukraine - might become involved in welcoming and supporting refugees

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://www.refugeesathome.org/>

## Good News - Layla and Elsa

Huge congratulations to Layla Whitaker and her beautiful dog Elsa who qualified for Crufts in the Agility this year, despite being half-way through term time at university, and all the hard work that entails. They had a wonderful time at Crufts and they achieved one clear round and three other runs with just one fault on each, then came 5th on the pairs run. Very well done to Layla and Elsa on this achievement.

## Horton-cum-Studley Parish Council

The **next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 14 April** and will be held remotely. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk on the email above. The next face to face meeting will be in May.

There will be a **Parish Council election on 5 May** with all Council seats up for election. There is also one Parish Councillor who wishes to step down. If you are interested in supporting your community by becoming a Parish Councillor, please either contact the Parish Clerk or contact one of the Councillors.

The annual **village spring clean will take place on 2/3 April**; bin bags and litter pickers and reflective jackets will be available outside Kimber House for the weekend.

The Parish Council would like to invite Parishioners to a celebrate the **Queen's Jubilee on Thursday 2 June at 6.30pm** at the Millenium Village Hall. Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be available and a beacon will be lit on the Village playing field. Parishioners are also welcome to bring their own picnics which can either be consumed on the playfield or in the Hall.

**The Parish Council would like to create a new Email Distribution List** which we hope will make it easier for residents of our village to receive information about forthcoming events. The emails will not be used to offer services commercially. The distribution list will only contain addresses of people who have signed up via a form which is available on the village website at <http://horton-cum-studley.org.uk/news>.

All details will be kept in a secure database and the individual's email address will not be visible on any message sent by this distribution list. The option to unsubscribe will appear at the foot of all email communications. We know that some villagers may not use email and suggest that we set up 'email buddies' i.e. a neighbour/friend signed up to this distribution list who is willing to give hard copy of any message to the person without email access. If you are aware of such a neighbour/friend, please discuss with them and enter details in the 'comments' section of the registration form.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch: [hortoncumstudleyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncumstudleyparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Temporary Road Closure at Woodperry, Woodperry Hill

A request has been received from FreeFlow Traffic Management for a temporary road closure to apply to a section of Woodperry Hill whilst new pole works are carried out.

A temporary Notice is being made to implement the temporary closures and will operate from the 10 May 2022 up to and including the 12 May 2022. This will operate between 08:00 and 18:00

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Thomas Kirk on email [Thomas.kirk@freeflowtm.co.uk](mailto:Thomas.kirk@freeflowtm.co.uk)

## Millenium Village Hall

It has been another quiet month apart from one party where a fire extinguisher was damaged and a car was driven around the field and ran over the cover of the septic tank. The doors of the warming cabinet in the kitchen were also badly damaged. Many thanks, again, to Pete Whitaker who has replaced the fire extinguisher and the manhole cover.

The committee frequently debates the need to charge hirers non-refundable deposits to pay for damage. This was in force in the early days of the hall but it proved difficult to enforce. Our latest concern is the green chairs, many of which have been broken because they have been stood on (despite hirers receiving instructions they must not do this). It will be cheaper to buy new chairs rather than repair the broken ones.

## Annual General Meeting, 16 June at 8pm

Please put this date in your diaries. We need nominations for secretary and a committee member. The latter post would be best filled by someone who has DIY skills. Barry White has given us 3 years of great service and is not available for re-election but willing to help out if needed. The committee meets monthly, so the work involved is minimal. Most work involves the chairman and bookings secretary.

*Derek Jewell*

## Otmoor Challenge



## The Otmoor Challenge Saturday 11th June 2022

**On-line registration is now open** and is offered at a slightly reduced rate to the on-day cost (£21.05 vs. £25). To sign up please visit <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/otmoor-challenge/2022>.

We're looking for volunteers on the day to help with the water stations and field marshalling. If this is something you could commit to, please reach out to us at [ukotmoorchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:ukotmoorchallenge@gmail.com).

### Social Night at Studley Wood Golf Club

The next social night at Studley Wood Golf Club for villagers and friends will be Friday 29 April (7pm for 7.30pm).

If you would like details about the April menu, please contact Ruth David at [ruth.david@live.com](mailto:ruth.david@live.com) or 07815 799364. Choice of menu will need to be given by Monday 25 April.

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## STANTON ST JOHN

### Stanton Church

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Sunday 5 June 12.30pm

We are looking forward to celebrating as a village with a bring and share lunch on the Millennium Green.

We ask that you bring a favourite dish to share (sweet or savoury), on a serving dish with a utensil to serve. Food will be served to you. Please could you also bring your own plates, cutlery and drinking vessel with your own drinks.

Please reply by 1 May, letting us know numbers and whether you will be providing a sweet or savoury dish to Maddy Shaw [madelonshaw@gmail.com](mailto:madelonshaw@gmail.com) or Caroline Clark [caroline.clark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroline.clark@hotmail.co.uk)

Let's hope for a lovely sunny day!

## Save the date: Friday 1 July

On Friday 1 July Oxybaroxy (Oxfordshire Youth Baroque Strings) will be playing in Stanton Church at 7.30pm. Admission will be free.

## Stanton St John W.I.

On Tuesday 19 April, Amy Griffith, who is based at Harwell Science and Innovation Campus in Didcot, will give us an "Introduction to Diamond Light Source - the UK's national synchrotron research facility".

(Don't let the title put you off, the delivery will make it clear!)

We meet at 7.30pm at Stanton St John Village Hall, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. There is always a warm welcome to anyone interested in finding out more about us by visiting a meeting, and we can be contacted at [stantonstjohnwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:stantonstjohnwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk).

## Coffee Mornings in Stanton Village Hall

There were more than 25 people at March's coffee morning - we would like to thank everyone for coming!

April's coffee morning will be on Wednesday 13 April, 10.30am - 12pm.

Come for tea, coffee and cake! Everyone is welcome.

For further details, please contact Sue Baker 01865 351449 or Sarah Coyne 01856 358876

## Stanton St John Parish Council

### Planting at the corner of Shepherd's Pit Road and Bayswater Road

Thanks to all those who contributed in various ways to the recently completed planting to enhance the appearance and definition of this corner, and without whose hard work it would not have happened. This project is supported by a grant from SODC and assisted by the Gresswell Trust; the funding also covers watering and care of the plants for their first year of life there, while they become established.

### Smartening up

You may have noticed that a few minor smartening-up jobs have been done:

- The footpath signpost and dog bin by the Village Hall car park have been moved closer to the building, to allow unimpeded appreciation of the lovely view out across the Millennium Green. A litter bin has been installed behind the wall too.
- The ominously dilapidated bench has been removed from the old bus stop on the B4027 at the top of Cox Lane.
- A new noticeboard will soon be installed outside the Village Hall, replacing the very weathered old one; the new one will be fixed to the building wall rather than free standing.

Once again, many thanks to all those involved.

### Annual Parish Meeting Monday 25 April 7.30pm

This is a great opportunity to catch up with the activities of all the various groups and charities in the village, and meet some of the people involved. It will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, following on directly from a brief version of the regular monthly parish council meeting, at 7pm. All residents welcome!

### SODC car parks

From Monday 4 April the new schedule of charges recently announced by South Oxfordshire District Council comes into force in its pay-and-display car parks in Thame, Wallingford, Didcot, Henley & Goring. There will still be free parking for up to an hour, but the hourly rates after that will be about 30% higher, e.g. £1.60 for up to 2 hours, instead of the current £1.20. The timing of the charging periods will also be extended by an hour at the end of the day, running from 8am to 6pm Mon-Sat, and 10am to 5pm on Sundays.

Film Night, Saturday 23 April 7.45pm Stanton St John Village Hall

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Since only 60 seats are available in the Village Hall, please reserve your seats for the screening as soon as possible by emailing Sue Baker ([susanjbaker24@gmail.com](mailto:susanjbaker24@gmail.com)) or in Stanton Village Shop.

Tickets are only £5 (cash only) and will be sold at the door. Any profits raised will be used to enhance the Village Hall for future screenings.

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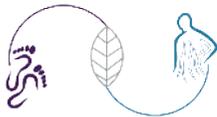
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