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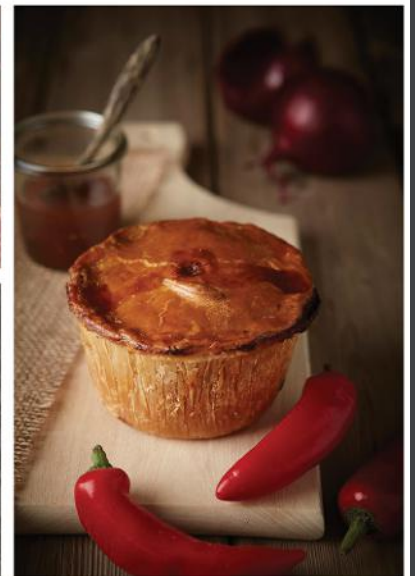
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## From The Editor

A packed church at the beginning of October paid a fitting farewell to Mr DRM, David Morris. There were around 400 family, friends and former business associates there to see David off on his final journey.



It's a double bill on Friday 11th November for Folk at the Falcon, singer-songwriters Colin Pitts and Mair Thomas, each with their own unique material and style. 'Poetry For Pleasure' has two poems this month 'The Self – Unseeing' and 'Postscript'. A new amateur dramatic group has been formed in Bromyard, The New Falcon Players, plays and shows will be performed in the Mews at the Falcon Hotel.

Ros Bissell has of course been busy in the garden at Moors Meadow and with the Peoples Project. No 'Eco News' this month, but Penny Bardsley has an article about 'Cutting Energy Bills'. Bertie tells us all about his 'Autumn Rambles' around the county. The recipe of the month is 'Ham & Veg Crumble'. The Light Brigade are still busy getting the Christmas lights ready for the big 'switch-on' on 19th November.

Gillian Herbert writes about tree planting as the best way to reduce greenhouse gases and Jan Brodie-Murphy gets her 'Scarlet' this month. Two articles again from Cllr. Clare Davies, one as chair of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry and we have her county councillor report. Dee Dunne-Thomas has been busy again in her role as Mayor.

We have a couple of new advertisers this month and two new sales outlets, Alfies Kitchen and the Premier Store.

There is news about a number of Christmas related events, including the Christmas Lights Switch, lantern making and the Christmas Tree Festival. With more from our local charities, Equine Market Watch, Bromyard RBL, Longlands and the HOPE Centre and Bromyard Community Transport, There are articles from the Saltmarsh WI, the Floral Club, Bromyard Probus Club, the churches, the cricket and football clubs and the villages of Edwyn Ralph and Pencombe & Little Cowarne.

**Pete Andrews - Joint Editor.**

**Deadline for the December edition is Friday 17th November**

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## Bromyard Tourist Information

Very few 'real' tourists during October apart from some hardy walkers and 'visitors' coming from miles around to have their Covid jabs at the Public Hall. One couple

though have returned from Canada to take up residence in the house they bought during their last visit to the UK, welcome to Bromyard.

Walks are still one of the most popular activities with walkers enjoying our lovely countryside and our historic market town.

The Bromyard Downs, the Brockhampton Estate and Krye are still popular with walkers. We have the Christmas Lights to look forward to in November and this always brings a large number of visitors to the town.

We have leaflets for local attractions as well as details of places further afield. Our Facebook group now has close on 15,000 members and is a great source of useful information and a way to stay in touch and keep up to date with what's going on in Bromyard, go to:

[www.facebook.com/groups/bromyardinfo](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bromyardinfo)

**Pete.**



The winner of our October FREE TO ENTER Prize Competition, is Susanne Palmer who will receive a £20 gift voucher from The Picture Framer at the Heritage Centre. For this month the competition see page 38 for details.

The cost of printing has gone up again by £66, which means we may have to increase the cover price to £2.00 if it goes up again next month. The magazine will be available online

## Bromyard Info Magazine

through our website, either for free or a greatly reduced price.

The magazine has sold really well again this month, due possible to David Morris's picture on the front and the obituary from Martin Perry.

Articles should be submitted as a Word document and be no more than 500 words (no photos) or 350 words (with up to 2 photos) and emailed to - [magazine@bromyard.info](mailto:magazine@bromyard.info).

**Pete**

A new amateur dramatic group has been formed in Bromyard The New Falcon Players. Plays and shows will be performed in the Mews at the Falcon Hotel. They plan to offer to the public three productions a year in this beautiful and unique setting. All shows will include a two course meal served in the interval.

Their first play a comedy "Out Of Bounds" will be performed on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Falcon Hotel priced at £20 (including the meal.)

If you would be interested in joining this group as an actor, backstage helper or in any other capacity in future productions please email Gordon [atgordon.tanyard@gmail.com](mailto:atgordon.tanyard@gmail.com)

## The New Falcon Players

## Bromyard Colour Walk

Another cheerful colour walkdone. The November walk will take place on the last Saturday in November- November 26th.

Meet in the Square, (unless raining) mingle, admire outfits and promenade along the High Street. Stop for refreshments along the way at one of the cafes or pubs, and end at the Conquest Theatre.

Ideal chance to meet old friends, make new ones and create a bit of cheer. No rules, just dress in glad rags, fancy dress, costume, best frock or outfit and make it colourful. Great opportunity to get flamboyant ! Perfect for ages 1 – 100. Ideal for toddlers, children, grannies and grandads to get creative.



**See you there!**

**The New Falcon Players Present**

**Fri 2nd Dec  
Sat 3rd Dec**

**7.30pm**  
In The Falcon Mews

# Out of Bounds (Par for the Course)

**A Comedy in Two Acts**  
By Arthur Charles

**Tickets £20 including 2 course meal**  
Tickets from the Falcon Hotel - 01885 483034



## Live on Stage

**Roald Dahl's "Matilda JR":** The musical performed by Ludwig Theatre Arts: November 3 – 5 - 7pm & 3pm

**Bromyard Wind Band:** 40th Anniversary Concert: November 11th 7.30pm

**Conquest Spotlight Production:** Murder in Little Grimley: November 18th 7.30 pm

**Our Star Theatre Co:** Dick Whittington: December 1 - 4 7 pm

## Screenings

**NT Live:** The Seagull: November 8th 7pm

**ROH Diamond Celebration**(ballet): November 16th 7.15 pm

**The Camera is Ours:** Britain's Women Documentary Makers November 23 7.30 pm

## Films

Little Women (U) November 25th 8pm

Coffee shop every Saturday 10.30- 12.30

Costume hire by appointment

Full programme details on [www.conquest-theatre.co.uk](http://www.conquest-theatre.co.uk) or call 01885 488575



## Conquest Theatre Postal Service

We all know that Christmas can be an expensive time and so this year let us help you a little. As part of our fund-raising programme we would like to deliver your cards in and around the residential area of Bromyard during the week commencing 19th December. At a cost of 50p per card, it will be cheaper than a second class stamp. Simply drop your cards off at the theatre between 10.00am and 1.00pm on either the Saturday 10th or Saturday 17th of December and we will deliver them. Apologies that if you have a cousin in Manchester or an auntie in Plymouth we can't oblige, however within Bromyard town why not give us a go? We look forward to seeing you with your cards.



Peter Holliday was unfortunately not able to give his talk at our October meeting, but he passed his notes to Bryony Cullum who read them to

the group. Peter's talk was based around poems that represented different stages of his life. He started with nursery rhymes progressing through Wordsworth and Keats to John Donne, William Blake, Hardy, Thomas and Seamus Heaney. Peter's chosen poems were read by members of the group. An enjoyable and informative time was had by all!

Here are two of Peter's chosen poems.

**THE SELF - UNSEEING** by Thomas Hardy, where he is remembering his parents and his childhood.

Here is the ancient floor  
Footwork and hollow and thin,  
Here was the former door  
Where the dead feet walked in.

She sat here in her chair,  
Smiling into the fire;  
He who played stood there,  
Bowling it higher and higher.

Childlike, I danced in a dream;  
Blessings emblazoned the day;  
Everything glowed with a gleam;  
Yet we were looking away!

## Poetry For Pleasure

**POSTSCRIPT** by Seamus Heaney, which is full of emotion and describing fleeting moments in time.

And sometime make the time to drive out west  
Into County Clare, along the Flagggy Shore,  
In September or October, when the wind  
And the light are working off each other  
So that the ocean on one side is wild  
With foam and glitter, and inland among stones  
The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit  
By earthed lightening of a flock of swans,  
Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white,  
Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads  
Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.  
Useless to think you'll park and capture it  
More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there,  
A hurry through which known and strange things pass  
As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways  
And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

Bromyard Poetry for Pleasure's new poetry book is getting closer to publication, so watch this space!

Our November meeting at 11am on Wednesday 2nd, will be on the subject of "Remembering". This will of course be partly about Remembrance Day, but we shall also be remembering past members and their poetry.

**Maggie McGladdery**

# Arts & Culture

# Folk At The Falcon

It's a double bill on Friday 11th November for Folk at the Falcon, Bromyard!



Singer-songwriters Colin Pitts and Mair Thomas share the evening in the atmospheric Falcon Mews, each with their own unique material and style.

Colin Pitts is a powerful yet sensitive singer/songwriter with a relaxed, warm performing style. From performing in folk clubs while a student in Swansea in

the late 60s, Colin became a popular performer in Midlands' folk circles in the first half of the 1970s. In the 1990s, he re-emerged, forging a reputation for writing songs that sometimes make you think, sometimes make you laugh, and sometimes just make you feel good

He's performed at Bromyard Folk Festival, and he's often heard on local (and sometimes national) radio. After five solo albums, you'll hear cover versions of Colin's songs, especially Jeannie's Flag, Australian Wine, and Let Her Lie. His new album Where The River Bends includes the song Living in Waltz Time, a tongue-in-cheek look at our world that's proving

a favourite with audiences all over the country.

Mair Thomas was brought up in Montgomeryshire in a musical family. She sings both in English and Welsh, and has a special interest in traditional Welsh songs. Mair started writing songs in 2003, and has featured on Radio 3's Late Junction, BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester and BBC Radio Shropshire, where her song Love Imperfect was a record of the week. Mair has also featured as a special guest on Radio Shropshire's Sunday Folk, hosted by Genevieve Tudor. Mair performs regularly at pubs and clubs across Shropshire and the Welsh Borders as well as playing at festivals and folk-clubs all over the UK. She has recently released a new CD of traditional and self-penned songs with tracks in both English and Welsh.



Concert in the Falcon Mews starts at 7.30pm on Friday 11th November (doors open 7pm). Tickets: £10 from the Falcon Hotel, or by phone on 07726 462220.

Tickets: [john@bloor.org.uk](mailto:john@bloor.org.uk) Info: [pugh@live.co.uk](mailto:pugh@live.co.uk). Tickets are also available on the door on the night, but we do encourage members of the audience to book tickets in advance. That way, we know how many chairs to put out.

Come along to an

## ARTISAN FAIR

Saturday 12<sup>TH</sup> November 10am – 4pm  
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a chance for the community to come together and support local ARTISTS & CRAFTERS

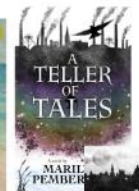
There will be paintings, pottery, jewellery, knitted items, cork bottle lights, books, driftwood products, floral art, pressed flower items, soaps, fabric craft, screen prints, etchings and collagraphs, origami items, wooden animals and much more

LIVE MUSIC from  
**SOUNDS FAMILIAR**

**RAFFLE** with fabulous prizes donated by the artists & crafters

**REFRESHMENTS** with tasty home made cakes and biscuits

Over-flow parking available in field opposite – might be muddy!



Eight years ago I was suddenly single;  
 My life felt like I was walking on shingle  
 On bare feet, and people I knew but a few.  
 Of those to console me there wasn't a queue,  
 For I'd been but two years in Bromyard.

I'd asked if I could join Community Transport  
 And once they'd accepted me, I had the comfort  
 Of colleagues and passengers one day a week,  
 So I had the chance on that day just to speak  
 To real people and not just my dog (which was hard!).

Our clients are lovely, and int'resting too –  
 Who knows, any one of them could have been you –  
 And some of them may not have talked to a friend  
 For a week or more, so need an ear they can bend.  
 I've loved it, my driving for Bromyard!

The above poem was written by John Pare who is a volunteer driver and volunteer director for Bromyard Community Transport. John joined Bromyard Community Transport in 2014 initially as a car driver and very quickly decided to train as a minibus driver. John is one of our few volunteers who uses his own car, drives our minibuses and gives up one full day a week to drive our VW Caddy, a small MPV, helping to transport our customers to various destinations. John is very



amiable and enjoys chatting to customers which he says, "gives him a great sense of satisfaction and enhances his wellbeing."

You too can volunteer as a car or minibus driver and you can do as little or as much driving as you wish. And at the same time knowing that you will be helping our customers to live more independently and enabling them to feel part of Bromyard's thriving community.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer driver or a volunteer director and want to help support our community, please apply today by ringing Bromyard Community Transport on 01885 488452 or email [info@gobct.org.uk](mailto:info@gobct.org.uk)

'Help us today, you may need us tomorrow!'



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- Christmas at Blenheim Palace and Illuminated Trail. 18th Dec £72
- Hogwarts in The Snow, 22nd Dec £79

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Elgar Coaches, Unit 11 Peachley Court Farm Business Park, Lower Broadheath, Worcester, WR2 6QT



## Festivals



The Lantern Procession will again be part of the famous Bromyard Christmas lights switch on, which will take place this year on Saturday 19th November 2022. Put that date on the calendar!

A twinkling procession of children's hand-made lanterns will follow the amazing red-capped drummers from outside the Conquest Theatre into

## Lantern Procession



town. Last year's procession looked wonderful as you can see from these photographs, and this year's is certainly something to look forward to!

Lantern-making workshops will be held at the Conquest Theatre on two Saturday afternoons, on 5th and 12th November.

Watch out for further information in Bromyard Info and on the Bromyard Community Arts web site [www.bromyardcommunityarts.co.uk/](http://www.bromyardcommunityarts.co.uk/) or BCA on Facebook.





## Venue

St. Peter's Church, Church Lane, Bromyard, HR7 4DZ

The schedule for the Bromyard Christmas Tree Festival in 2022 is as follows:

### Friday 2nd December - 15:30 Festival opens

Official opening by the Mayor of Bromyard, Councillor Dee Dunne-Thomas

- **16:15** Mayor's Prize announced
- **16:30** Entertainment provided by local schools and youth groups
- **20:00** Festival closes

### Saturday 3rd December - 09:30 Festival opens

- **14:00** Children's Craft session throughout afternoon. Entertainment provided by Bromyard Community Singers
- **19:00** Festival closes

### Sunday 4th December - 12:00 Festival opens

- **15:00** Public voting for "Best Decorated Tree" closes
- **15:30** "Best Decorated Tree" winners announced
- **16:00** Festival closes

Please note the following will be available throughout the Festival:

- Light refreshments (Tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies)
- Public voting until 15:00 on Sunday
- Trees for sale
- Children's quiz

All proceeds will be directed to the chosen beneficiaries:

Longlands Care Farm and Bromyard Food Bank and Money Advice Centre

Potential tree sponsors should have received the necessary information for submitting an entry to the Festival. If not please visit our website where you can download a sponsorship form or contact us via the details below. Sponsorship is open to all – businesses, community groups and individuals. Trees will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please complete your application early to secure your tree and avoid disappointment.

Please come along and enjoy the colourful display of trees, mulled wine, music and support the benefitting charities. We look forward to welcoming you.

Email: [Bromyard.CTF@gmail.com](mailto:Bromyard.CTF@gmail.com)

Website: <https://bromyardfestival.wixsite.com/christmastree>

Phone: 07808 175308



Herefordshire or perhaps the Universe will be the centrepiece of a programme of family friendly events throughout the day on Saturday 19th November in the beautiful

market town of Bromyard.

The award-winning Bromyard Light Brigade have excelled themselves again and are promising some exciting new displays and some old favourites. The day will feature a Christmas Market, Santa arriving in a procession, traditional Santa's Grotto (admission tickets available in advance to avoid disappointment), live music, interviews, a wonderful Lantern Parade and Christmas Carols around Christmas tree before the switch-on at 17:30. After the switch-on, music will continue until 7.00pm with special guest performers 'Poverty Corner'. A free programme will be available from the Tourist Information Centre, shops, hotels and cafes around the town from early November and of course on the day.

Thanks must go to our Town Council, sponsors, programme advertisers and individuals, who have kindly donated the money to allow this event to go ahead, to the Light Brigade for making and putting up the fantastic light display and to you all for supporting this event. Further information on the Bromyard Lights Website - <https://bromyardchristmaslights.co.uk>

Santa's Grotto tickets can be booked in advance via the Conquest Theatre Website - <https://conquest-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/>

## Christmas Lights

### Bromyard Christmas Lights Switch-on programme of Events 2022

- 1) **11.00am - 4.00pm** | St. Michael's Hospice Christmas Fair at the Falcon Mews.
- 2) **11.00am - 12.00 noon & 2pm - 3pm** | Ring in the Christmas Season - St. Peter's Church. Take a little time away from the hurly burly of the town centre and listen to our magnificent church bells.
- 3) **11.00am - 3.00pm** | Fairground organ - The Market Square Arena. See and listen to Cliff Morris' magnificent fairground organ.
- 4) **12.30pm** | Santa's Parade from the Leisure Centre to Santa's Grotto with Santa's helpers and drummers.
- 5) **12.50pm - 5.00pm** | Santa's Grotto at the Falcon Mews. Booking through Santa's booking office via the Conquest Theatre box office.
- 6) **1.00pm - 6.00pm** | Street Market - in the centre of town. Plenty of stalls to browse and live music.
- 7) **3.00pm - 5.00pm** | Market Square Arena - Bromyard FM Christmas Show live, interviews, news, school choir, Bromyard Wind band, Choral Society and Vicki Shortland with carols round the tree.
- 8) **3.30pm** | Lantern construction and lights assembly at Conquest Theatre.
- 9) **5.00 - 5.15pm** | Lantern Parade - Lantern parade starting at theatre and making their way through the town to arrive at the street market in Pump Street.
- 10) **5.15pm** | Civic parade - From the Falcon to the Market Square Arena.
- 11) **5.30pm** | Switch at the Market Square Arena - Sylvia Richards.
- 12) **5.40pm - 7.00pm** | Live Music in the Market Square Arena with Poverty Corner.



Check on [www.bromyardchristmaslights.co.uk](http://www.bromyardchristmaslights.co.uk) for added and updated details of events. Scan this code to go to the website.



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Fayre**

**Saturday 19th November**

Craft and trade stalls to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Buy gifts for friends and family from local small businesses!

Visit before the Bromyard Xmas Lights get switched on the same evening

**Bromyard Methodist Hall  
(New Road, Bromyard)**

**11am - 3pm**

In support of Kempson Playing Fields, Bromyard

## Ham & Veg Crumble

## Recipe of the Month

Prep:15 mins | Cook:1 hr | Easy | Serves 4

Ham and root vegetables are coated in a creamy mustard and crème fraîche sauce, then topped with savoury crumble in this winter bake

### Ingredients

100g butter  
2 leeks, chopped  
3 carrots, chopped  
3 parsnips, chopped  
½ celeriac, chopped  
200g plain flour  
500ml hot chicken or vegetable stock  
400g cooked ham, cut into chunky slices from a joint, then shredded  
200g tub low-fat crème fraîche  
2 tbsp wholegrain mustard

### Method

#### STEP 1

Melt 2 tbsp butter in a large frying pan, chop the remaining butter into small chunks and put in the fridge. Add the leeks, carrots, parsnips and celeriac to the pan with a splash of water, season, cover with a lid and cook for 10-15 mins, stirring now and then, until the veg is beginning to soften.

#### STEP 2

Stir in 2 tbsp plain flour, then add the stock bit by bit, stirring as you go, until all incorporated and smooth. Cover with a lid and simmer for 20 mins until the vegetables are tender.

#### STEP 3

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 6. Add the ham, all but 2 tbsp of the crème fraîche, and the mustard, season with plenty of black pepper and transfer to an ovenproof baking dish. Put the remaining butter and flour in a bowl and season. Rub together with your fingers to a fine crumbly texture. Add the remaining crème fraîche and mix with a cutlery knife until the crumble clumps together in places. Sprinkle the crumble mixture over the filling, then bake for 35-40 mins until crispy and golden on top.



# Bertie's Bimble

I is seriously considerin' puttin' meself forward as Prime Minister of this country. Me Muvver said I would probably do a better job as I is mean, selfish, greedy and loud, all excellent qualities, accordin' to me Muvver anyway!



I needs to check me money box cos I think I needs more £s than me £15.89, wot is in it, to buy me way to No 10 Downin Street Lundun. I will keeps you all updated on me bid to become the Chief Growler but I tells you this, if I gets this job that cat, wot lives there, is going to have to go!

Right! time for me annual moan now, Yes! I knows! I has a go most months but this is THE month, November!

Now, you all knows how this Bert does suffer with him's ears and the big bangs and all that stuff, well me Muvver, in her wisdom, has stocked up on all manner of 'aids' to help me. I has got drugs from me vet, apparently enough to knock out a Rhino, I has also got a calming diffuser, a calming collar, calming cookies, ear defenders (I is NOT wearing them!) and me sound proof dog crate is back out with 'enticing' stuff in it except it's not enticing me to go in there! If all them calmers things work I won't be awake till December anyway!

I does get very upset about these EXPLOSION fireworks though, me Muvver said in her day – back in the 15th century – them fireworks was not loud nor vicious, them were 'soft' and peoples had little boxes of them with no warnings about



blowing them fingers off or anything else a bit dangerous, and them was gone in about 15 minutes, some of them didn't even work! and apart from chucking her dads old shirt stuffed with leaves to make Guy Fawkes on the fire and then eating burnt black taters half cooked in the smouldering, wet stick ashes, that was it Bonfire Night over! It soundeds

amazing! Them were the good old days me Muvver is always on about.

Talking of smouldering wet sticks and cooking outside, everyone is talking about power cuts and energy bills, well I has loads of energy but it's mine so I isn't sharing, and I don't know about powercuts but I do know me Muvver and the Other are 'making provisions' just incase. Amazon are doing well I can tell you! I is not sure sitting round 2 candles in a jam jar will keep us warm nor light me way to bed!

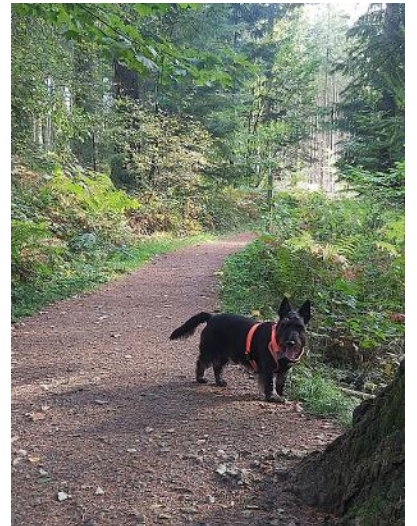
Doris and Chris, them aren't much bovered but I shan't be staying there if them got no fire nor lights, I is a bit cissy about the dark. I likes me creature comforts. Where have I been Bimbling then? Well I has been to Queenswood and I can tells you it was marvellous, the leaves were spectacular and I had a lovely photo shoot done there

# Autumn Wanders

on that day. It was good fun and I met loads of other canines with theys peoples. We did hope to see some deer but not that day. When we went to Mortimers Forest though we did see Deers! Doris and Chris, they spent a lot of time there looking for fungi and mushrooms and I spent the same time sniffing and leaving me calling card. We walked through the forest for 3 miles and I was very tired but got a pupachino on the way back to restore me energy levels.



I has been very busy 'at work' helping out at the Tourist Information making sure visitors get to go where I tells them is wonderful. I has also been at the Sanctuary, I has helped a lot there, finding horse poots and moving big branches that sometimes come down off trees. It was sad one day though as one of me old friends, Larry, was very poorly and in the end he had to go the Rainbow Bridge, me Muvver explained it to me and we was all very upset. I did see him and say goodbye to him just like his field friends did too. He was a good lad was Larry.



Doris and Chris are now moved to them new home and I has stayed a lot of times there, it's very nice, a big garden with squirrels, and we gets to walk to Buckenhill through the woods and then across to the Downs too. I is very lucky to have all these homes.



So that's me lot this month and next month ...Oh Heck! It's flippin' Christmas again, well, that's put paid to me bid for PM. Me money box won't take that kind of drain on it's reserves...Hey up! Maybe I could be Chancellor of the Exchequer instead!



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Tree planting is presently touted as the best way to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the atmosphere. Plant a tree and it will suck up GHGs, plant a gazillion and job done. Those with knowledge which stretches beyond the Ladybird Book of Trees will shudder at the ignorance of those who believe the complexities of native woodland can be recreated with a spade and wellies. Calling it plantation creation would be more honest, although unwelcome to the timber industry and political plant-a-tree photo opportunities.

The drought has devastated insect numbers, and the knock-on effects on wildlife will be felt for several years. No beetles means less for voles and mice to eat and thus less food for owls, and so on. The bat colony in the farmhouse roof was up to around 300 some years ago, plummeted to around 20 following two cool Springs, which led to reduced moth numbers and slowly increased to about 90 when I did the National Bat Monitoring Programme Survey in June, but I fear not all the pups will have survived due to reduced moth numbers this Summer when they began to forage for themselves at around five weeks old. Worms have tunneled deep underground, leaving robins and blackbirds without food

for their young. I've avoided going near the dried-up stream bed on the farm's northern boundary – I find it upsetting to see tiny pools teeming with starving freshwater shrimp.

It's twenty years since the Liberty and Livelihood March took place in London, when we and 407,789 other folks marched in support of a range of grievances from rural communities. Unusually for a London march no-one dropped litter so there was no need to clear up afterwards and all the marchers removed their hats and bowed their heads as they passed the Cenotaph war memorial near the end of the route. Social media can now provide a channel for protest but I doubt it could adequately demonstrate that depth of feeling about the Government trying to sideline rural Britain.

Our breeding sheep have been dosed with a vitamin and mineral drench, which will hopefully compensate for the poor quality of grazing they've had through the drought. The ewes are now on pasture that hasn't been grazed since June. After that time the grass would usually be long enough to brush their bellies but this year it doesn't even reach their knees. I hope this grass will "flush" the ewes – a boost of feed that will lead to a good conception rate when the rams are put in at the end of October.

Media hysteria has been triggered yet again by the typhoon season in the southern hemisphere when Super Typhoon Nanmadol brought 150 mph winds to Japan. In September 1827 19,331 people were killed by the Siebold Typhoon in Japan and in late August 1931 a super typhoon killed an estimated 300,000 people in Shanghai, so these unwelcome events sit naturally within our climate system.

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# School News

# Bredenbury Primary School

We are mid-way through the autumn term and are looking ahead to December (and that special event that happens on the 25th) but also looking back at what has already taken place in the weeks leading up to half-term.

Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match in late September, saw many certificates awarded to our pupils who entered the competitions in the junior sections. It was a lovely day and a pleasure to watch the ploughing and look over the



competition entries displayed indoors.

Following on from the article in last month's issue mentioning the calf igloo recently installed on the edge of the playground,

the school held a Pyjama Party in early October (quite a

novelty to be going back to school in the evening dressed for bed!). A good time was had by all and the money raised has meant that we can now lay some Astro turf in the igloo, which will make it a lot more comfortable to use, particularly in the wetter months.

Years 3 and 4 recently went by minibus to Ludlow to the River Teme, which has a lovely wide, dry bank and perfect for standing to launch the boats that had been made from various materials at school. It combined the work we have been following in geography (rivers) with the design and technology sessions when the crafts were put together.



Our P.T.A. has re-formed this term - thanks to all willing parents - so we are looking forward to events and fundraisers in the future.

Finally, as mentioned in the introduction, it's not long now till our thoughts go to Christmas and the planning we all make to celebrate. Hence a reminder that Bredenbury School will be selling Christmas Trees once again on the weekends of 3rd and 4th and 10th and 11th December.

More reminders will no doubt follow but make a note to visit to purchase your Christmas tree, all sizes available. Profits solely for the benefit of the pupils.

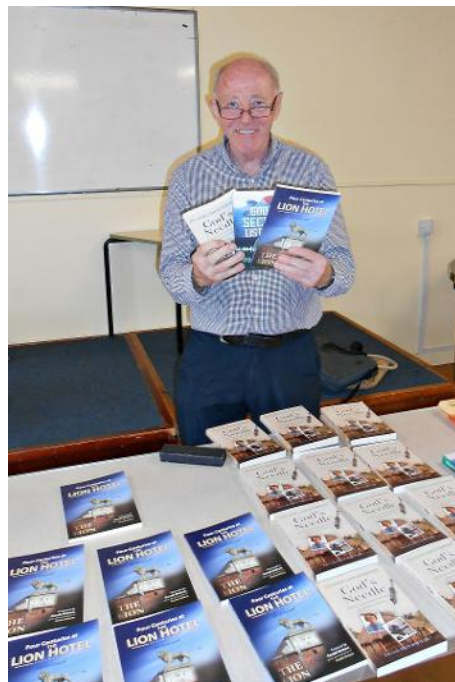
## WI News



Now that November is upon us, we're looking forward to our meeting on 9th November at 2pm in Saltmarshe & District Hall when

Julie Naerebout, of Bromyard's Vintage Stable shop, will be sharpening our skills making a Christmas decoration using holly. We await great results, so why not come along and join our very friendly group

Our October meeting was led by the award winning journalist, writer and enthusiastic speaker Mr John Butterworth. He told us about his life from leaving school and going into The Daily Mirror training scheme and how, from there, he rose up to become a journalist for 44 years including being a newspaper editor for 28 years. In 2008 he was granted an MBE for his services to journalism and



charity. Since then he's gone on to write several books.

He's a very busy Speaker as he'd given a talk on the morning he came to us, then ourselves in the afternoon and was going on to another in the evening. The memorable people he'd interviewed at the start of his career included a 12 year old swimmer called Sharron Davies, a very promising teenaged tennis player by the name of Sue Barker and a young singer who showed promise named Michael Ball. He very much enjoyed his forty five minute interview with Cliff Richard.

He could easily be a very strong inspiration for our local journalists like JT for The Hereford Times (Told you, JT, you might get a name check!!). John has talks on very many subjects and it may be that we ask him to return at some future date

Deadline for the December edition is Friday 17th November

## Dee's Diary

After all the events we experienced following the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of King Charles III it was almost time to pick up the pieces of the postponed meetings and events. But first, on the eve of the Queen's funeral, Roy and I attended a special Service of Commemoration at Hereford Cathedral in thanksgiving for the life and reign of Her late Majesty. The quote from the Book of Proverbs on the back page of the service booklet seemed to sum up every aspect of the late Queen's life of service:

*"Many women have done excellently but you surpass them all".*

Then it was straight back to Bromyard for an ecumenical service at St. Peter's – reported elsewhere in Bromyard Info. The day of the funeral we went to the Conquest Theatre and watched the events on the large screen in the company of others. A truly moving and amazing occasion and thanks to the volunteer staff for allowing this showing to take place. After that, back to normal the next day attending a barbeque

at Whitegates with delicious food and a sing-along in good company. I attended the inauguration meeting of the newly formed "Scouts Bromyard", which took place on the playing field at Brockhampton School. There were about 40 youngsters aged between 8 and 14 along with their parents. The County Commissioner Robert Sidley invested eight volunteer leaders and formally declared the group open. This was an historic occasion as the newly appointed leaders were probably the first to make their promises to the new King. After lots of games we toasted marshmallows on an open fire – and, although a former Guide, this was a delicacy I hadn't experienced before.

Roy and I plus two friends attended a Quiz Night with fish and chip supper in Bewdley organised by the Mayor for his charity. We were a team of four up against teams of six and did Bromyard proud by finishing fifth out of twenty: we were especially pleased to gain more marks than the Mayor's team on the round about Bewdley! The following evening we attended Bromyard Lions' First Charter Anniversary dinner at the Masonic Hall in Bromyard. This was hosted by the local President Steve Monte-Pearsall and attended by Lions' members from a wide area including the District Governor Rav Sandu from Coventry. It was a delicious meal followed by speeches and entertainment and I was presented with a beautiful bouquet. A few days later I had some special friends visit: Alderman Len Gregory and his wife Gill from Birmingham (see Bromyard Info, Issue 63, p.3).

On a more sombre note I attended David Morris' funeral, which was a great farewell to a stalwart of the Bromyard community. We attended the Services for Independent Living

## News from the Mayor

(SIL) AGM and Annual Awards at the Luctonians Rugby and Sports Club near Leominster. SIL is a home support agency providing services that enable disabled and older people to live independent lives in their own homes within their own community. It was inspirational and humbling to see the service users with their carers and I was particularly struck by the amount of affection and care shown by all parties.

After this it was a dash back to Bromyard to attend the postponed Destination Bromyard event which took place in the Falcon Mews and included a walk round the town looking at the seven zones which had been targeted by the funding. I was particularly impressed by the mural in Leopard Alley beside the Queens Arms pub which featured work by pupils from Queen Elizabeth School and I was delighted to award certificates and gifts to Jessica and Evie as a token of our appreciation. The underpass looked fresh and welcoming and as an added bonus the new railings have at last been installed.

We attended Ledbury Mop Fair where the streets in the centre of Ledbury became a large fun fair. The Mayor of Ledbury and the Town Crier led us from the Council Offices heralded by two buglers to a platform on the Wurlitzer ride where a speech was made and then the fun began... I was in a Wurlitzer with the Chair of the Herefordshire Council and the ride became faster and faster. Just as I thought it was slowing down it spun even faster – I couldn't walk in a straight line afterwards. Then we were led in procession again by the Town Crier, round the streets to the dodgems. This time I was in a car with Roy and we took off like a rocket. I held on for dear life and tried to look as though I was enjoying myself as I tried to control the accelerator while Roy was steering. We both decided that two rides were enough for one evening!

Our final event for this month was a special Curry lunch at the Suvla Barracks in Hereford hosted by the Hereford and Worcester Charitable Trust in support of the Army cadet movement. Before the meal we viewed static displays by young members of the cadet force of equipment outside and were then entertained by a military cadet Corps of Drums and pipes as we sat at table. For a change Roy won two raffle prizes so a good time was had by all.

**Dee Dunne-Thomas**





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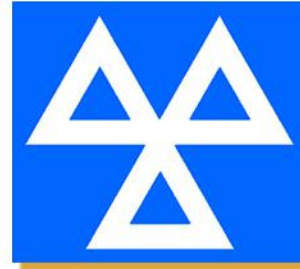
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## Chairman's Notes

Summary minutes [and other news] from meeting held on 5th October. (Full minutes sent to members of the Chamber.)

**1. Closure of Lloyds Bank** - The closure of our only bank in Bromyard has been a great worry for many traders and our local community, insofar as the need to have cash to give change to customers and receive cash from customers. The security of cash is foremost in most people's mind. We invited representatives from Lloyds Bank and the Post Office. Sunil, manager from the Post Office in Bromyard, explained that they were trying to help both local businesses and residents in view of the closure of Lloyds Bank in Bromyard on 24th October. Sunil assured us that the Post Office will provide many of the services usually offered by banks. They will accept deposits and provide limited coin change and conduct checks on non-valid notes etc. Customers will need to use the appropriate envelopes for their banks. He apologised that the Post Office will not be able to provide mini statements or make transfers between multiple accounts for the same people. However, they will of course help where ever they can, but sadly will not have an ATM. There are concerns that the bank's ATM will close at the same time as the bank. There are two others in the town, one at each Co-op, though it was noted that on occasions they have been unreliable.

Lloyds representatives (Sharon Clark (Manager), Sam Butler (Business Manager) Gail Harrison (Counter Staff)) were personally very sad to see the bank closing, as much as we are, and could only apologise on behalf of the bank. They informed the meeting that they have been talking to customers over the last few months and making suggestions to those who would not be able to get to Hereford or Leominster branches in person due to mobility issues or unreliable buses.

### Suggestions:

- Traders to use card readers. However it was noted that most do these days
- Online services: Halo Centre have computers for those who do not own one
- Elderly customers to considering looking at Power of Attorney

**2. Chamber awards** - These will take a different approach this year, in keeping with the results of a returned questionnaire from traders, there will be no Christmas window display competition. However, there will be three new categories (mentioned in last month's magazine). Voting forms will be available around the town and given to local groups. The completed anonymous paper can be posted in



ballot boxes at various venues, or pop them into our Secretary at David James Jewellers.

### Categories:

Excellent customer service – Excellence in sustainability – Commitment to the Community

**3. Christmas light switch on** - This will take place on 19th November. You will have seen our excellent and diligent volunteers over the last few weeks (much more fantastic information in the magazine). There will be the usual

# Bromyard Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Chairman's and Treasurer's cup awarded and a new award called the Sylvia Silver Award. This award will go to a worthy recipient who has contributed to the town and local community.

**4. Late night shopping: 9th December 4.00pm - 8.00pm** - Supported and sponsored by the Chamber, Lions and other local groups. More information will be on posters around the town.

**5. The Sunday market** - You will be pleased to hear that there is no intention to change the venue of the Market; it will continue to take place on the Square.

**6. Additional bus.** - There will be an additional bus service on Tuesdays only. 9.45am from Flaggoners Green and 9.50am from Pump Street to Worcester Bus Station returning at 12 noon.

**7. Hot off the Press (19.10.2022)** - Financial support and energy advice: If you are facing bills that you can't afford and are struggling with the rising cost of energy, The British Gas Energy Trust is here to help. They are an independent charitable trust set up to support families and individuals facing financial hardship and energy debt across England, Wales and Scotland. The rising cost of living means more people are experiencing financial difficulty for the first time, with millions of households missing out on benefits they are entitled to. The Bounce Back Checklist details the main benefits and schemes to help you maximise your income - whether you're working or not - with quick links to find out if you qualify and how to apply. It also lists specialist organisations that offer guidance and support on a range of other issues you may be facing.

<https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/british-gas-energy-trust.html>

**8. Dates - Next meeting:** 2nd November 7.30pm at the Falcon.

**The Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner:** This will take place the day after the lights switch on 20th November. Bring your party to ours. Book a table of eight at the Falcon ASAP

**Chamber of Commerce AGM:** Wednesday 7th December at the Falcon Hotel 7.30 p.m

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# Home & Gardens

November is not my favourite month but I am mentally warmed by the fiery red and orange leaves that still adorn trees. I am not fond of December or January either but I am cheered by the flowers that continue through winter, there is always something blooming.

I keep thinking that I am up to speed with the work then spot an area where I have forgotten to tidy the under storey of



plants which I like to do before I prune the taller trees and shrubs. One thing a lot of people do at this time of year is to rake leaves off their gardens, I do not do this as the fallen leaves are good for wildlife and for the fertility of the garden when they rot down

naturally where they fall. I do remove them from stone paths that may become slippery if left but I don't see the point of creating a task that is better not being done.

I am still very concerned about water security; we know that water quality has been degraded in recent years both locally and nationally but how many know the limited amount of water available to us. One article has come to my attention that it would take a year of rain every day to fill the underground aquifers. In the meantime, more boreholes are being sunk to extract that water whilst households are losing their supply from wells and springs with no other means of obtaining water. Water waste and needless consumption is far

# The Perennial Plantaholic

too high for us to ensure water is available to all in this country. You really do not need to shower every day, especially those who live a sedentary lifestyle, remember there are people in the UK who do not have the luxury of enough water from the tap to even make a cup of tea, keep wasting water now and one day that could be you.

*Plant of the month: Brassaiopsis dumicola* has a gorgeous leaf shape making a great architectural plant. Don't expect to buy it at most nurseries, I bought this at a specialist nursery owned by plant-hunters. I have only had it for just over a year and I am not sure how hardy it will be here so I am putting protection around it over winter; it doesn't like freezing wind. It is deciduous but holds its leaves through November for me, in time it will form a thicket of stems. I have planted it in a shady spot but not deep shade, it does need to be out of hot sun in moist but well-drained soil. It will be a few years before it produces the umbels of yellow flowers followed by purple-black plump fruit. Its native range is from southwest Yunnan in China to north Vietnam. 🐕



*Garden trivia:* Infundibular - funnel shaped such as the flowers of Convolvulus.

## From Moors Meadow

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# The Peoples Project

Clearing and cutting back in the garden? Don't dump those spare live clumps and roots - the People's Project may have a home for them!



Bromyard Council have given backing to the first stage of our project to plant shrubs, wild-flowers, and colourful herbaceous clumps on roadside verges and open spaces. The Council have approved our proposed plantings at Nunwell Park, behind the 'Time Tower' carved sculpture on the Bypass. Green campaigner Karen

Rock is assembling a team of volunteers to start clearing the overgrown areas there, and the Council are arranging for a new planting bed to be dug.

Some of the funding for the project comes from Herefordshire Council's 'Green Spaces' budget. The remainder has been awarded by Bromyard Council.

Needless to say, the People's Project team are delighted! But budgets are easily swallowed up where top-quality, healthy plants are concerned. As local gardeners thin-out and reduce the plants in their gardens at this time of year, we're asking them to add to the mix by donating segments of plants rather than dumping them. Could you donate in that way?

Ros Bissell from Moors Meadow Gardens is advising and

# Cuttings for the Community

overseeing the project. Ros has generously agreed to add to the stock of plants by donating spare sections of items from her own garden.

And you can join in too! You may be reducing a clump of herbaceous plants that's got a bit too big. You might be removing a section of roots from a shrub. If that's what you're doing -- or if you know someone else who's busily trimming back their root systems as winter approaches -- your 'spare bits' could help augment our budget and be part of the creation of a colourful spot to please the eye of townspeople and visitors alike. Or you could be one of the volunteers helping prepare the site.

Just think -- handing on redundant pieces of plant from your own garden makes you part-creator of the project. Every time you pass Nunwell Park, you'll be able to say to yourself "I helped to make that"!

We also have a separate project in another area which needs plants that have red blooms or red foliage -- plants with the warm glow of fire. If you've got something suitable, or if you'd like to donate a plant or two or some spring bulbs, get in touch!

The People's Project organisers are unpaid volunteers, working to enhance our town. It's your town, too -- join in to make it even better! To donate cuttings or plants, please urgently contact Ros Bissell at Moors Meadow Gardens on 01885 410318 / 07942 636153 / [moorsmeadow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moorsmeadow@hotmail.co.uk)

**Chris Barltrop**

# Bromyard Downs Common Association

It is some time since the Bromyard Downs Common Association have submitted an article for the Bromyard Info Magazine, but that does not mean that we have had a period of inactivity. During Covid, the Downs were a sanctuary for many people of Bromyard and surrounding areas and we hope that those people are continuing to enjoy the Downs.

The Bromyard Downs are maintained throughout the year by our trusty band of volunteers. They meet weekly, three times a month and



get involved in a variety of activities such as grassland, tree and pond maintenance. All skills are catered for and there are some opportunities for training to use the machinery. The age range of our current volunteers spans four decades and is a mix of both men and women. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers and fully realise that the Downs, as they are, would not be so beautiful without them.

We are always looking for new volunteers to increase our team and would love to hear from you if you would like to join us or seek more information about getting involved. (volunteer.bdca@gmail.com)

As part of the Downs management, we encourage educational visits to the Downs to appreciate the environment on offer. Maybe your School, Scout group, Women's Institute or local walking group would like to visit, perhaps to identify the wild flowers, or maybe see how many birds are using the thirty birdboxes placed all over the Downs. We would be

## Bringing books back to students

Albert Einstein once said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." We can all understand why. For many young people in schools in Tanzania, this treasure trove of a place looks rather more like an empty room with piles of out-dated textbooks and broken furniture. Your locally-managed charity, SEED (Secondary



Education to Encourage Development), has been running a fund-raising opportunity to send around £2,500 to Idodi Secondary School, near Iringa, in the southern part of Tanzania – perhaps you have seen the display in Food For All window? We have been greatly encouraged by

supporters near and far who have contributed to the JustGiving total ([www.justgiving.com/campaign/4books](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/4books)) which has now reached 86% of its target. Trustees have already started to order updated books and look forward to the school getting even more shelves of books for their students. Don't forget that you can also choose to support the SEED charity on smile.Amazon, the Toucan app and giveasyoulive.com.

For £220 a year, sponsors are linked to a young person who, without your help, could not afford the fees and boarding costs to continue their education at secondary level. One student, aged 16, called Zuwena wrote recently: "Last year when I got chance to join with secondary education my

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delighted to engage with you.

We are definitely seeing an increase in numbers visiting the Downs. Our main aim as a Voluntary Group is to manage the Downs on behalf of Herefordshire Council and continue to make it a place for all, whether they are walkers with or without dogs, botanists appreciating the flora and fauna, picnickers or even the occasional horse rider or cyclist.

One thing we do not appreciate are those dog owners who do not take responsibility for their own dog or dogs. There are plenty of signs that say dogs should be kept under control at all times, so please think of others when your dog is off lead. It is very important too, that all of your dog's excrement is taken home with you. If there is dog excrement in the meadow areas the area becomes unsuitable for cutting for hay. This ultimately affects the flora (such as the wild orchids) that you will find on the Downs.

Another item that we need to bring to your attention are the Byelaws for the Downs. A copy of these is posted on the notice boards in the main carpark and by Brockhampton School.

These basically state what the general public are allowed to do on the Downs. For example, there should be no motorised vehicles parking on the Downs itself other than the proper parking places. Also, overnight camping (including camper vans and caravans) is not permitted. Please be aware of this and pass this information on.

We are very excited by all the progress we have made and will make in the future and hope that the Downs will remain as one of the finest Common lands in Herefordshire.

**James Hawkins** - chair.bdca@gmail.com

parents failed to send me to school because they failed to get money for



school requirements, they asked me to stay home and participating in home activities including shamba (farming) activities, because they failed even to buy school uniform for me. Now am enjoying to be a SEED student, the life at school is going well, am staying at hostel and am getting more time to involve in studying, SEED managed to give me all school requirements like mattress, uniform, pocket money and stationery materials".

If you think you might be able to support more students like Zuwena to have a better chance in life, please email enquiries@s-e-e-d.org.uk.



# Energy News

For the next three months, Energy News will replace Eco News as so many of us are finding the prospect of high energy prices frightening. The first Energy News looks at six ideas



for cutting energy bills. Here goes!

## 1. Use an air fryer or microwave instead of an oven

Ovens can be an inefficient way of cooking

as they involve heating a relatively large space. Using a microwave, pressure cooker, slow cooker or air fryer instead could save money. The **cost of cooking a baked potato based on 1 October energy guarantee.**

**5p. Microwave(800W for 10 minutes)**

**26p. Airfryer(1000W) for 45 minutes**

**£1.02: Conventional oven(2000W) for 90 minutes**

## 2. Switch to LED lightbulbs

Lighting comprises 11% of the average UK household's energy consumption. Switching to LED bulbs makes a big difference. A household using a dozen 40W incandescent or halogen bulbs for four hours a day could spend about £238 per year, LED equivalents would cost £41.70 - a saving of £196.30 a year. Though LED bulbs can cost more, they have a longer lifespan and should save money over time.

## 3. Take control of your central heating

Set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature (often 18 to 21C). Turn your thermostat down just one degree could cut bills by about £145 a year. This is based on a semi-detached house with the heating on between 7am-9am and 4pm-11pm on week days and between 7am-11pm at weekends. In smaller homes, like a terraced house or a flat, the savings will be lower. You can also turn the heating off in rooms you're not using. Bleeding radiators to remove trapped air and moving furniture away from them helps warm air flow more easily around a room.



## 4. Insulate and draught-proof your home

Poorly insulated homes will lose heat more easily and be harder to keep warm.

Insulation and draught-proofing - to stop heat escaping around doors and windows - helps trap heat. Professional draught-proofing might cost about £225. However, it can save about £125 a year - based on a typical semi-detached home. DIY options like self-adhesive strips for window gaps and heavy curtains can also save you money. Most heat is lost through the roof, so loft insulation should be a priority. For renters, installing insulation may not be an option as landlords are responsible for major improvements. However, landlords

# Cutting Energy Bills

can be fined for renting properties which don't meet minimum energy efficiency standards.

## 5. Make better use of appliances

Washing machines and tumble dryers can be energy hungry. To use them efficiently use eco settings and turn your machine down - particularly if clothes aren't that dirty. Washing clothes at 30 C and using one less cycle a week could save £28 a year. If you can, dry clothes outside instead of in a tumble dryer. It will cost at least £36 a year to run an energy efficient dryer from October, based on average usage, or as much as £159 for an inefficient models. Not using an inefficient dryer for four months during the summer could save up to £70 a year.

## 6. Take shorter showers

A typical household with gas heating will see about 12% of its energy bill used to heat water for showers, baths and taps. Based on five showers a week, cutting your shower time from eight to four minutes could save £70 a year. If you have a power shower the saving could be less as you'll use more hot water.

Information from the BBC News Daily, the Energy Savings Trust (<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk>), Which (<https://www.which.co.uk>) and Sust-it(<https://www.sust-it.net>) contributed to this article.

Hope that this helps!

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# PUZZLES

## PULL-OUT & PLAY

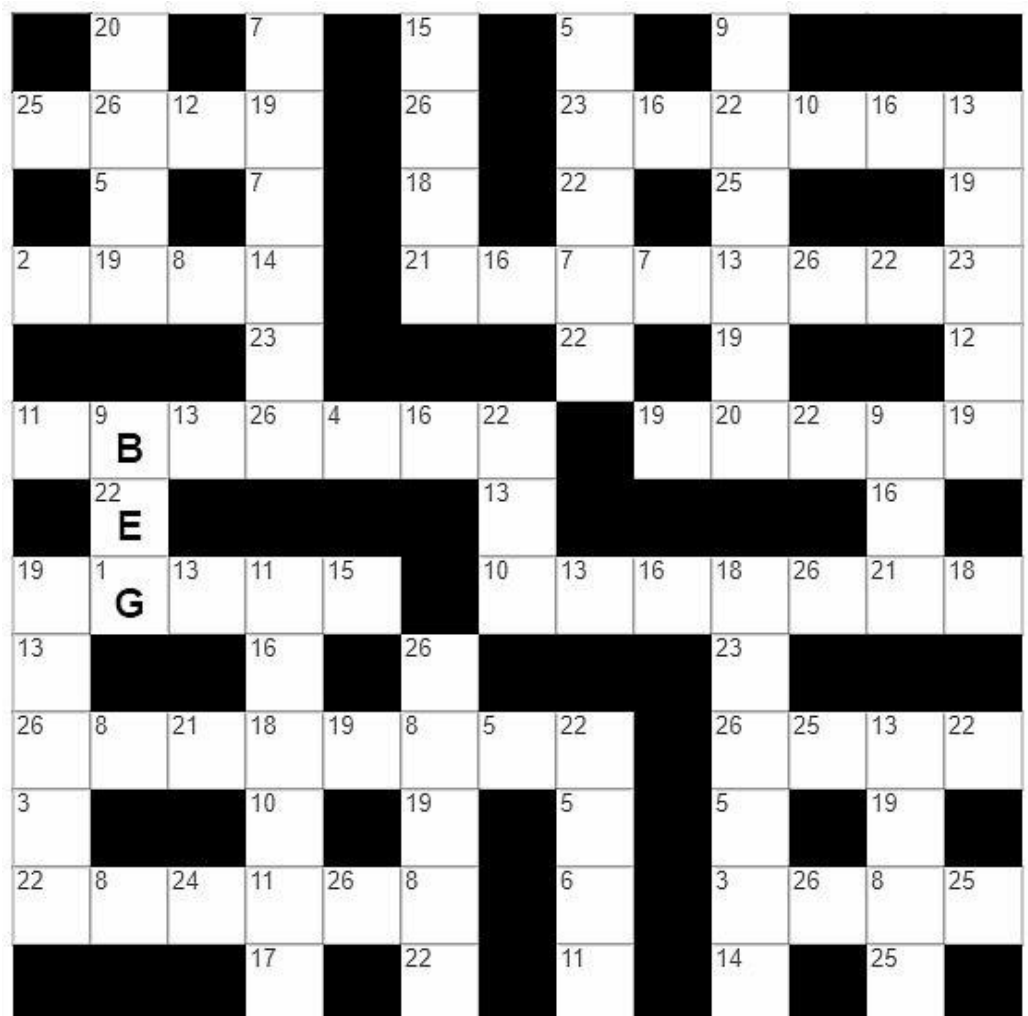
### Codewords

**CodeWords** is a word puzzle where you need to fill in the words in the crossword-stye grid.

Each letter of the alphabet has been substituted for a number between 1 and 26. There are no clues but you are given one word filled in to help you on your way.

In this puzzle all number 1 squares will contain a 'G', all number 9's will contain a 'B' and all 22's will have an 'E'

**Have fun!**



### Sudoku

3	2				6		7	5
			7			9		6
			9	1				
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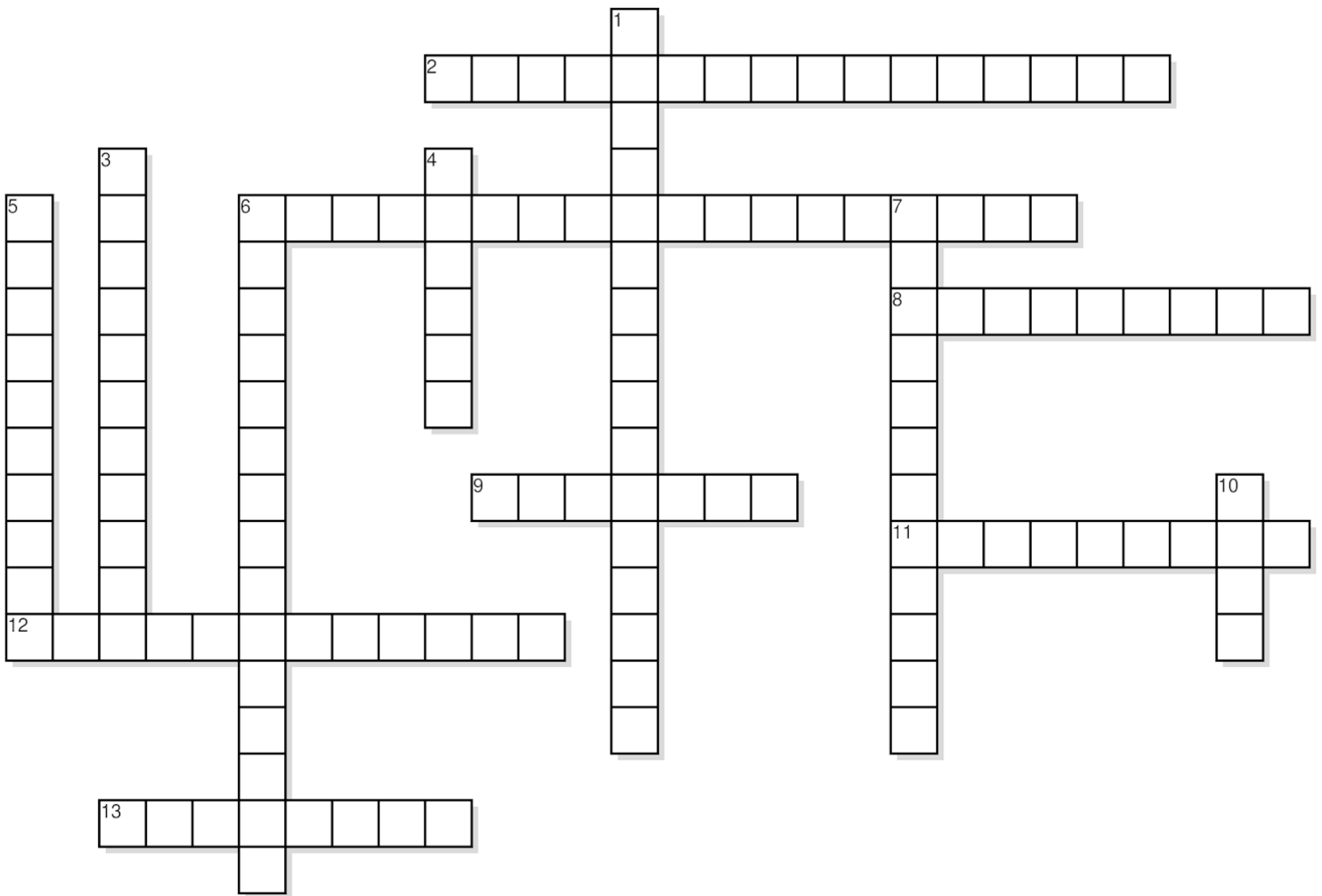
**Sudoku** is an easy to learn logic-based number placement puzzle. The word Sudoku is short for *Su-ji wa dokushin ni kagiru* which means "the numbers must be single".

**Rules & Terms** A Sudoku puzzle consists of 81 cells which are divided into nine columns, rows and regions. The task is now to place the numbers from 1 to 9 into the empty cells in such a way that in every row, column and 3x3 region each number appears only once.

A Sudoku has at least 17 given numbers but normally there are 22 to 30.

**Mathematics** A Sudoku is a logic-based and not a math-based puzzle. It is possible to make and solve a Sudoku puzzle with letters or even some symbols.

A little interesting point is that there are **6,670,903,752,021,072,936,960** possible Sudoku puzzles. So we can play umpteen Sudokus a day and there will still be new ones.



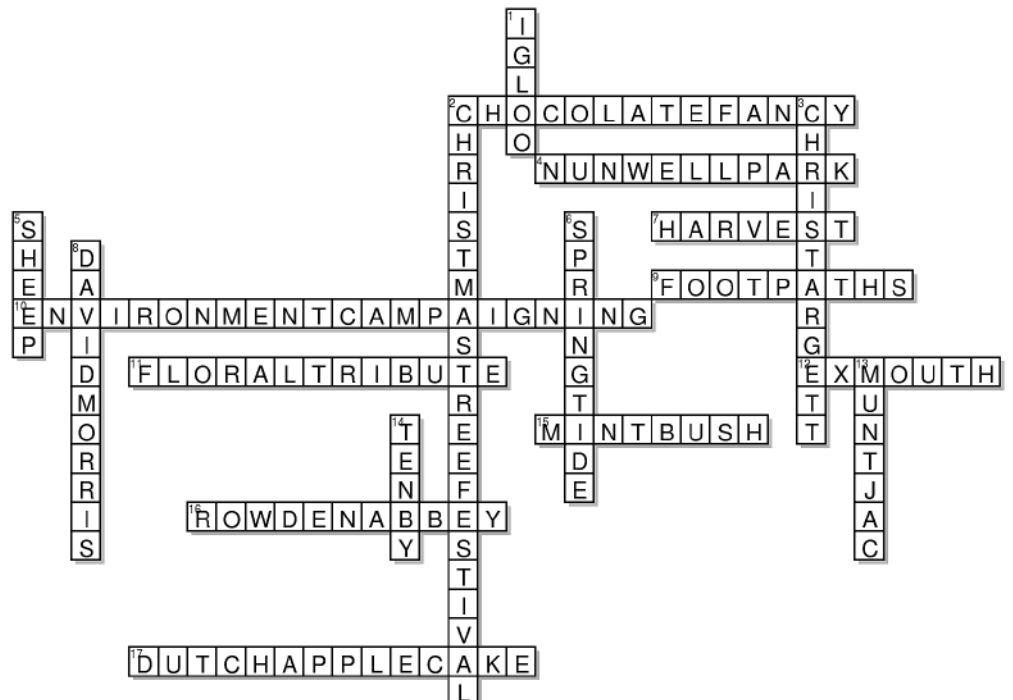
### ACROSS

2. Amdram group at the Falcon (3,6,7)
6. Energy News (7,6,5)
8. Bertie does not like these explosive devices (9)
9. Jan Brodie-Murphy's official uniform (7)
11. You could win one of these in our competition (4,5)
12. The best way to reduce greenhouse gases? (4,8)
13. The Peoples Project want these (8)

### DOWN

1. This months recipe (3,3,3,7)
3. Lest we forget (11)
4. The EMW horses had 'a good dollop' of this (6)
5. One of the Poetry for Pleasure poems (9)
6. Switched on this month (9,5)
7. Funnel shaped such as the flowers of Convolvulus (12)
10. Secondary Education to Encourage Development abr. (4)

## November Crossword Solution



# Wordsearch

# Puzzles

Wanders	G	Z	G	P	M	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	B	Q	X	K	R	T	R	Y	G	X
Falcon	L	Z	J	L	Q	N	Q	D	C	M	N	Z	G	M	G	J	X	M	W	V	Y
Scarlet	P	T	C	V	J	D	K	H	X	B	D	B	V	L	J	N	Q	B	W	N	L
Fireworks	M	R	K	H	E	V	A	D	T	K	L	T	Q	W	Z	L	V	M	B	G	L
Remembrance	E	Y	O	E	E	R	N	R	D	J	E	C	N	A	R	B	M	E	M	E	R
Sunday	A	F	S	J	I	L	S	J	S	N	B	Y	W	Y	T	M	G	Z	J	K	D
<b>Recipe</b>	D	T	O	T	E	R	S	K	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	Q	I	R	F
Trees	O	B	I	O	E	C	R	E	T	Z	E	Z	T	T	S	L	W	T	P	A	Z
Project	W	E	T	D	T	O	T	S	A	G	D	P	R	T	M	U	C	J	L	J	V
Chelsea	S	M	N	R	W	B	E	Q	R	P	E	L	E	N	E	H	N	C	Y	L	W
Meadow	L	A	Q	E	W	U	A	M	L	R	N	B	E	R	E	L	O	D	G	Q	M
Lights	W	P	R	S	Q	Y	Z	L	E	T	B	Q	S	N	Z	N	R	R	A	L	J
Christmas	L	I	U	N	T	Z	T	N	L	C	U	T	T	I	N	G	B	A	Y	Y	Y
Scouts	F	P	O	Z	Z	H	N	T	L	Y	R	Q	Q	B	W	D	N	Q	C	M	Q
Amdram	A	C	D	M	Z	I	G	K	J	J	Y	V	V	Y	R	J	V	K	Q	S	P
Conquest	M	Z	Y	J	A	L	L	I	S	C	O	U	T	S	D	O	T	G	Z	Q	M
Kitchen	D	J	M	L	R	L	E	L	L	Z	Y	V	G	R	G	L	M	M	B	N	L
Bredenbury	R	W	X	B	L	Z	B	S	M	T	D	Z	M	M	T	M	Y	Y	J	N	R
Perennial	A	N	V	Q	N	Y	X	L	Z	D	T	T	Q	L	Y	N	J	R	A	J	D
Seed	M	R	R	G	N	T	G	B	T	P	J	Y	D	D	K	Y	X	Z	Y	R	K
Cutting	Y	T	B	Y	Y	D	L	G	M	Q	X	D	W	M	D	L	N	G	M	X	D
Puzzles																					
Bromyard																					
Football																					
Charities																					

Find the words in the grid - across, down, diagonally, backwards or forwards - have fun!

## November Wordsearch Solution


S	N	R	E	K	O	O	B	E	C	A	F	Z	J	N	R
N	A	A	V	N	L	L	A	B	T	O	O	F	A	E	N
O	E	M	S	V	V	D	W	N	T	Q	Y	N	W	Y	R
I	S	N	M	I	A	I	O	T	T	F	T	O	N	N	J
T	L	Y	T	R	T	D	R	C	Z	I	L	O	R	T	L
A	E	C	O	Z	N	R	H	O	Q	F	I	O	A	Z	B
L	H	H	O	O	D	A	A	U	N	T	N	O	R	R	N
U	C	E	L	U	I	T	E	U	A	M	G	T	I	A	B
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T	L	L	T	T	R	T	M	L	M	X	J	J	P	T	T

In Memory Of  
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**G W COLLINS**  
Service Number: 37901

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My wife and I travelled on a Battlefields' Tour in August 2022. We visited with a poppy cross and laid it on the grave of Private GW Collins, who died aged 19 years on 2nd September 1918.

He had lived at Court Buildings, Whitbourne.

My wife is the daughter of Robert Collins from Whitbourne.



service will be held at St. Peter's Church commencing at 10:30. All are very welcome to both services.

Bromyard Branch is proud to report that member and Standard Bearer Stephen Gow has the honour of taking the County Standard to the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 12th November.

For more information on Bromyard Branch please see our contact details below.

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## Bromyard Royal British Legion



Traditionally "Remembrancetide" is the fortnight preceding Remembrance Sunday, so this year from Saturday 29th October to Saturday 12th November. During this period all monies raised by the Royal British Legion are directed to the Poppy Appeal.

The Bromyard Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kevin Mylotte, and his team have been busy distributing collecting boxes and poppies to businesses in Bromyard and the surrounding area. As usual a team of volunteers is manning a stall in the Tenbury Road Co-op where a selection of Poppy Shop items is available from 07:00 until 19:00.



On Friday 11th November short services of Remembrance will be held at the Legion Garden outside the Bromyard Centre at 11:00 followed by another in the Korean Garden, Town Green by the Public Hall. The Remembrance Sunday



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**Update from Jan Brodie-Murphy: 16th October 2022**



13 Oct 2022 In Pensioner Jan Brodie-Murphy with Lt Col (Retd) Nicky Murdoch – Jan trying on her Scarlet for the first time

My journey to become a Chelsea Pensioner came to fruition last week as I was finally issued with my Scarlet coat uniform and Tricorne. This means I can now attend any event or commitment dressed correctly, thus becoming a true ambassador for the Chelsea Royal Hospital. A colleague said to me when you wear your Scarlet for the first time it will be one of the proudest moments in your life; he was right it was and is.

I have witnessed the affect that this Scarlet uniform has on the general public, people from all over the world know this image and what it stands for. The public openly thank the

veterans for the role they played in the safety of the nation during their time. I live amongst men who have served in many conflicts from WW2 to current day and it is good we remember them and those who did not come home especially in this Remembrance month when we as a nation REMEMBER.

In Bromyard down on the Green outside the Public Hall is the Korean War Memorial, so little is known about who from our locale fought in this war and indeed the names of those lost. Here at Chelsea, I am daily reminded of those who fought for us all to live as we do today.

To be here in London to witness the funeral of our late Queen was a true privilege. All those Pensioners who were able

were bussed down to the Abbey to pay their respects, sadly I was not one of them. Eight



13 Oct 2022 In Pensioner Jan Brodie-Murphy in full uniform

Pensioners were also selected to attend her funeral. When a soldier joins the Forces they swear allegiance to the monarch, in my case Queen Elizabeth II, and there is nothing more special than being given the opportunity to serve her in this manner. They all have lasting and treasured memories of this special day.

**Jan Brodie-Murphy**



19 Sep 2022 State Funeral close friends In Pensioners Carol Knight and Alan Gill in the Abbey



15 Sep 2022 Outside Buckingham Palace with fellow Pensioners

**In Memoriam**

**Merren Anthony**

Born Gravesend 1938, educated in Saffron Walden, attended Worcester College then Bretton Hall, Yorkshire for teacher training. Merren taught in Glasgow in the early 60s, Worcester Girls' Grammar school and the Chase, Malvern, with a break to have her family. She also taught many piano pupils at home until 2021.

In 1978 she started her children's orchestra, the Cedar's Music Centre (CMC) at the family home in Broadwas. A plethora of children of all ages and abilities packed into the dining room every Sunday morning at 10.30 sharp! Many went on to pursue music careers. Over the years the CMC performed many concerts, won many awards and raised substantial funds for a variety of children's charities. Many people in Bromyard remember the joy, vitality and flamboyant entertainment of these occasions.

Also conducting school orchestras and choirs, The Salon Orchestra, Ferndale and W.I.choirs, Merren was never happier than when waving a baton! She loved playing the organ in churches for weddings and continued playing in St Michaels, Worcester, until last month. A prolific written communicator, many are familiar with her flamboyant adjusting of the English language that sometimes took some deciphering!

Merren made friends everywhere she went and was generous to a fault, especially of her time. A very good listener, she even manned the phones for the Samaritans and vet helpline. Merren had a long, happy life full of love, laughter and mischief, and was adored by her grandchildren.

**We will all miss her very much.**



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**Mon 16th January** (Issue 66 - February 2023 Edition)  
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**St Peter's Bromyard**

**2nd November Wednesday**

9.45am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

**6th November - 1st Sunday**

9.00am No Service  
10.30am Holy Communion

**9th November Wednesday**

9.45am Morning Worship

**13th November - 2nd Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Remembrance Service

**16th November Wednesday**

9.45am Morning Worship

**20th November - 3rd Sunday**

9.00am No Service  
10.30am Holy Communion

**23rd November Wednesday**

9.45am Morning Worship

**27th November - 4th Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship

**30th November Wednesday**

9.45am Morning Worship

**Stoke Lacy**

**6th November - 1st Sunday**

3.30pm PM Praise

**13th November - 2nd Sunday**

10.30am Holy Communion

**20th November - 3rd Sunday**

6.30 pm Service with the Hereford Singers

**27th November - 4th Sunday**

10.30 am Holy Communion

**Brockhampton Chapel**

**27th November - 4th Sunday**

3.00 pm Evensong

**Frome Valley Group of Parishes**

**Sunday 6th November**

10.00am	High Mass	Bishops Frome
10.00am	Matins	Fromes Hill
11.30am	Holy Communion	Acton Beauchamp

**Sunday 13th November**

10.30am	Remembrance	Bishops Frome
10.30am	Remembrance	Much Cowarne
10.30am	Remembrance	Castle Frome

**Sunday 20th November**

10.00am	High Mass	Bishops Frome
11.30am	Holy Communion	Fromes Hill

**Sunday 27th November**

8.30am	Holy Communion	Stanford Bishop
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bishops Frome
10.00am	Holy Communion	Much Cowarne
10.00a	Family Praise	Castle Frome
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	Bishops Frome

**Sunday 4th December**

10.00am	High Mass	Bishops Frome
10.00am	Matins	Fromes Hill
2.30pm	Quiet Hour & Evening Prayer	Much Cowarne
6.00pm	Carol Service	Acton Beauchamp

If you know of anyone in The Frome Valley Group of Parishes who would like me to visit, please contact me at the Vicarage in Bishops Frome on 01885 490582 or at [stevenbaggs@me.com](mailto:stevenbaggs@me.com)  
Blessings, Rev Steven Baggs, Vicar, The Frome Valley Group of Parishes

**The Parish of Greater Whitbourne**

**Sunday 6th November - 3 before Advent**

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne and Zoomed

**Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne and Zoomed  
10.55am Remembrance Holy Communion Service at St Michael & All Angels, Upper Sapey  
11.00am Act of Remembrance at Whitbourne War Memorial

**Sunday 20th November - Christ the King**

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne and Zoomed  
3.00pm Stir Up & Posada service at St Mary's, Edwin Loach

**Sunday 27th November - 1st of Advent**

9.30am Holy Communion with Posada at Whitbourne and Zoomed

All Tuesdays 9.00am Morning Prayer from home by Zoom

All Wednesdays 9.30am Morning Prayer from home by Zoom

Ask Rev'd Preb Dawn Hyett ([hyettdawn@gmail.com](mailto:hyettdawn@gmail.com)) for links to all Zoomed services.

# Church News

# Christians Together in Bromyard

## Be Wise Before the Event

In opening the Book of Proverbs, King Solomon declares that its purpose is: "for gaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair;"(Proverbs 1.2-3)

The opening chapters stress repeatedly the supreme importance of acquiring wisdom and the benefits that she will bring, for Wisdom is portrayed as a person and as female. This is considered by commentators to be a poetic device rather than a theological insight.

Wisdom is different from and superior to both knowledge and intelligence although these are of course to be commended. I have observed that very clever people sometimes do very unwise, even stupid things. Equally, one can find much less educated people who are self-made millionaires. While I would consider myself reasonably intelligent, I can look back on some very foolish decisions, particularly in my early years, which resulted in very painful consequences. Some would argue that wisdom accrues with age, I certainly hope so.

As I write, Kwasi Kwarteng has recently become the second shortest serving Chancellor of the Exchequer in history and the Prime Minister, who may not be the Prime Minister when you read this, may set a new record for short tenure of office. Both might, on reflection, consider that they could have been wiser. A case for their proposed changes can be made, which we might or might not agree with, but such policy decisions

are not generally reached by factual arguments alone; perceptions and feelings will play a large part. I associate the phrase that "politics is the art of the possible" with Harold Wilson but my research suggests it comes from Otto von Bismarck. It may well be earlier still. I suspect that Solomon might have agreed,

The government has of course been faced with difficult circumstances and has perforce had to venture into uncharted territory. It is in such situations that wisdom is essential but who will have it can be difficult to discern. Knowledge can be examined and intelligence can be tested but wisdom is proved only by experience. We say with good reason that "it is easy to be wise after the event", acknowledging that it can be much more difficult before the event, although we should aim to be so.

The Book of Proverbs is a treasury of practical wisdom written long before the age of management gurus and self-help books. It is inspired by God who wants us to make a success of our lives and to make good decisions. He wants to help us and knows that we will make mistakes. He made us in love not as robots but with free will with the capacity to make mistakes. "To err is human, to forgive is divine" was written by Alexander Pope in his "An Essay on Criticism". It may not be a direct Scriptural quote but the Bible clearly supports it. God bless you.

**Mark Franklin**

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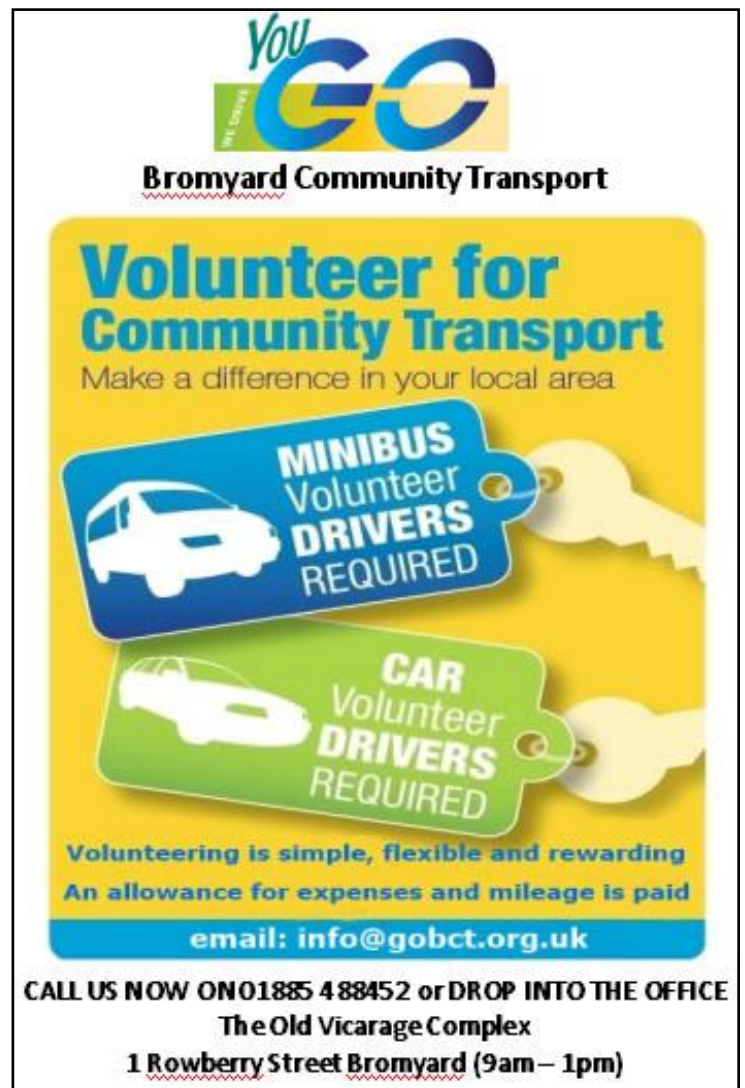
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**1 Rowberry Street Bromyard (9am – 1pm)**

**Pulpit Exchange.** Sunday 6th November, we are delighted to welcome the Rev'd Wallace Brown to our church to take our service as part of the 'Pulpit Exchange' arrangement. Rev'd Phil Warrey visited St. Peter's on Sunday 9th October where he was warmly welcomed.

**Christingle Service** at 2:30pm on Advent Sunday 27th November, all are welcome to this intergenerational service. Come and make a Christingle with us, and share in hearing about the Light of the World. We invite folk of all ages. The Christingle tradition was started in Germany in 1747 by a Moravian Bishop called Johannes de Watteville. Initially the Christingle was just a simple candle with a red ribbon around it. For Watteville, it was a simple way to explain the effect of Jesus to the children of his church. He gave all the children a Christingle and from that day it became a tradition.

The service has children in mind. Sometimes the children and other folk bring a little bit of money to buy a prepared Christingle – and this money is part of the fundraising for charity. Or the children make and present their Christingle candle.

Joyful Christmas songs are sung in the dark with the only light coming from the candles on the oranges. This service tends to be an evening one so that the candles can be really effective and atmospheric. Here at Bromyard our service will be in the afternoon at 2-30pm in a darkened church to enjoy the light of the candles. Although Christingle is to help children understand Jesus, adults are also encouraged to participate in the service by carrying their own Christingle. Even though this is a traditionally Christian ceremony, making a Christingle can be a fun family activity and the Christingles can be used as a fun mostly edible decoration for the festive period.

## Warm Spaces

The Warm Welcome Campaign exists to support and champion the community response to the cost-of living crisis. Working with partners of all kinds, we want to equip thousands of organisations to provide a warm welcome to everyone who might need it this winter. The campaign was started by the Church Works Commission

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**When?** • November 2022 to March 2023 • Wednesdays 9:30am to 2pm (we will expand to later if needed)

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## Our services for November 2022

**Please note that on the 2nd and the 4th Sundays in the month our services are in the afternoon at 2.30pm**

**6th at 10.30am Rev'd Wallace Brown** (pulpit Exchange St. Peter's)

**13th at 2.30pm Rev'd Phil Warrey Holy Communion**

**20th at 10.30am Stephen Chowns** (from Ledbury)

**27th at 2.30pm Rev'd Phil Warrey Christingle** (A Service for all ages)

**If you are interested in joining us we would love to hear from you. Make contact through the Methodist website at [www.herefordshiremethodists.org.uk/connect](http://www.herefordshiremethodists.org.uk/connect)**

**Or contact John Huddleston at 07981859504 or 01885488009.**

**For those unable to attend, we have Services streamed on YouTube each Sunday at 10.30am from either the Hereford or Ledbury churches. YouTube link; <https://tinyurl.com/HSELive>**

**Minister Rev'd Phil Warrey.** (Tel) 01531 634242; (Mobile) 07917 077785

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Bromyard Cricket Club celebrated the 2022 season at their Annual Dinner recently, with around 60 players and supporters gathering at The Three Horseshoes in Little Cowarne.

An excellent two course meal was followed by the prize-giving.



John Parker (1st XI), Martin Reece-Pitt (2nd XI), and Alex Whitty (on behalf of 3rd XI skipper Jordan Tomkins), then gave their speeches looking back on the season, before Dan Mills, in his role as prize-giving compere, and special guest Ally Roberts presented the prizes.

Many thanks to Rich and Jan Abell and

*Dean Corbett (on the right) winner of the 3rds' batting trophy and the '6 hit cup', being presented with the trophy by Ally Roberts, a stalwart of local sport.*



their staff for being excellent hosts.

### The prize winners were:

- 1st XI batting - Ian Bullock
- 1st XI bowling - Greg Leighton
- 2nd XI batting - James Godsall
- 2nd XI bowling - Will Yarnold
- 3rd XI batting - Dean Corbett
- 3rd XI bowling - James Brown
- Catching Cup - George Godsall
- Best away performance - Rob Willis
- Clubman of the Year - Matt Bullock
- Fill It Up Cup (Staunch Member) - Martin Reece-Pitt
- Six hitting Cup - Dean Corbett
- Most Promising Young Player - Jamie Rawle
- Most Improved Young Player - Chrissy Brown
- 'Finger Trophy' - James Hine
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Bromyard Football Club's teams' season is now in full swing and they have achieved some very encouraging results in general. The Bishops Frome ground is also looking better than ever, achieved by a band of hard workers under the guidance of club members Tim Waight and Alex Walker. Below are some of the reports that managers have sent in:

**UNDER 11's:** Bromyard Bandits opening game of the season saw an outstanding victory over Westfields, a team which normally gets the better of them. Four goals from Leon Cartwright and one from Caleb Gallimore-Symonds were the deciding factors in a 5-1 victory. The next game saw a great fightback after trailing 3-0 to Tenbury United with Cartwright again notching a hat-trick and Leland Finch adding another to secure a 4-3 win with Igor Nowicki playing solidly in defence.

**UNDER 12's:** Bromyard with lots of new faces this season are now playing in the top division. Away at Ludlow, Bromyard played some excellent football and ran out 6-2 winners. Goal-scorers were Jordan Phillips (2), Liam Burrows-Chapman, Oliver Peplow, Tom Huband and Toby Wood. Tom Huband was named man of the match. Ledbury Town were next and the away team put up a good fight but Bromyard ran out 7-4 winners. Goalscorers were Dexter Wood (3), Jordan Phillips (3), Oliver Peplow, Tom Huband and Toby Wood. Dexter and Toby Wood were named joint man of the match. Bromyard then cruised to a 9-0 cup win over Rossa Colts with Toby Wood (3), Jordan Phillips (2), Tom Huband (2), Callum Burrows-Chapman and Dexter Wood claiming the goals. Rhys Griffin was named man of the match. Bromyard then faced a test against in-form Pegasus. Bromyard dominated but couldn't break down a strong defence until the second half eventually winning 4-1 with Jordan Phillips (2), Tom Huband and Toby Wood among the goals. Jordan Phillips and Drake Seabright were named joint man of the match.

**UNDER 13's:** Bromyard faced Ledbury away in their first league match in what was to prove a remarkable game with the home team edging it 7-6 with a last minute winner. Ollie Cross, Finley Walker scored hat-tricks with Daniel Band being man of the match. The following week Bromyard beat Orleton 2-1 with goals from Rory Hughes and Ollie Cross, man of the match being Ben Radnor. A trip to Westfields followed and Bromyard ran out 5-1 winners with two more from Ollie Cross and also Dany Bayliss and Finley Walker also on the scoresheet. Man of the match was Oliver Marriot.

**UNDER 14's:** With several of Bromyard's team playing a year above themselves it looks as if the side will have a tough time according to manager John Woo. Away to Hinton the home team started well and raced into a comfortable lead. Bromyard improved in the second half with Alex Innes and Toby Wood scoring but the home team won 6-2. Alex Innes and Ryan Jones were named joint man of the match. In the team's first home game of the season against Wellington, the teams were evenly matched but Bromyard edged it 5-3. Scorers were Harry Wood (2), Jack Martine, Ryan Jones and Ian Waller. Ian Waller was named man of the match. Early in October Bromyard travelled to a physically strong and faster Ludlow side. Bromyard kept them out for long periods but eventually Ludlow's powerful forward line broke Bromyard down. Ludlow won 8-1 with Kyle Murray scoring a consolation goal. Ryan Jones was named man of the match. Bromyard then faced familiar opponents Hinton in the first round of the cup. Bromyard played some good football and had more chances overall in the match but couldn't stop Hinton from scoring. Hinton again ran out 6-2 winners to progress. Goalscorers were Harry Wood and Oliver Cross with Cross also named as man of the match.

**USEFUL LINKS:** The club is always looking for new recruits and club members at all ages and can be contacted by email: [bromyardfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bromyardfc@yahoo.co.uk) or via our website [www.bromyardfc.co.uk](http://www.bromyardfc.co.uk)

## Bromyard Football Club Monthly Prize Draw

A Community Club for all ages. Many thanks to all members for joining again and of course new members. It helps the Club greatly to continue providing FOOTBALL for many young people in the area of Bromyard.

### September Winners

1st.	£30.	Janet Davis.
2nd.	£15	Gill James.
3rd.	£10	Antony Gardner.

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**October 22nd, 2022.**

A better mind set for me today, not the doom and gloom of yesterday thank goodness, and it helped having Sam to talk with and also a goodlong catch up chat with my bestie and co-founder/ senior trustee Siobhan too. We're all settled in our minds now.

A straightforward morning with Sam and Marysia both there before me (an old lazy bones am I!) and the work got done. The temps were well up today and dry so Conker has had a lovely rug free time but back in it overnight and everyone else has provided themselves with natures own rugs of mud! There's talk of flash floods tomorrow - nice.

Bryan has cut down a lot of the big bows of Willow, that have overgrown over the drive, today so the ponies have had a dollop of it before it gets hauled away tomorrow. Always a treat which they welcome.

Sam and Marysia and me in sanctuary this afternoon so again the work easy and with grazing being ever more restricted right now it gets less and less distance to cover.

After the picking was done Sam and I quickly nipped out and put up a new line in the 3 shetlands' meadow thereby keeping them away from those tons of acorns down the bottom hedgeline, I tried to get rid of loads of acorns this morning but they defeated me, I don't think I've seen this weight of crop for donkeys years

When the hedge trimmer comes in they will mostly be smashed to bits under the wheels and also as soon as they go black the ponies won't touch them anyway, but right now it's not worth the risk of leaving them to risk gorging and the consequences.

Pictures from today include those taken this morning, such a glorious sunrise, the early light painting everything golden, and then there is one of the two black hairy beasties from this afternoon.



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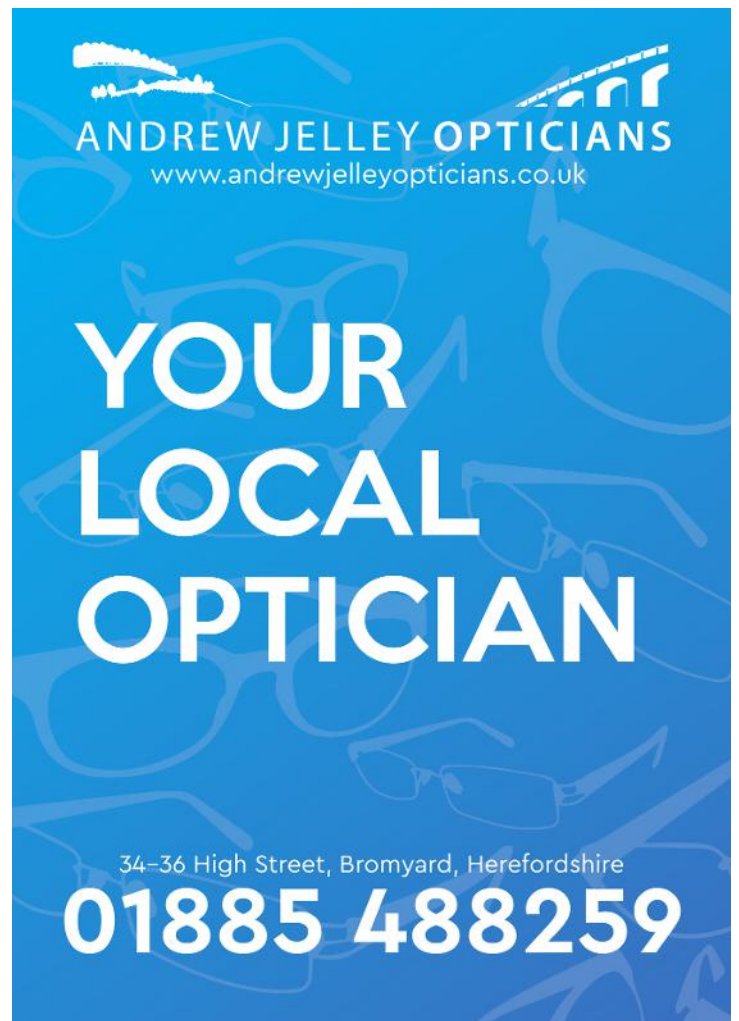


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# Charities

Longlands

The dilemma of producing animals, raising and caring for them, to be killed and butchered for us to eat, is something we talk about and do quite a lot at Longlands. Staff take a pragmatic approach to the subject, and so do our students.



Apple enjoying a good scratch with one of our students

As one remarked the other day, "It's just how it is, innit?"

Here on the care farm we have just bought two young pigs for fattening which will be killed for care farm consumption in the new year. Apple and Sauce get a lot of attention, fed twice a day, feasting on windfall apples at the moment, kept clean and with a good bed of straw as the weather gets colder. They love having their backs and bellies

scratched. We all know their ultimate fate. Meanwhile they flourish. Healthy and content animals grow well.

Equally important, I believe, is the circumstances of the animal's demise. We take the pigs to our local slaughterhouse in Leintwardine. They have a designated pig killing day and you book a time slot. It is a very small premises with capacity for probably only 10 – 15 pigs a day. Andy has taken our pigs the last few times and was very struck by how quiet and chilled out the atmosphere was. Our pigs arrived asleep in the trailer and had to be woken up. They trotted out very happily

to meet some new friends. I have also overseen lambs killed here in the yard for home eating. A local slaughterman carries out the deed. He is very skilled and experienced. The lambs display little stress, waiting in the handling system they have been going through all their lives. The killing is instant, and the live animal transformed into a meat carcass in minutes.

I enjoy eating meat on occasion, and am grateful for the privilege of the knowledge and control of exactly who it was and how it got onto my plate. Occasionally a student will choose not to eat meat because they know who it was. But sausages don't seem to count, and everyone is enjoying the last of the Salt and Pepper sausages – last year's autumn fattened pigs.

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- Packed and delivered 224 food parcels
- Successful in our application for the Government Household Support providing funds to support households with school uniforms, fuel for travel, car repairs, car tax and insurance, energy efficient white goods, mobile and broadband, warm clothes, energy bills and food
- Recruited a Foodbank Co-Ordinator, increased our incredible Volunteer team by ten who help with donation collections, food parcel packing, stock taking, fundraising and social media and communications.
- Noted as a model Money Advice centre with a great working relationship with other Community Money Advice Centres across Herefordshire
- We are a Talk Community Hub which puts us and Service Users in touch with other resources and organisations for help
- Our Facebookpage is back up and running at <https://www.facebook.com/BromyardFoodBank>
- Our new Website has been released with new functionality, e.g. direct donations Homepage - Bromyard Food Bank & Money Advice Centre

Every bit of help whether it is a donation of food, money or time makes a huge difference, this is what our Service Users tell us:

*.....thank you so much we really appreciate it. You've made our lives a little less stressful and we can't thank you all enough....*

*.....I'm so grateful for your help and the food parcel was amazing. It's been years since I've been able to have so much food in and really reduces stresses of not only money but also getting it, your help is amazing....*

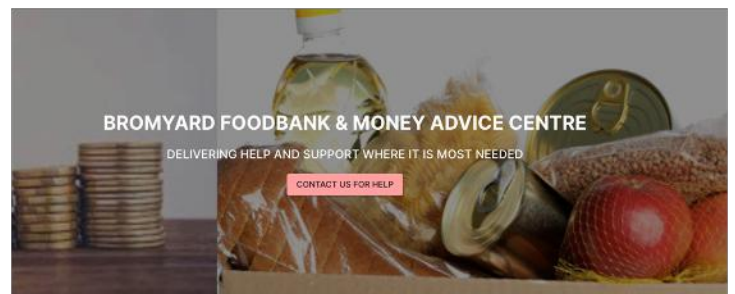
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In the words of one of our Money Mentors, '...this has been truly life changing for him.. He is back to his former self as he was when I first met him socially over a year ago and is much more positive about his future...'

Finally, I just want to say a personal big thank and on behalf of our Trustees to you all; our supporters, local businesses,

schools, churches, and volunteers for the compassion and support you show. We all know how hard it can be for the people who find themselves in need of the services we provide, your support, time and extraordinarily kind donations go a long way to helping them. We all also know how much harder it is going to get and need your support more than ever to enable us to continue to deliver assistance where it is most needed.

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# Charities

HOPE Centre



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We hope everyone is managing to stay warm as we prepare to enter the winter months; it only feels like yesterday some

of us were struggling with the 30-degree heat!

This month we would like to focus on our Child Contact department.



We are excited to share our good news with you all, that we have now completed our third NACCC enhanced accreditation. NACCC is the National Association for

Child Contact Centres, an accrediting membership body for child contact centres in and around the UK. We are proud to say we have maintained our high standards in the venue, provision and communication we offer.

Our child contact department provides a service for non-resident parents, carers or family members to spend time with their child, in a neutral and safe space. We have a team of NACCC trained Family Time Workers delivering family time sessions and support to families during their time with us.

We deliver supervised and supported family time sessions, depending on a family's requirements. We are open weekdays and weekends and can offer sessions after school. Sessions can take place at our Centre but also in the community as a progression to contact without professional intervention.



We have a contract with Cafcass until 2024 delivering the Improving Child and Family Arrangements (ICFA) programme. This program is an opportunity for

parents to make arrangements and decisions together, without the need for future court intervention.

We welcome all referrals, such as self-referrals, solicitor referrals and Local Authority referrals; there is no requirement to have a court order in place. Some families use our service as an interim measure, to maintain contact in between court proceedings.

Here is some feedback from a parent who has accessed our services:

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*recommend the Centre enough!"*

If you would like more information about our service, please ring 01885 488495 and ask for Mickey Littlewood-Ree or email

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Dates for your diary, all at the Hope Centre, unless otherwise stated:

- **Halloween themed over 60s lunch club** - 26th October
- **West Mercia Women's Aid domestic abuse drop in** - 17th Oct, 14th Nov, 19th Dec
- **Kids in the Kitchen for children and families-** Halloween special - 24th October
- **HOPE Halloween party** for children and families - 25th October
- **Citizens Advice appointments** - moving to weekly face-to-face from October 25th
- **Age UK Digital Inclusion** support for over 50s Wednesdays by appointment
- **Age UK** - Tuesdays by appointment
- **Bounce and Rhyme for 0-5s** - Fridays 10.30-12 (Public Hall Bromyard)
- **Play and Learn for 0-3 s** - Mondays 10.30-11z
- **Health Visitor drop-in clinic** - Thursdays 9.30-11am
- **GlazyDayz Pottery** for children and families – 24th November
- **Christmas Craft Workshop** with coffee and mince pies for the over 60s - 29th November
- **Christmas party for children and families** – Monday 12th December
- **Over 60s Christmas Lunch Club** - 14th December

For details about these and all other events please call 01885488495 or [emailinfo@hopefamilycentre.org](mailto:emailinfo@hopefamilycentre.org)

Alternatively, please see our website [www.hopefamilycentre.org](http://www.hopefamilycentre.org)



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### PLAY AND LEARN for 0-3's

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### WEST MERCIA WOMEN'S AID Drop-in sessions 9am - 12noon

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### HOPE CAFÉ 10am– 3pm

### AGE UK HEREFORD AND LOCALITIES

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### CITIZENS ADVICE 10am - 3pm

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## WEDNESDAYS

### DIGITAL INCLUSION

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### FOOTCARE CLINIC

9.30am - 1.30pm

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### OVER 60'S LUNCH CLUB

12.00noon - 2pm

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### HEALTH VISITOR AND BABY WEIGH IN CLINIC 9.30am - 11am

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## FRIDAYS

### HOPE CAFÉ 10am– 3pm

Delicious meals, sweet treats and drinks, great views and soft play.

### BOUNCE AND RHYME 10.30am - 12noon at the Public Hall

Join our Early Years trained staff for a fun-filled session of storytelling, music, rhythm and rhyme. Refreshments served at midday. Only £1 per family to include a drink and light snack. No booking required.

## SATURDAYS

### HOPE CAFÉ 10am - 12.30pm 2nd Saturday of the month

Everyone welcome for tea, coffee, cake and brunch.



## Edwyn Ralph

### What's on at Edwyn Ralph Village Hall

Tel: 07775852706 or 01885483168.

Email: [ervhbooking@gmail.com](mailto:ervhbooking@gmail.com)

More info on Facebook & [www.edwynralphvillagehall.com](http://www.edwynralphvillagehall.com)

### Coffee Mornings: Next dates 5th Nov, 3rd Dec

First Saturday of the month.

10.30am – 12pm. Coffee, tea, cake, bingo & raffle. Large selection of books available to browse.

### NEW!! Yoga Flow every Wednesday 7pm.£8 pp.

Contact Paul Kinsella 07720206677

email: [pknsll@aol.com](mailto:pknsll@aol.com) See flyer on our website and social media for more booking info.

### Ballroom Dancing: 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 16th Dec. 8pm – 11pm

Graham & Denise welcome you to a Social Evening of Dance – Ballroom, Sequence, Latin & Line. Good friendly atmosphere in a safe environment. Smart casual dress. Please bring your own refreshments. There will be a Raffle & door draw.

### Post Office Outreach Van

Di Holloway and her Post Office van will visit Edwyn Ralph Village Hall Car park every Tuesday 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Pay bills, tax your car, pay in & withdraw money. Post letters & parcels. A range of stationery and gift cards are available.

## News From The Villages

### Christmas Craft Fair Sat 12th Nov 10.30am – 2.30pm

Gifts & treats, perfect for the festive season. £5 per table. To book a table contact 07775852706

### Two Tins Tuesday

Every Tuesday , a box will be outside Edwyn Ralph Village Hall to collect for Bromyard Food Bank.

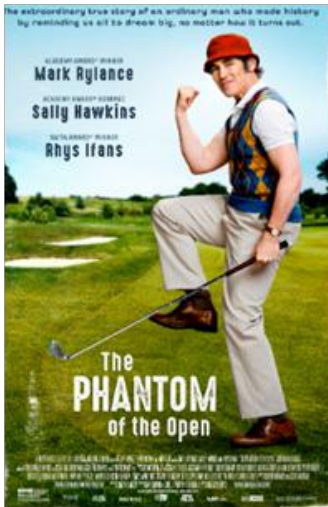
### Salvation Army Clothing Bank.

The clothing bank is available in The Village Hall car park.

**Craft Fair**  
**Saturday 12th Nov**  
**10.30am - 2.30pm**  
**Tables £5**  
**Book your craft stall**  
**07775852706**  
Edwyn Ralph Village Hall  
HR74LY

## Community Cinema

On Thursday 20th November we are pleased to be showing *The Phantom of The Open*. Led by a stellar performance from Mark Rylance. This British comedy turns a stranger than fiction true story into crowd-pleasing entertainment. Come along at 7:00 for some refreshment before the showing at 7:30. The ticket price is £6.00 payable by cash or card on the door.



## Garden Club

Pencombe and Little Cowarne Garden Club will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday 14th November at 7:30. The evening will be looking at ways

to manage the wilder areas in the garden and will include a talk by Sarah King from the Wildlife Trust. New members are always welcome, please contact Susan on 07711 419292, or Janet on 01885 400256 if you are interested in coming along.

## Pencombe and Little Cowarne WI

The Pencombe and Little Cowarne WI will be meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday 15th November, the speaker will be John Platts who will share his experiences on 'A Policeman's Lot'. New members and visitors are always very welcome. Please come along if you would like to meet other local women and enjoy a chat with refreshments.


## PLC Wine Society

The Wine tasting on Friday 18th November at 7:30pm will be tutored by Jane Salt of Hay Wines and will show Bordeaux style wines from around the world. The cost will be £15.00 per head, which includes a light supper of cheeses, charcuterie, bread and fruit to accompany the wine selection. Please contact Susan Drew at [susan@cooteharvard.co.uk](mailto:susan@cooteharvard.co.uk) or telephone 07711419292 in advance if you would like to attend. A very interesting evening is guaranteed.

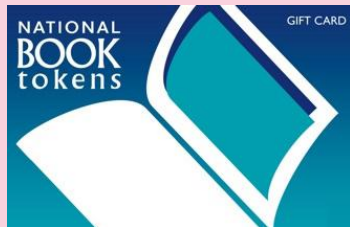
Keep up with the film diary and all the other community events at Pencombe and Little Cowarne Parish Hall via the digital newsletter. Email us at [palcph@gmail.com](mailto:palcph@gmail.com) and ask to be included on the mailing list.

# Competition

## Win a £20 voucher!

For your chance to win a £20 book token from Food For All all you have to do is find this Scottie dog on two pages in the magazine! 

Email or post your answer, which must include the page numbers, the article title and the word that appears at the end of the sentence next to the scottie.



**Example: Page 38 - Win a £20 voucher! - magazine!**

Answers to: [scottie@bromyard.info](mailto:scottie@bromyard.info) or on a postcard to: - Bromyard Info Magazine Competition, The Heritage Centre, 1 Rowberry Street, Bromyard HR7 4DU by Monday 17th October 2022

**The Winner of last month's competition is Suzanne Palmer who wins a £20 gift voucher from The Picture Framer. Congratulations!**

## Bishops Frome Village Centre



**Saturday November 26 at 7pm**

**Tickets £10 per head  
£5 for under 10s  
to include cheese & biscuits  
and dessert**

**Teams of 4**

**Bar and Raffle**

Please book at Bishops Frome Community Shop,  
email [bishfromecentre@aol.com](mailto:bishfromecentre@aol.com),  
or call/text 07960 881989

Fundraiser for BFVC

**Quizmasters Nick and Nicky Jones**

**[bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://bishopsfromecentre.co.uk)  
WR6 5AR**



## Councillor Clare Davies



You will have seen me walking along paths from one cul-de-sac to another or just from one estate to another stopping for a chat to anyone who has the time. This is my way of keeping in touch and being available to listen to your concerns. It's very interesting that the majority of those who do chat are quite happy where they live and feel blessed to be there.

I make a note of overgrown hedges onto foot paths as well as the unevenness of them. My aim

is to pass the information onto our Locality Steward who points me in the right direction for advice.

You will have been pleased I am sure to see Balfour Beatty resurfacing our roads, even if you have been a little inconvenienced.

However, we have been waiting some years for it to happen so hurray!



### Concerns:

- \*Lack of Police presence
- \*Dog fouling
- \*Parking on pavements
- \*Shortage of buses
- \*Lack of facilities for teenagers
- \*Pot holes
- \*Parking in an area where one does not live

## County Councillors

On my way around Bromyard West, I have had the great pleasure of foraging for blackberries. Some have been very disappointing this year due to the weather. I was sad to come across some plum tree branches broken down due to their heavy load and to the wind and rain. Thinking of the environment in which we live, I would like to take the opportunity to thank, all those who are out and about around our streets cleaning and tidying up. (Image left: Before and Image right: After). As usual it has been a busy month with meetings at Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane. Thank goodness for a number of Zoom meetings - when my laptop behaves itself, it takes much less time than attending CH. You will find all you want to know about what is happening in the County from [www.herefordshire.gov](http://www.herefordshire.gov)



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Clare Davies

**Bromyard & District  
Local History Society  
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday 19th November  
10am – 5pm**

**At The Local & Family History Centre**  
*5 Sherford Street Bromyard*

**Books, Grand Prize Draw  
Mince Pies and Mulled Drinks**

**Free Entry**

**Christmas Fayre**

The Falcon Mews  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**11.00 am – 4.00 pm**

All proceeds to  
St Michael's Hospice

**Cakes, Raffle, Tombolo  
and many unique  
Christmas gifts**

## Changes to Online Access

As of 1st November, all patients who already have an online services account set up (NHS App, Patient Access etc.) **will be able to view their prospective GP medical records.** This means you will be able to view any of the following entries onto your medical records dated on or after 1st November 2022:

- Your demographic data
- Consultations
- Hospital and other secondary care documents
- Immunisations, allergies and medications
- Diagnosis, results and other investigation results

**It is your responsibility to keep your login details and password safe and secure.** Please be careful with devices that have your online service account and we recommend that if you lose the device you should contact the practice to remove access immediately.

If you print out any information from your record, it is also your responsibility to keep this secure. If you are at all worried about keeping printed copies safe, we recommend that you do not make copies at all.

## Care Navigation and Other Healthcare Professionals at the Practice

The demand for GP appointment is currently high. We do have routine appointments available within 2 weeks and have urgent care appointments for things that medically need to be seen that day.

We would like to remind you that we have several other healthcare professionals working either at or with the Surgery who may be more suited for your need and **we respectfully ask that that you tell reception what you need** so that they can navigate you to the most appropriate healthcare professional.

Some of the additional Healthcare Professions we have to support our Surgery are:

**Nurse Practitioner** – who is trained to take medical histories; perform examinations, diagnose illnesses, analyse tests, prescribe and develop management plans

**Long term condition Practice Nurses** – who are trained to manage and support patients with long term health conditions eg asthma/ COPD/ Diabetes as well as all aspects of general practice nursing

**General practice nurses** – who are trained to provide all aspects of nursing care; eg childhood immunisations; smears; dressings etc

**Health Care Assistants** – who are trained to do all aspects of the initial investigations needed to review long-term conditions prior to either a telephone consult or face to face with a Long term condition Practice Nurse ie bloods/ foot checks/ ECGs/ spirometry and can follow a management plan for dressings.

**Pharmacist** – Our Practice Pharmacist will deal with any medication queries, however ordering medication must be via the usual routes.

**First Care Practitioner** – is able to help with any muscular or movement aches and pains. These will be telephone triaged initially but face to face appointments offered if needed

**Wellbeing team - consists of Occupational therapist, social prescriber and Health and Wellbeing coach**

**Occupational Therapist** – Available for patients living in the community, particularly those living alone, isolated and not connected to support services

**Social Prescriber** – Our Social Prescriber can help you with social, practical and/or emotional needs and help you to find solutions or direct you to extra services that can help you to improve your health and wellbeing. Things they can help with include loneliness/ debt/ housing etc

**Health and Wellbeing Coach** – part of the wellbeing team. They will spend time with you discussing things that are impacting on your health and wellbeing such as improving your lifestyle; getting more active; weight loss; stress and anxious; stop smoking; drinking less

**Dementia Nurse** – Our Community Dementia Nurse and Advisors are able to assess and offer support to patients living with Dementia & their loved ones in order to help with their condition and to improve their day-to-day needs.

In addition our:

**Secretaries** – can help with queries regarding any referrals you have had

**Administrators** – For any administration questions eg copies of letters etc.

**Receptionist/ care coordinators** – book your appointment with the right person to deal with your specific need; problems with your online log ins and general queries

RAISING FUNDS FOR

BBC's children in need  

**Sing-a-long** with

WORCESTER UKULELE CLUB



**Saturday 26 November**

The Falcon Mews  
Pump Street, Bromyard, HR7 4BX  
7.30 p.m. (Doors open @ 7 p.m.)

Tickets £5 on the door + Raffle

# Bromyard Floral Club

Our October meeting was a club night, which involved making an arrangement in a bulb bowl using chicken wire. Unfortunately, Brigette who was to lead this was not very well, so at the last minute I was volunteered to stand in. I had recently helped with a harvest festival in an eco-church, so we did not use oasis and also try to be sustainable with our flowers. I was, therefore, able to show how I had filled an urn with bendy twigs to support the foliage and flowers.

Everyone had a go with using the chicken wire - it is not as easy to make an arrangement without oasis, but we found that more foliage and flowers you add the easier it gets. Whenever we have a club night, it is always amazing how different all the arrangements are and tips can be picked up to help for our next efforts .

### Diary dates

**November 1st** Club Night Christmas Tree Decoration

**December 6th** Open Evening

**January 2023** No meeting

**February 7th** Club Night plant manipulation

# Clubs and Societies

## Bromyard Choral Society



### Bromyard Choral Society

Tickets for the joint concert of  
The Nelson Mass by J Haydn and Faure's  
Requiem

on  
Saturday 26th November  
at St Peter's Church

with

Bromyard Choral Society and Cradley Singers  
can be obtained from  
'Food For All' in Bromyard High Street  
and from any member of the Society

**Tickets cost £12**

# Scouts Bromyard



### New Scout Group Gets Fundraising off to an excellent start!

Leaders and young people from Scouts Bromyard sold nearly 500 raffle tickets to the generous people of Bromyard at the Co-Op store on Saturday 15th October.

Scouts Bromyard reopened in September 2022 with a team of enthusiastic new Scouts volunteers, bringing fun, adventure, new friendships and skills for life to young people, aged 6-14 years, in the community.

The funds raised will provide materials, equipment, and tools



to run attractive programmes of activities, challenges and everyday adventures for as many youngsters as possible in and around Bromyard, and to begin to set up a bursary fund to ensure

Scouting is accessible to all.

Our thanks go to the Co-Op for welcoming us to the store on Saturday 15th October, to the local shopkeepers and enterprises for donating a variety of gift vouchers and services as prizes and to the generous Co-Op customers.

The next fund-raiser is a 'joint' project with BBC's Children In

Need campaign - a 'Sing-a-Long' with the Worcester Ukulele Club, on Saturday, November 26th, at 7.30 pm with doors opening at 7pm at The Falcon Mews.

This is just a start to the fundraising efforts. The trustees are applying to grant giving organisations and appealing to local businesses to provide financial assistance to the group. If you are interested in offering financial support to the group through a donation or sponsorship, then we would be very pleased to talk with you.

If you are interested in joining the team at Scouts Bromyard as an adult volunteer, we would love to hear from you. We also welcome enquiries about young people wishing to join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

Please visit: [www.scoutsbromyard.com](http://www.scoutsbromyard.com) or email: [atgsl@scoutsbromyard.com](mailto:atgsl@scoutsbromyard.com).

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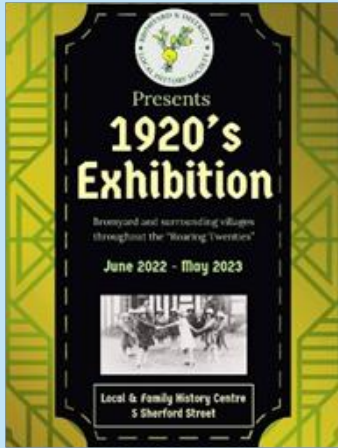
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Deadline for the December edition is Friday 17th November

## The Roaring Twenties



If you are getting fed up with a non-stop diet of politics and feeling depressed with the international news, why not step back in time at the Bromyard History Centre. The current exhibition, 'The 1920s', also known as the "Roaring Twenties", was a decade of contrasts. Bromyard, like many other places was recovering from the effects of the First World War, married women were gaining voting rights for the first time, the Workhouse was still in use

and many of the great houses in the district like Cowarne Court and Saltmarshe Castle were still standing. This exhibition will run until May 2023.

Have you ever wondered who your ancestors were, where they lived, or about your house? We do have an extensive data base and an amazing archive, and you might just be surprised about the information that you can unearth about your forebears. We do have help on hand to guide you through the process. With Christmas coming up you might like to consider buying from our extensive range of local history books. Reasonably light, compact, and easy to post. Great for your overseas relatives.

## Upcoming events

9th November 2022 - Two 'horizons' in parish church architecture in the Bromyard area- Two significant early 'horizons' of church building in stone across north-eastern Herefordshire. Speaker: Dr Keith Ray.

8th March 2023 -The World's Oldest Independent Railway: Part 1 – Slate - the birth, development and decline of the Ffestiniog Railway in North Wales.Speaker: Tim Maynard.

12th April 2023 - Harvington Hall –the house and its secrets. Speaker: Phil Downing (this will be followed by a guided tour of Harvington Hall in June)

10th May 2023 -Inventing History: How Shakespeare's Plays have shaped our understanding of the Fifteenth Century:A lively exploration of English History through the plays of William Shakespeare, and how they compare with the historical record. Speaker: Hugh Farey.

Book talks through Conquest Theatre box office.

Our events are open to non-members

For further information on talks and summer visits please email:bromyardhistorytalks@gmail.com

History Centre opening hours: Thursdays – 10.00 to 13.00 hrs and 14.00 to 16.30hrs; Fridays – 10.00 to 13.00 hrs and 14.00 to 16.30hrs; Saturdays – 10.00 to 12.30 hrs.

Telephone: 01885 488755

Email:bromyardhistory@btconnect.com.

Website: bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk

## Probus Club

### Light Entertainment



Bromyard Probus Club enjoyed an illuminating experience on Tuesday October 11th when our treasurer Kevin Lovell

gave us a talk on the ins and outs (should that be 'ons' and 'offs'?) of the famous Bromyard Christmas lights. Images of people running up ladders hurriedly switching things on and off were replaced by an amazing account of high-tech control boards, designed by Kevin and made in a factory in China. Coils of rope-light lay around the room, as clicks on a laptop changed their sequences. All were amazed, and determined not to miss the great turn-on in November.

Our next meeting will be on November 8th, when John Alexander, John Davies, and Edward Brazier will lead a debate (sorry, I meant to write 'discussion', but two at least of our recent members are farmers) on the effects of climate change on agriculture. All are welcome.

If you are a man recently retired or about to retire who enjoys a good lunch, good company, and stimulating conversation, the Falcon at 12.30 on November 8th is the place for you. Please ring Malcolm Penny on 01885 490291 to book a place.

## Bromyard & District Local History Society

invites you to our Anniversary Lecture delivered by Dr Keith Ray



### Cradley and the Early Church in North-East Herefordshire and West Worcestershire

Cradley church contains standing fabric and stone fragments indicative of the existence there of a rare example of a late Saxon stone-built church. The exact status of this individual church is uncertain but a close examination made of its fabric introduces a more general discussion of the early Anglo-Saxon church and its former physical presence in the Bromyard and lower Teme valley area.

The illustration is of the Marden iron bell: such simple (if large) bells were said to have been carried ahead of the priests of pre-Conquest British churches as they travelled from parish to parish to carry out their pastoral duties.

Keith Ray was for 16 years (1998-2014) County Archaeologist for Herefordshire. He is now Honorary Professor in Archaeology in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion at Cardiff University.

Talk to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

at the Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road 7.30 pm  
all welcome

members free guests £5.00 book online: <https://conquest-theatre.co.uk>  
or tel 01885 488575 Wednesday & Saturday mornings

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**Quarter Jewellery, 27 The Shambles, Worcester, WR1 2RA**

**Malvern Goldsmiths, 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, WR14 4PZ**

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