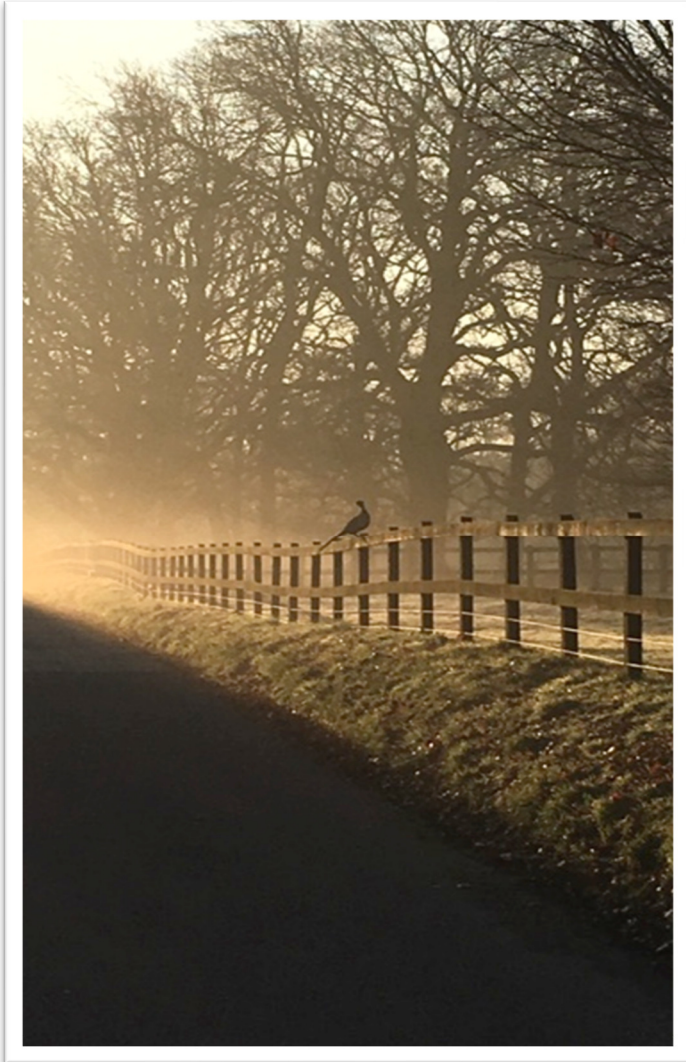


INKPEN AND COMBE BULLETIN

MARCH 2020



CHURCH LETTER

Dear Friends,

Refreshment Sunday – what a lovely thought! In our hectic 21st Century lives, I can think of a number of people, including myself, who could do with at least one of those every week – if not more. So, it is unexpected to learn that the name, and the concept, pre-date us by several hundred years.

Laetere Sunday (a Latin word meaning “rejoice”) is the 4th Sunday in the Church season of Lent – the six(ish) weeks which lead up to, and prepare us for, the great events of Easter. Lent: traditionally a period of great solemnity – fasting, no meat, fish only on Fridays, repentance & confession – with no decorations in churches and altars (and indeed priests) draped in sombre purple. But six weeks seemed like a long, long time to keep this up, so there was a little island of relief – of Refreshment – in the middle, when the rules were relaxed, the church colours were changed to pink and everyone rejoiced, albeit briefly. Another name for the day, therefore, is Rose Sunday – reflecting that change of Church colour.

It was a Sunday when, even in Protestant churches, the Virgin Mary – mother of Jesus – was remembered. This is especially relevant for us, here in Walbury Beacon, where we have two churches, Kintbury and Hamstead Marshall, dedicated to “St Mary the Virgin”. For some churches it was a time to reflect on their association with the Mother Church in Jerusalem – the city where the Christian Church was first established at and after Pentecost.

It became a Sunday when wealthy families would make an effort to travel to their local “Mother Church” – usually a minster, or the cathedral – instead of attending their parish church. And as “the family” was away from home, their servants had a day off; they would use it to walk home to visit their own families, often picking flowers on the way, as a gift for their mothers. If their employers were generous, they might even have been allowed to bake a traditional “Simmel Cake” to take home with them; these are often decorated with eleven marzipan balls – the apostles minus Judas Iscariot.

Thus, it became a day for celebrating all these different aspects of motherhood – “Mothering Sunday” – not just “Mothers’ Day”. The date varies from year to year because the date of Easter varies according to the Festival of Passover and the lunar calendar – don’t ask – and therefore the dates of Lent vary. This year Mothering Sunday is **Sunday 22nd March** – 3 weeks before Easter Day on 12th April. Mothers’ Day is a great invention for which we must thank the Americans (and maybe the greetings card industry?). And Fathers’ Day. And Grandparents’ Day.

Is there a Great-Aunt's Day? – as a devoted great-aunt myself, I think there should be. Perhaps I will invent it.

But Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Rose Sunday is a whole lot more than Mothers' Day: so, let's enjoy both occasions – any excuse to “laetere” – rejoice!

Best wishes, Jenny

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S

Mothering Sunday

Celebration of Mothering Sunday goes back to the 16th Century when its purpose was to encourage at least an annual return to the church in which you were baptised. Later in the 18th and 19th Centuries it became the day on which domestic servants were given time off to be with their own mothers and other family members. Often it was the only time that entire families could get together since, on other days, they were prevented from doing this by conflicting working hours. Thankfully, how times have changed! But Mothering Sunday is still recognized world-wide as the one day on which we can give special thanks to those who are and have been the centrepiece of our family lives. Our **Family Service** to celebrate this is on **Sunday March 2nd** and during it children can give the posies that we will provide to their mothers as a small gesture of the thanks for all that they both give and do for us. All are welcome.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is the rather dry title of the Meeting which is open to all in the Village to come and both hear and comment on the review of church worship and activity over the year. But only those on the Church Electoral Roll may take part in any voting. For more information on joining the Roll, contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Elsa Atkinson on 01488668375 or email geraldelsa@gmail.com. The Meeting is in the **Church Room** on **Wednesday April 1st** at **7.30pm**.

Lent Lunches

With all donations going to Christian Aid, the Lent Lunches of soup followed by bread and cheese and fruit will take place from 12 noon to 2pm. Together with the hosts for each they are as follows:

28th February - West Woodhay - Arabella Christian, Fish Ponds Farmhouse. Tel: 07715421866 or email Christianarabella@gmail.com.

6th March - Enborne - Phil Vockins, Foxgrove Plants. Tel: 01635 40554.

13th March - Inkpen - Meg Atkins, White House, Heads Lane. Tel: 01488 668253.

27th March - Hamstead Marshall - Venetia Dunlop, Setherum House, Benham Park. Tel: 01635 38491.

3rd April - Kintbury - Revd. Mark Wilson, The Vicarage, 3 Elizabeth Gardens. Tel: 01488 491105.

For catering purposes, it is helpful for the host to have an idea of numbers before the day of the lunch although everybody is welcome at short or no notice at all!

Insight

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, this is the title we have given to the series on the fourth Sunday of each month over the year when we will take a fresh look at the rational base of our Christian Belief. Given that the fourth Sunday this month is Mothering Sunday, Insight will continue in April when, aided by a film, we look at the ever increasing scientific evidence of the creative force that we call God. More about this in the next Bulletin.

STITCH AND KNIT

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - the March meeting being on **Wednesday 4th**. If you haven't joined us before or haven't been along for a while do think about coming along. We are a friendly group with lots of interests - all involving a needle (or pair) or some kind. There is no annual membership or any commitment to attend every meeting. You are very welcome to 'dip in and out' as you see fit, all we ask is £2 per person to cover the hire of the hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits (sometimes even cake!) is provided. Please feel free to give me a call 01488 668 222 (evenings are best) or email jan@honeydesign.co.uk

THE 92 GROUP

'**Blood Sweat and Tears**' is the title of the Inkpen 92 Group talk on **Wednesday 11th March** at Inkpen Sports Pavilion.

JANE & TREVOR ELLIMAN (from Hungerford Arcade) will speak about their 'unusual' collection of antique tools. Some are beautiful, some unusual and some plain gruesome. Some would even be considered too cruel in the 21st Century.

The collection remembers 'days gone by' with a vast collection of tools, which are regularly displayed at Hungerford Arcade - the vintage section of the New Forest

Show & the Great Dorset Steam Fair. Tools from every walk of life; nearly every village used to have a blacksmith, some continuing in the same forge for many generations and marked their work in the same way the potter would.

Trevor and Jane are pleased to hear from anyone who has an unusual object they would like identified – they are keen to help!

All are welcome to attend the meeting & Guests a donation of £2 will be requested.

EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL



Inkpen Village Hall – Regular Clubs & Activity

Barn Dancing	4 th Monday of month	2-4pm	Mike Courthold, 07584 269364
Carpet Bowls	Thursday afternoons	1.30-4.30pm	Sandy Wilson, 01488 668336
Pilates	Tues/Thurs mornings	11.15-12.15 Both days	Caroline McCord, 07817 503546
Line Dancing	Thursday evenings Starting 5 th Mar 2020	7-10pm	Allison Green, 07523449139
Market	3 rd Sunday	10-12.30pm	Josephine Stark: 01488 668068
Playgroup	Friday mornings	10.30- 12.30pm	Malaika Hilhorst, 07980752644
Stitch & Knit	1st Wed every month	7.30pm	Jan Honey, 01488 668222
Table Tennis	Wed nights except 1st Wed	6pm	Steve Connors, 01488 668642
USA Table Tennis	1 st and 3 rd Monday	1.30-4pm	Email: jeff@riggs.me.uk or visit http://www.bunzerfordtu3a.org.uk/
Yoga	Tues evenings	6.30pm	Susie Wilkinson: 07920 422029



INKPEN VILLAGE MARKET

Many thanks to those of you who braved the elements and came to support the Inkpen market in February. I measured the footfall as being about 6.8/10 so not bad, but a lot of improvement is still needed if the market is to continue. Regular visiting is the key and a bit of spending so that the stallholders are persuaded to keep coming. The next market is on **Sunday March 15th** between 10.00 and 12.30 and there is so much to look at and choose from. Established plants for the garden, bird seed, a great choice of greetings cards, second-hand books and this month beautiful bead jewellery! Also, a new stall - buy cleverly recycled clothes or bring in something you would like altered or revamped.

Buy delicious sausages, free range eggs, homemade soup, fish pate, interesting breads, jams and chutneys, local honey, cakes and tray bakes. If you have never visited the market before, then now is the time to come and feast your eyes. It is also a perfect time to catch up with old friends and perhaps meet new ones over a Garibaldi and Gerald's own brewed coffee.

THE CROWN AND GARTER

Jane says.... "The Crown and Garter is getting ready to help you all spoil your Mother's on 22nd March with our lovely mouth-watering Mother's Day menu. This includes some amazing dishes, all homemade with local produce, by our excellent team of chefs. For starters, try the Wookey hole cheddar and leek tart, or our lovely Chicken Liver Parfait, served with our homemade fruit chutney. We will have a choice of three roasts, Beef, Pork or our Ultimate nut roast, with all the trimmings. Or choose poached Salmon, with fricassee of peas and pancetta. If there's still room, try our superb homemade desserts, homemade ice cream or delicious Petit fours. I would recommend booking to avoid disappointment on 01488 668325.

We also have a brand new gin of the month; the awarding winning Highclere Castle Gin. It has a delicate balance of juniper, lime flower, orange peel, a touch of lavender and Highclere oats to give the gin its uniquely smooth flavour. Just a perfect drink, ready for the spring. Hopefully we will get some sun and be able to enjoy the lovely garden here at the Crown and Garter "

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Money Boxes. The recent annual Money Box Collection for the Children's Society raised the splendid sum of £291.50. Many thanks to all the Boxholders who help the Society by having a money box in their home which over the years have raised a considerable sum for which the Society is very grateful. But I have one request. I have been a Box Coordinator for just over thirty years but have decided to stand down no later than after the next collection which will be in January 2021. So if anyone would like to consider taking over this worthwhile voluntary post please contact me, Elsa Atkinson, for more information on 01488 668375 or email geraldelsa@gmail.com.

PLAYING FIELD TRUST UPDATE (IMPFT)

Playground: The electricity board has cut down much of the hedging between the playground and Pottery Lane and we are currently looking at the fencing options and related costs and hope to have replacement fencing in place soon.

Thank you to Bruce who cut up the tree that fell into the existing playground during the storms. We will be seeding the area where the mound was removed, ready for the roundabout in March. We would appreciate it if children could stay off the area.

The Pavilion: We still hope to start building in April and would therefore appreciate any help you can give in helping to raise the additional funds required. If you can help or know of a grant that we can apply for please get in touch with clairejonesIMPT@gmail.com . Donations should be made payable to IMPF Fund Raising and sent to Claire Jones, Craven Hill Cottage, Craven Road, Inkpen RG17 9DY

Bat Boxes: If any of you have any Bat Boxes that you are not using please do let us know as we need to put some up near the pavilion in April.

Junior Football: Sadly, Oliver our coach was offered a paid job managing a team, so we are now looking for a new coach. If you know of anyone who would be able to coach juniors, please do get in touch as we have lots of interest in the village for this coaching on Sunday afternoon.

Inkpen Open Gardens:



After the success of the Inkpen Open Gardens day last year we would like to do the same again this year. If you would be interested in opening your garden please do get in touch. **The date is likely to be 14th June.**

If you would like to receive the IMPFT Newsletter which is sent out monthly, please visit the IMPFT website (impft.co.uk) and subscribe.

IMPFT Trustees: Mark Bates, Jennie Edwards, Simon Hanna, Claire Jones, Bob May, Moira Marriott, David Thomas

FROM THE EDITOR

We would like to thank Paul Roscoe, the Managing Director of Berkshire Labels - a resident of Upper Green - for setting up an account with the printers. This has enabled us to keep printing costs down. Without a trade link, our costs would be far greater.

We would like to trial a Births, Marriages and Deaths (otherwise known as Hatches, Matches and Dispatches) section in the Bulletin. We appreciate it won't be for everyone but the first two are announcing good news and the latter could invite a short tribute about the person's life. If we hear nothing, we'll assume 1. there were no occasions to write in or 2. it wasn't a good idea.

Copy Date. Please could we have copy for April's issue by **20th March** to aliedesforges@yahoo.co.uk or ring us on 01488 668496.

POLICE UPDATE

Our Community Police Officer, Joanna King, writes: On the 20th January, in heavy rain and windy conditions, the team carried out a Tool Marking event at Howdens in Hungerford. We marked several bikes and tools. Our next marking event is **12th March 1000-1400hrs** at Fort Builders Merchants, Lambourn Woodlands. Around the local area we continue to experience daytime dwelling burglaries. Please look out for your neighbours and their properties. If you notice any persons (with or without vehicles) acting suspiciously please contact the Police.

We have had a few reports of break-ins to outbuildings and sheds. High-quality locks should be used on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire. A shed alarm can also be installed. Audible alarms are widely available and reasonably priced on the internet. If an alarmed padlock is tampered with, they can emit 100+ decibel sirens that will not only draw attention but surprise and deter an offender.

Postcode or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater. It's also worth setting up an account on Immobilise and listing everything in the shed. To register is free - www.immobilise.com

Date for your diary – **Sunday 1st March** sees the start of a regular rural “Have Your Say”, whereby our Mobile Police Station will be making pit stops in the rural villages in our policing area. We will be in the car park of the **Inkpen Sports Pavilion between 1330 – 1430hrs.**

You can report online at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk> , but if it is urgent please continue to call on 101 (non-emergency) and 999 in an emergency. Our team email address is: hungerfordanddownlandsnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please be aware this is not monitored 24/7 and should not be used to report a crime. You can now follow us on twitter @TVP_westberks and we are on Facebook TVP West Berkshire.

Mobile Library: will call in Inkpen at Craven Rd. from 2.30 – 2.50pm and at Inkpen School from 3.05 to 4pm on 10th and 31st March 2020. Please support the rural service as we do not wish to lose it.

CHURCH SERVICES AND LESSONS FOR MARCH

Sunday 1st March

1st Sunday in Lent

God's great feast

Phillipians 3, vs 18-end; Luke 14, vs 15-24

8.00	Kintbury	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
8.30	Inkpen	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wood
10.30	Kinbury	Benefice Service	Revd. T. Wood

Sunday 8th March
2nd Sunday in Lent
Tea with Zaccheaus
Acts 16, vs 16-25; Luke 19, vs 1-10

8.00	Kintbury	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
9.45	Kintbury	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wood
9.45	Inkpen	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wilson
9.45	H. Marshall	Holy Communion	Revd. G. Foulis Brown
9.45	Enborne	Matins	Jenny Veasey
11.15	Combe	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
11.15	W. Woodhay	Joint Service at Combe	

Sunday 15th March
3rd Sunday in Lent
The Last Supper
1Col 10, vs 16-17; Luke 22, vs 7-20

8.00	Kintbury	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wood
8.30	Inkpen	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
9.45	Kintbury	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wilson
9.45	Enborne	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wood
11.15	W. Woodhay	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wood
11.15	Combe	Joint service at WW	
4.30pm	Inkpen	Compline	Revd. M. Wilson

Sunday 22nd March
Mothering Sunday
Samuel 16, vs 1-13; Ephesians 5, vs 1-13; John 9, vs 1-41

8.30	Inkpen	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
9.45	Inkpen	Family Service	Revd. M. Wilson
9.45	H. Marshall	All Age Worship	Revd. T. Wood
9.45	Kintbury	All Age Worship	Jenny Veasey
11.15	Combe	Holy Communion	Revd. M. Wilson
11.15	W. Woodhay	Holy Communion	Revd. T. Wood
6.30pm	Enborne	Evensong	Jenny Veasey

Wednesday 29th March
5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37, vs 1-14; Romans 8, vs 6-11; John 11, vs 1-45

10.30	Inkpen	Benefice Service Instead of 5 th April	Revd. M. Wilson
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CHURCH CONTACTS

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Churchwardens: Inkpen: Peter Bell (tel. 668395), Gerald Atkinson (tel. 668375). **Combe:** David Russell (tel. 668229), Katherine Astor (tel. 668284).

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Mass is at **9am every Sunday** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, Priory Road, Hungerford. **Weekday Mass** is at the same church **every Wednesday at 10am**. Our Lady of Lourdes Church is now open during the week from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday. For further information, contact Paul Burrough 01488 668882, mobile 07836 292976 or email paul.burrough@talktalk.net.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning applications were considered this month: 20/00135/COMIND Memorial Playing Field, Post Office Rd. general renovation and improvements (revision to approved scheme 19/00396/COMIND) – these plans are on the Inkpen website. 20/00048/FUL Quill Cottage, Craven Rd. replacement dwelling with attached double garage and annex above. All planning applications can be viewed on the West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk

Parish Council meeting in February considered the Grant applications submitted by village groups: funding was agreed for Inkpen & Combe Bulletin - £460; children's play area - £1000; Inkpen 92 Group - £200. Projected expenditure for 2020/2021 was considered and councillors agreed that there would be no increase on the Precept– all increases would be absorbed within the current budgets.

West Berkshire Local Plan: the WBC Local Plan is currently being reviewed to cover the period up to 2036 and as part of that process the settlement boundaries are being reviewed. The Housing & Economic Land Assessment (HEELA) of all sites put forward for potential development is the last stage of the Local Plan review

to 2036. There is an interactive map showing the various sites and how WBC view them on the website <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/heela> . There are none in Inkpen but you may wish to consider the impact of development for those sites under consideration in Kintbury and Hungerford. As an adjacent village Inkpen has been invited to comment.

Updates on Parish Activity: the new parish website is updated regularly and if you wish to check on new information during the month please access www.inkpenvillage.co.uk

Environment Strategy 2020-2030 – Parish Council representatives attended the workshop at WBC last month as the challenge of climate change is recognised across the district and there is an increasing need for action if we are to respond to the danger this poses to wildlife and the environment. We all need to make lifestyle changes; reduce waste; reduce car journeys where possible; promote walking and cycling; reduce food waste; expand tree planting in gardens and open ground, to name just a few ways to respond.

Roadside Ditches: Please can everyone take responsibility and make sure that the ditch adjacent or within your property is clear to avoid flooding and causing a problem to neighbouring dwellings. If the ditch is owned by the Highway Authority for draining the highway please discuss any problems with Customer Services on 01635 519080.

Great British Spring Clean: Don't forget this event is scheduled for 20th March to 13th April 2020– it would be great to get Inkpen involved. The Council can assist with the 'Parish Spring Clean' and the community litter picks- book your *litter pick tool kit* from Customer Services Team on 01635 551111 <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/communitylitterpick>

Inkpen Parish Council meetings are advertised on the village notice boards and on the official village website in advance of the meeting - see www.inkpenvillage.co.uk . The next meeting is on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm and as always subject to councillor's availability. All Inkpen residents are welcome to attend.

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