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EDITORIAL

It looks like we may be having a Indian Summer this year, as I write this in September the weather is lovely .



Harvest weekend went very well. Look in the Vicar's articles in the middle of this magazine.

Dates for Diary 2019

27th September at 10am to 12pm Hilderstone Hall, Coffee Morning.

3rd Nov. all Saints Day service.

10th Nov Remembrance Day.

1st Dec Advent Sunday Evening service.

3rd December W.I. Christmas Party

17th December Village Christmas Party

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HILDERSTONE WI

Hilderstone WI were fortunate to hear local historian Steve Booth telling us all about 'The Lost Treasure of Stone ' at our September Meeting.

We had a visitor , whom we hope will return to see more of what we are about! A number of ladies were on their holidays , but the return of Mrs. Peggy Shelley delighted us all.

Steve spoke about the discovery, in August 2011 ,of a medieval seal used by Stone Priory, in a field in Surrey ! It was oval in shape, 3 inches long ,made of metal with some wording around the edge. Tony Burke found it whilst he was metal detecting in his friend the farmer's field. When he reported it to the Local Finds Officer he identified it as the Seal Matrix of the Medieval Priory of Stone ,from the translation of the Latin inscription ' The Seal of the Church of St. Michael and St. Wulfade, Martyr of Stone'.

A matrix was used to make a seal impression on beeswax and this one was probably made between 1200 and 1300. It would have been attached to all important documents to authenticate them , and kept under lock and key by the Prior and Sub-Prior.

It was lent to Stone in December 2011 and displayed in St. Michael and St. Wulfad's Church. In 2012 it featured on 'Britains's Secret Treasures' an ITV series which revealed that experts at British Museum ranked it 17th out of 800,000 finds made in Britain over the last 15 years !

The dissolution of the Monastries in 1537 caused Stone Priory to be dissolved and the Seal was perhaps taken at this point to its sister Priory at Cobham in Surrey ,150 miles away! Thanks to the great efforts of Stone Historical and Civic Society, £8,000 was raised to purchase it on behalf of local people. It is now on permanent display in the town. After being professionally cleaned and restored, it has been restored to its original state.

Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th October when we will be celebrating our 85th Birthday, with a meal and lots of conversation ! Guest of honour will be Reverend. Marion.

A great deal has happened in the world since our foundation in 1934, but Hilderstone WI survives !

Pat Saul President HILDERSTONE WI

Dear Hilderstone Residents

Anyone who has visited The Roebuck in the last year will agree that it is a very different place than it was a year ago and Emma has assembled a good team to help with the vital day to day work of meeting customer needs.

Several regulars have given their own time to provide much needed practical support in organising various events and this has been a big boost to the pub for which Emma is extremely grateful.

Whilst her team and committed regulars help to ease some of the pressures, as far as the business side is concerned, Emma has worked tirelessly and alone to keep the Roebuck open and thriving.

Despite all these efforts and Emma's hard work, unfortunately, we find ourselves, once again, at loggerheads with Admiral Taverns.

Essentially, the deal which Dave brokered with Admiral included paying a 10% deposit of the agreed price for the pub with a view to purchasing same within a two year period. In the interim, an agreed monthly rent would also be paid.

Dave and subsequently Emma have stuck with that deal since, but that deal ends on the 23rd September.

Ironically, Emma has indicated to us that Dave was days away from signing a deal to raise the required funds to purchase the pub before he tragically and unexpectedly passed away on 2nd November last year.

Admiral are now demanding an additional payment of £15,000.00 in order to extend the deal, beyond 23rd September, for a further 6 months.

Emma has been able to raise approximately a quarter of this but is struggling to raise the remainder. She has also indicated to us that there are several other, perfectly viable options, to raise the capital to

buy the pub outright and this is an ongoing process but is unlikely to complete before the deadline.

Emma has therefore asked that we inform all regulars and Hilderstone residents that, whilst she is desperate to keep the pub open, she needs whatever help can be provided in the short term. Otherwise there is a real and immediate prospect that the pub will close in the very near future.

The pub is operated as a Limited Company – Roebuck Enterprises Ltd – with Emma as sole Director and Shareholder. One idea is to appoint one or more additional Directors or a volunteer Manager, on a temporary basis if needs be, to help Emma negotiate a better deal with Admiral Taverns. This would probably be best served by someone with commercial legal experience or just a good negotiator.

Another, obvious idea, is to raise the necessary funds either as simple pledges, actual donations and / or purchasing shares in the Limited Company.

We would appeal to all those who have any interest in The Roebuck remaining at the heart of Hilderstone Village life, as the only remaining place for residents to meet and socialise on a daily basis, to come forward and offer any other ideas at this point by responding directly to this email.

Time is of the essence.

Many Thanks Andy Reiss & Phil Dale

My Favourite.....?

My Favourite sounds are hearing Dawn Chorus music vibrating the air,

The cacophony of spring bird song, the birds their territory declare.

I love to hear the Mistle Thrush's fluty song on morning after morning, all to greet

And screaming Swifts way up high, there to spend the night, never on their feet.

My favourite sights are nodding snowdrops, 'Candlemas Bells', by the mill race.

Or quivering 'Lambs Tails', drifting gold stardust falling on my upturned face

And spreading carpets of gold stars, Lesser Celandines, on the green grass.

I catch my breath when across the assure skies white clouds are drifting past.

Another favourite, Goldfinches, sun shining on black, red and yellow.

Snowflakes caressing my lifted face; feet kicking up the crunchy snow.

I love Horse Chestnut flowers with upright white candles, the eye to delight

And ditch banks full of frothy clusters of sweet Meadowsweet, creamy-white.

Fingers slide down a stem, brown sticky-bud at the tip, lovely feeling.

I feel snowflakes caress my face; feet kick up the snow, crunchy, sparkling.

A shroud of silence around me, then the air stabbed by a mournful cry.

Above, wings drifting up and down, two V's, Canada Geese, flying by.

So you can see that these, my 'favourites', that are part of me, prove something-
I believe it is the wonder of God's world that is my favourite thing. Sheila E Harvey

Hilderstone Parish Council

Best Kept Village Competition 2019

The judging for the Best Kept Village competition 2019 has now ended. Many thanks to the Best Kept Village team of volunteers, the regular litter pickers and to Bill Holmes for all his grounds maintenance work. Eastholme residents have again worked really hard this year to keep their area of the village looking exceptionally tidy and attractive. Thank you to all residents who contributed to the competition in whatever way you were able.

Please continue to support the campaign to keep Hilderstone tidy and attractive throughout the year.

Stone Lions Club – Prostate Screening

Stone Lions Club will be holding Prostate Screening – PSA Tests on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 6pm at the Stonehouse Hotel. Further information can be obtained from Glyn Ravenscroft

gravenscroft@outlook.com or Mike Ward
mikeward8@btinternet.com

Tree Planting Memorial for WW1

The Parish Council will be going ahead with the project to plant seven trees as a memorial to the local fallen soldiers from WW1. The trees will be planted near the children's play area and will include a plaque dedicating them as a memorial to the fallen soldiers. The approximate cost would be £500, although it is hoped with possible donations and volunteers to help with planting, this could be significantly reduced. The tree planting is provisionally scheduled for the last Sunday in October, following directly after the Sunday morning church service. If you would like to get involved in the project please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk

Overgrown Hedges

It has been noted that a number of hedgerows bordering properties in the area are quite

overgrown. Some of these are becoming an obstruction to the safe use of footpaths and pavements, or are blocking the safe view of traffic at junctions. It is important to the safety of local residents including children and families, that these hedges are cut back and the footpaths and pavements remain clear. Home owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of hedgerows bordering their property and the Parish Council would urge homeowners to help keep local residents safe but ensuring these hedges are cut back and well maintained.

Village Green Bench

The Parish Council regret to report that the park bench on the Village Green donated by the WI has been stolen. This bench had 'WI 1992' etched into the back panel and had recently been returned following its annual clean. A replacement bench is likely to cost in the region of £300/£400. The Parish Council will be considering quotes for replacement at their September meeting.

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From the Vicar

I have always been inspired by and, yes I admit it, envious, of someone who is either a very good musician or singer (or both!). As someone who enjoys a variety of music but has very little musical talent, I am always amazed at the God given gifts that musicians and singers have which give so much pleasure to people like me and in our benefice we do have a multitude of such talented people.

It takes an awful lot of hard work, dedication and determination, not just when learning music but also continually to practice, to become and remain such talented performers. I wonder, did all our local performers have aspirations and ambitions to be musicians or singers from an early age or was it something that they gradually became aware of and cultivated?

In school assembly this term I am talking to the children about aspirations and ambitions and I have chosen unlikely characters – David, the prodigal son, Nehemiah, just to name a few – to try to show the children that the most unlikely things can happen in our lives, that we can achieve our ambitions, that we may end up with ambitions that we never for a moment thought we'd have; if we let God be our guide and trust him, then we can achieve and do our very best at what we set out to do or what and where God is leading us to be.

Some of us though don't know what to do in our church, we think (erroneously) that we don't have any talent or ability. You may be thinking: "I could do something; I just don't know what I could do". You may not have thought you had anything to give to God's work in the benefice, deanery or diocese. If you don't really set your mind to thinking about it, you may never fulfil your latent aspirations and ambitions. To quote from St Theresa of Avilla: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."

So, what are your aspirations and ambitions?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marion', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Don't forget, at the end of October the clocks change one hour backwards – British Summer Time will be officially over!!

Services at Christ Church

October 2019

6 th Oct	11:15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
12 th October	2:00pm	Holy Matrimony
13 th October	11:15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
19 th October	12 noon	Holy Matrimony
20 th October	11:15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
27 th October	11:15am	BCP Holy Communion
3 rd November	11:15am	Common Worship Family Communion

Readings – October 2019

6 th October	2Tim 1: 1 - 14
(Proper 22)	Luke 17: 5 - 10
13 th October	2Tim 2:8 - 15
(Proper 23)	Luke 17: 11 - 19
20 th October	2Tim 3:14 – 4:5
(Proper 24)	Luke 18: 1 - 8
27 th October	2Tim 4: 6 – 8, 16 – 18
(Proper 25)	Luke 18: 9 -14
3 rd November	Eph 1: 11 - end
(All Saints)	Luke 6: 20 - 31

Contacts for other Churches

The Methodist Church (Blythe Bridge):
Rev'd Ian Coates 01782 395370

The Roman Catholic Church (Meir & Cresswell)
Fr Kazimierz Stefek: 01782 313734
Rev'd Trevor Borthwick

What's On

3rd Sunday Children's Crafty Sunday

The 11:15am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month includes special time for children to have time together to do a variety of craft based projects (recently making and maintaining a bug hotel in the churchyard for example). All children are welcome to join in. Please contact Lisa Norwood or Rev Marion for more details.

Advance notice

Sunday 10th November 2018 10:45am Remembrance Day service in church followed by planting of tree to remember those who gave their lives in the world wars.

Prayers

We pray for the Church, for all who are ill, bereaved, troubled or confused.

If you cannot get to church and would like a visit and/or Holy Communion, contact the Vicar (397073) or Shirley Rawlings (01538 724392).

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