

Christ Church Hilderstone Parish Magazine



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EDITORIAL

June sees the village bursting out with flowers, shrubs and the tender green of the leafing trees. The best kept village competition is in full flow and the Hilderstone gardens are looking colourful and attractive in the spring sunshine. We have already had one visit from the judges: hopefully they were impressed with our tidy and attractive village and they will look forward to their next visit.



Dates for Diary 2019

20th July Summer Fair

10th August Open Garden

14th September Jumble sale

15th September Harvest Festival Service

17th September Harvest Supper

3rd December W.I. Christmas Party

10th December Village Christmas Party

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HILDERSTONE WI News

There were eleven members present at our recent A.G.M, & seven other members made their apologies! Lots of holidays were being enjoyed!

We had the Hilderstone 100 Club Draw, followed by a rousing rendition of `Jerusalem`. During the Business Meeting, arrangements for our outing to Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre & Fletchers for afternoon Tea, on August 6th, our 85th Birthday on October 8th, & our Christmas Party on December 3rd were discussed. We learned that WI Chartley Group members can enjoy a Vintage 1920`s Fashion Show at Stowe-by-Chartley on 21st October, beginning 7.30pm at Stowe-by-Chartley Village Hall.

We gave good wishes to our delegate Gill Slater, for WI NFWI AGM on June 4th in Bournemouth.

The A.G.M saw all seven of our hard-working Committee re-elected, including President Pat Saul.

After tasty refreshments, we were very happily entertained by our own Gill Miller, who told us all about her holiday, cruising around South America with her husband. It was SO interesting & made several ladies want to do that themselves!

Our next meeting is `Penguins For Plastics`, on Tues June 11th at 7.30pm in Hilderstone Village Hall. New members are always welcome.



Keeping Traditions alive in Peru

Hilderstone Parish Council

Best Kept Village Competition 2019.

A reminder that the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition can take place at anytime in May, June, and July (the dates are not given). April is the time when work to prepare the village for the competition should be well underway.

Private front gardens as well as the public areas of the village are included in the judging. Neat and well maintained front gardens reflect the level of pride and care residents take in the appearance of their village. Everyone can help by weeding/sweeping the pavements in front of your house and for the passionate gardeners among you, an abundance of floral displays often helps impress the judges. Please help keep our village tidy by picking up litter when possible.

The Best Kept Village Competition also includes a children's poster competition for 5 to 11 year olds. Points are received for displaying the posters around the village and for the past few years there has been an excellent display of these in the village bus shelters, supplied by the pupils of Green Lea School. If your child does not attend Green Lea School they can still enter the competition by sending their poster to the Parish Clerk.

The aim of the posters is to encourage local people and visitors to help keep the village clean, tidy and attractive by:

1. Not dropping litter/picking litter up.
2. Keeping front gardens neat and tidy and attractive (with hanging plant baskets or planters).
3. Helping to keep the streets neat and tidy by regular weeding of the pavements immediately in front of their houses.
4. Clearing up after their dogs.
5. Not vandalising village amenities such as park equipment, notice boards, bus shelters and benches etc.

Posters should be A4 in size. Send your entry to the Parish Clerk **by Thursday 9th May 2019** making sure that your name, age and address is on the back. The clerk's contact details are at the front of the magazine.

Hilderstone Parish Council will select a winning poster out of each age category and will award a prize to each. These winning entries will also be forwarded to the Community Foundation for Staffordshire for entry into the County Competition. All entries will be displayed around Hilderstone village during the summer.

Dog Fouling

Please remember that it is an offence to leave dog mess. **Parents should remind children that walk the family dog on their own, that they must pick up the poo.** Bagged dog mess can be placed in any public waste bin, although the bins in the infant play area should not be used.

If you have information about owners who do not clear up their dog's mess or let them roam loose on a regular basis, please report it to Stafford Borough Council on 01785 619000, email: dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk You can also report on line at <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/dogs> The names of people providing this information will remain confidential. **The Borough and Parish Council are determined to stamp out this very anti-social problem and will take every step to identify and fine offenders.**

Where evidence of the guilty dog owners can be obtained, **a fixed penalty fine of £75** will be issued. Persistent offenders can be prosecuted further with a maximum fine of up to **£1000**.

Highways Defects

Please continue to report potholes, damaged pavements, blocked drains on the roads, broken streetlights, damaged trees or fallen branches to Staffordshire County Council Highways Department for action via: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffshighways/Roads-and-highways.aspx> by emailing highways@staffordshire.gov.uk or by calling 0300 111 8000.

Tree Planting Memorial for WW1

The Parish Council is considering planting seven trees as a memorial to the local fallen soldiers from WW1. The trees would be planted near the children's play area and would include a plaque identifying them as a memorial to the fallen soldiers. The approximate cost would be £500. As this is a significant sum, which has not been included in the 2019/20 budget, the Parish Council wished to inform the local community of their intention and encourage feedback, whether in favour or against, to the Parish Clerk at clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk The final decision will be made by the Parish Council at their meeting in July.

Christ Church, Hilderstone

Summer Fair
& Dog Show

Saturday 20th July

2.00pm till 4.00pm

Now at the field next to Lower Farm,
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Honey Oat Yummies

To make 20 yummys you will need

Ingredients

4 ounces margarine
4 ounces caster sugar
2 eggs
8 ounces self raising flour
2 large teaspoons of set honey
2 ounces porridge oats

Method

Put the margarine, honey and sugar into a bowl and mix well together.

Put in the eggs and mix again.

Sieve the flour into the bowl with the oats and mix very carefully until the flour and oats are all mixed in.

Put large teaspoonfuls onto baking trays spread out a little, to allow for spreading during cooking and cook at gas 4 for about 15 minute

Ready, Steady ... Go

Just one year ago plans were drawn up for full disabled access to Christ Church Hilderstone. Phase 1, the re-siting of the War Memorial, was completed in time for the special Remembrance Service in November 2018, whilst Phase 2, the re-siting of the Font, was undertaken in February 2019.



And now the main event – Phase 3a – the installation of a graded ramp from the car park to the church, with a new access point for those with wheelchairs or prams from the Bell Tower to the main body of the church, is underway. As I write, we aim to



have this major development well underway by the end of May – so watch this space!

It has been thanks to the generosity and support of the community that we have managed to achieve so much in so short a period of time: not just the fundraising, which was

vital, but also the planning, implementation and, yes, the endless form-filling that needed to

Above Top: Access point from the Bell Tower. Above shows site for ramp from car park to Bell Tower.

be done.

Our fundraising programme continues for the installation of the ramp, plus the next two phases of the project, namely the indoor toilet facilities (no more portaloos!) and then the tea bar, so we can provide refreshments at church events. These two projects will be completed when funds become available, but we are hoping this will be either later in 2019 or early 2020.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that our 'Open Church' days have started again, providing an opportunity to visit our Waterloo church, with its rare example of an enamel window (East Window) and its grounds, set in the heart of our lovely rural village. Why not come along and see how our plans for Access for All are going? The 'Open Church' scheme runs throughout the summer months: Saturdays 10am – 5pm; Sundays 12pm – 5pm.

Our beautiful churchyard is also worth a visit, with its lovely views across the fields and tranquil seating areas which are well-maintained by the Churchyard Clean-up Team throughout the year. It is now a year since we set up our Bug Hotel with the Messy Sunday School and our hotel's inhabitants are now settled in and enjoying the churchyard's rich habitat, including our wild flower garden and mature trees.



Full details of all the activities at Christ Church are listed in the church section of this magazine and on the village web site.



Helping Hedgehogs!

Hedgehogs need help and churchyards can be perfect places for them; containing many features that hedgehogs need. They eat a wide range of things, beetles, worms, slugs and other invertebrates. Churchyards are rich in hedgehog food. They forage in the grassland, the nooks and crannies around monuments, the shady, damp corners with leaf litter and deadwood and amongst the stones of an old wall. Hedgehogs make nests all year round, using them to rear their young hoglets, to hibernate and to shelter during the daytime. Again, churchyards come up trumps with hedgehogs nesting in scrub and bramble patches, at the base of trees and walls and in compost piles. They make a nest from dead leaves, and to the human observer, it looks like a leaf football!

Hedgehogs roam widely, having a nightly circuit of a couple of miles. They can climb over barriers but squeezing through gaps saves energy. Churchyards usually have a several places for a hedgehog to get in and out – again, very helpful. In June hedgehogs are breeding, with hoglets either in the nest or starting to venture out. You can help them by keeping your churchyard chemical free, letting some areas get a little bit wild and allowing gaps for them to get through. Have a look at **hedgehogs@ptes.org** to learn more.

Please tell me if you have hedgehogs, look for footprints in mud and droppings. They are probably present without anybody knowing it!



All the best

Harriet Carty,

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk

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From the Vicar

In my lectionary commentary recently the question “how do we avoid falling into the trap of deliberate ignorance of God?” was posed. It went on to say: “It is easier to fall into that trap than we might at first think. The most difficult nuance to grasp is between truth and falsehood in terms of how we might perceive the presence and force of God in our time and in our context. Being exposed to constant reminders not to replace the invisible God with visible emblems of what we might consider to be the truth however attractive – is as good a place as any to begin.”

This is such an apt comment as we hear on the news and in our newspapers of yet more instances in which Christians (and many others) are vehemently opposed to legislation currently being enacted by our parliament in our name, to decisions made by the church General Synod, by international events and so on. You, like me, might be very angry at constantly being told that “the British public ...” when I have not been asked for or given my opinion on something. On the other hand, it is very easy for us who call ourselves Christian to quote verses out of context from the Bible to justify our stance on these, and many other, issues.

And that brings us to Ordinary Time. As we leave the triumphant seasons of Easter and Pentecost behind in our liturgical calendar we “go green” for the next 6 months or so in the period we call Ordinary Time. And a more inapt name for a season in the church calendar is hard to think of because ordinary it isn't (or shouldn't be)! So, what is Ordinary Time? It is the time: “when the church particularly tries to absorb the implications of Christ's teaching, with its many-faceted themes”. In other words, it is the time when we look at one of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) in depth, read about Jesus – what he did, how he acted, how he responded, who he socialised with, his emotions, his anger, his love and so on, in order to interpret what that means for each one of us, his followers today. That overdone adage WWJD (what would Jesus do) springs to mind as we ask ourselves what did each passage mean at the time of Jesus and therefore what does each passage mean to me today; how should I react/respond; how do I apply it to my situation/my life/my work/my community.

This year we are in lectionary year “C” so we are concentrating on Luke's gospel – written by a gentile for gentiles (that's us!). It is the gospel which more so than the others deal with issues so similar to those facing us today – the marginalised, status of women, health and wholeness, fairness and justice. Tom Wright has written a series of books called “.... for everyone” and “Luke for everyone” is an excellent commentary to help you work out what Jesus, through Luke is saying to you today; I recommend it to you.



Marion

Services at Christ Church

June 2019

2 nd June	11:15am	Holy Communion
9 th June	11:15am	Holy Communion
16 th June	11:15am	Holy Communion
23 rd June	11:15am	BCP Holy Communion
30 th June	11:15am	Benefice Holy Communion
7 th July	11:15am	Holy Communion

Readings – June 2019

2 nd June	Rev 22: 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 - end
(Easter 7)	John 17:20 - end
9 th June	Acts 2: 1 - 21
(Pentecost)	John 14: 8 - 17
16 th June	Romans 5: 1 - 5
(Trinity)	John 16: 12 - 25
23 rd June	Gal 3: 23 - end
(Proper 7)	Luke 8: 26 - 39
30 th June	Gal 5: 1, 13 – 25
(Proper 8)	Luke 9: 51 - end
7 th July	Gal 6: 7 - 16
(Proper 9)	Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 – 20

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

Thank You

Thanks to all who came to the valuation afternoon by Hansons Auctioneers at Hilderstone and helped raise £170 towards AfA.

What's On?

Prayer Morning "Thy Kingdom Come" Praying the Lord's Prayer between Pentecost and Trinity.
St Nicholas 10:30am 5th June

Forward Notice: 13th July Family Fun Day at Fulford

Forward Notice: 20th July Village fete at Hilderstone

Prayers

If you cannot get to church and would like a visit and/or Holy Communion, contact the Vicar (39073)

From the registers:

Holy Matrimony

13th April Richard Patrick Trago Evans & Leanne Copeland
We wish Richard and Leanne every happiness and God's blessing on them

Hilderstone Annual Village Dinner Party

For those who may think that not very much happens in the little village of Hilderstone some 3 miles from Stone, you are mistaken.

The Village Dinner Party on Saturday 11th May is just one example of how Hilderstone residents make their own fun and come together in true Village spirit. This year's party was the 4th and 87 guests turned out for the night. For £15 per head they were treated to a glass of sparkling Prosecco on arrival, followed by a 2 course meal, entertainment and grand raffle.

Local professional singer Joni Talks(look at her website) entertained everyone with her extensive repertoire of songs finishing the evening with an Abba tribute to get everyone on their feet dancing. She was fantastic!

An Irish Bingo during the evening raised funds for Stoke on Trent Food Bank, a well deserved cause.

The hosts set up their themed tables on Saturday afternoon. They included:

- A Day at the Races (guests looking like they were dressed for Ascot)

- 1920's Flappers (with feathers and pearls and spats for the men)

- 70's and 80's tables(which took a lot of us back to our youth)

- A Touch of Black (very sophisticated)

- Berets and Baguettes (ooh la la)

- School's Out (but they were all well behaved)

- The Builder's Canteen(who could miss them in their high VIS jackets)

The Village hall was full of excited guests admiring each other's tables and costumes.

The evening finished at 12.30 though I believe partying for some continued elsewhere.

Being a small village everyone managed to walk home safely though there is a rumour that one resident (with very sore feet and head , no doubt!) was taken home on a mobility scooter , which had previously lain unloved and unused in the garage. Who could that be I wonder?

This annual event is just one of many in Hilderstone. Others include, Antiques Valuation Day, Sunday monthly market, summer Fete, regular jumble sales, Scarecrow Day, Christmas and Harvest Festival suppers and the wonderful Christmas Concert arranged by Andy and Kate of 'Beyond the Barricades'. Yes it does indeed happen in Hilderstone.

Joan Carr

Anyone for Badminton!!

If you find yourself at a loose end on a Monday evening, and you enjoy a game of badminton, why not join us at Fulford Village Hall between 8 and 10pm. We are quite a social group who enjoy a good evenings badminton playing and a drink at the local pub to finish the evening off!

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2nd Prize £50 No 10 Marian Baldwin

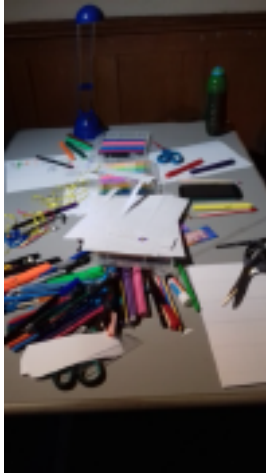
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4th Prize £10 No 51 Pauline Mardling

5th Prize £10 No 44 Pat Cowan

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