



Christ Church Hilderstone

PARISH MAGAZINE

A celebration of village life

Summer Edition 2023

WHAT'S ON:

JUNE:

Friday 9 th	Quiz Night	7pm – 10pm	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 th	W.I. – New meeting time Guest Speaker – Staffordshire Cheese	12.30pm – 3pm	Village Hall
Saturday 24 th	Monthly Arts & Crafts Market & Cafe	10am – 1pm	Village Hall
	Pop Up Pub With NK Untamed	5pm – *10pm	Village Hall

JULY:

Tuesday 11 th	W.I.	12.30pm – 3pm	Village Hall
Friday 14 th	Film Night: Keeping Mum	7.30pm – 10pm	Village Hall
Saturday 29 th	Big Village Party	10am – 10pm	Village Hall

AUGUST:

Tuesday 8 th	W.I.	12.30pm – 3pm	Village Hall
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There is no Village Hall Market or Pop-up Pub during August. Back in September.

Dates & Times may change. Please check in advance of an event.

***Last orders at the bar in the Village Hall are 10pm, with the bar closing at 10.30pm prompt.**

Note also the new time for all future Hilderstone Women's Institute meetings.

Advertising in the Parish Magazine. Our Parish Magazine offers advertisers a valuable opportunity to reach new and existing local customers and support their community. Thank you to all those who continue to advertise in this magazine. For more information, contact Audrey Stringer on 01889 505638. Annual Advertising rates are as follows:

1/8 page	-	£21.00	½ page	-	£78.75
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Helping you Keep in Touch with Events:

Christ Church, Hilderstone:

Vicar There is currently no Incumbent at Christ Church.
Churchwarden Audrey Stringer Tel: 01889 505638

Parish Council: 7.30pm on 4th Wed. of each month in the Village Hall
Parish Clerk Nikola Evans, Email: clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk
www.hilderstone.org.uk. Visit their 'Events' page.

Hilderstone W. I.: 7.30pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month, Hilderstone Village Hall.
President Ms Gill Slater Tel: 01785 815953
Email: pinkingshears92@mail

Hilderstone Village Hall:

Bookings: Hallmaster booking service (on web site)
Tel: 07810 332559
Email: hilderstonevhbookings@gmail.com

Facebook @HVH60, Twitter @hvh50, Instagram hilderstone_village_hall – Web Site www.hilderstonevillagehall.com. There is also an email service, notifying those on the mailing list of forthcoming events.

Neighbourhood watch:

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Staffs. County Councillor:

Ian Parry Tel: 07831 510381
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Stafford Borough Councillor:

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V.I.N. (Village Information Network):

This email service notifies those on the mailing list of events, news, etc in the village or affecting those living here. Contact: richard.pilcher1@btinternet.com.

Letter from the Editor

I remember as a teenager being told that time moves faster the older you get: I scoffed at the notion, but now (a few heavily-disguised grey hairs later) I am beginning to think there just might be some truth in that old saying! Summer is fast upon us!

Not that I am in the least bit sorry to see the last couple of years behind us and, whilst we still have a good way to go, with the Cost of Living Crisis etc, we can, I hope, at least find some solace in the warmth of the Summer sunshine and the glorious riot of colour our gardens and parks afford us. I am sure we are none of us impervious to the terrible issues so many face, both here and abroad, but as a community we continue to show our support to those less fortunate than ourselves; look at the tremendous Earthquake Appeal Coffee Morning, which raised an impressive £1,100.

It was also very touching to see the children from the Hilderstone Youth Club present posies of flowers to the Mums and Grandmothers at the Christ Church Mothering Sunday (posies they had made themselves). And our many groups and organisations continue to host a wide selection of events, to entertain, educate and enrich the lives of those in our village. What is more, you have an opportunity to help shape the future of the village, too, by applying to be a member of the Hilderstone Parish Council (see overleaf for details).

Nostalgia plays a part in this magazine's Summer Issue – memories of Summers gone and life in our village in times past. But it also looks forward, showing how our community continues to grow and flourish, thanks to the various groups, such as the W.I., the Youth Club, the Village Hall and Christ Church, who work so hard to keep the sense of community very much alive.

Whatever your interests, I hope you find something of interest in this edition of the magazine. As always, we are keen to hear from you for the next issue, so please do get in touch. In the meantime, good reading, have a lovely Summer holiday and don't forget to take your photographs for the Village Photographic Competition!

Hilderstone Parish Council

Get involved in your local area – become a Parish Councillor.

Congratulations to our uncontested council members, who have nominated themselves to another 4-year term: Cllr Jim Davies, Cllr Audrey Stringer, Cllr Mike Shelley, Cllr Hazel Woodward and Cllr Jenny Crump. However, we sadly say goodbye to Cllr Philip Davies, who has been a Parish Councillor since 2004. During his 19 years of service, he has been instrumental in keeping our footpaths clean, safe and reporting all the rights of way issues.

Parish councils are run by elected councillors, who are unpaid volunteers. They also have a paid clerk, who assists with the day-to-day running of the council. The council is funded by a precept, which is a small portion of the council tax paid by households in the parish.

The main responsibilities of parish councillors include:

- **Representing the interests of the local community:** Representing the views and concerns of their constituents, and to work towards improving the quality of life for the people who live in the parish.
- **Attending meetings:** These meetings (usually monthly) enable councillors to discuss local issues and make decisions on matters that affect the parish.
- **Making decisions:** Making decisions on a wide range of local issues, such as planning applications, public services, and community events.
- **Contributing to the community:** Getting involved in community activities and events, and may work with local groups and organizations to improve the local area.
- **Managing finances:** Managing the finances of the Council, such as setting the annual budget & overseeing the spending of council funds.

Overall, the role of a Parish Councillor is to serve as a representative of their community, working towards the betterment of the local area and the people.

Become a Councillor:

There are seven council seats on the Parish Council, of which two seats are currently available, and we invite anyone wishing to be a Parish Councillor to send a letter giving a brief explanation as to why you wish to join and some background information on yourself. Once all applications have been received,

the Parish Council will then invite you to a Parish Council meeting, where they will make a resolution to co-opt you if your application is successful.

If you require further information, please contact the clerk – clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk . Further information will be available on our website <https://hilderstone.org.uk/> in the next few weeks.

Why should I become a Parish Councillor?

- Make a difference and be involved in the future of the local community
- Ensure that your community gets the right services available
- Represent the views of your community, ensuring their interests are heard
- Contribute your business or professional skills
- Highlight what concerns you in your community
- Decide how the annual precept can be spent on future projects that benefit the community. Hilderstone Parish Council have installed speed indication devices to help combat speeding vehicles

What's the criteria to become a councillor for your community?

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen and an elector of the parish
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union
- be at least 18 years old
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work)
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary
- Sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

You may not stand in an election to become a local councillor if you have been convicted and received a prison sentence (or suspended sentence) of three months or more in the five years before the election.

Length of service - Parish Councillors are elected for a four-year term, but you may stand down at any point in the term, if you decide you are unable to continue.

Meetings

- Councillors have a duty to attend all meetings, which usually take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month.
- We hold 10 meetings a year - none in August and December.
- Meetings are open to the public and press and should last no more than two or three hours.
- Some councils also have sub-committees to deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters, but this generally makes for shorter Council meetings rather than a much greater time commitment.

Rural Business to Business Funding

Stafford Borough Council has launched a UKSPF grant scheme to help support small to medium rural based businesses (SMEs), that are located within Stafford Borough. This fund is open to those businesses where a minimum of 75% of the business income is from sales to other businesses. Applications will be open from 1 June 2023. A limited fund of £500,000 is available and applications will be processed in date order.

Grants up to £5000 are available to support businesses in rural areas who have plans to develop new products and services. A match fund of 20% will be required and can be discussed with the business advisor re. how this can be met.

Rural areas are determined by Stafford Borough Councils rural ward areas which can be found online www.staffordbc.gov.uk/DemServWards. For more see <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/rural-business-business-funding>

Hilderstone W.I.



The Hilderstone W.I. has seen quite a few changes over the past few weeks: after 14 years at the helm, Pat Saul retired as President, handing the reins over to Gill Slater – though she remains Vice-President, to ‘guide and support’ Gill, as Pat

will be a hard act to follow, after her outstanding time in office; they are also holding their monthly meetings from 12.30pm – 2.45pm, rather than their evening slot; and they have a charming new mascot – see over leaf!

So, please meet Peggy, the new W.I. mascot, who will sit with pride on the top table at the W.I. meetings, in memory of a very dear member. The idea came when Peggy Shelly's daughter-in-law gave Gill Peggy's badges from many years of W.I. Thinking it a shame to leave them in a box, Gill took them to the W.I. Craft Group, where Judy Shermer made this doll.

Peggy's badges are pinned to the doll's sash and they named her Peggy, after Peggy Shelley.

The Crafty W.I.

Every President should make their mark and Gill Slater is no exception. As she explains, "I have re-introduced a W.I. Craft Group as my hobby is craft and we meet twice a month on Thursday afternoons at a member's house." They are busy knitting poppies to support Remembrance Sunday this year, and even knitted the complete contents of a fruit bowl, to fill the beautiful wooden bowl they gifted to Pat Saul, as her leaving present! They are certainly a talented group of ladies!



A member of the Hilderstone W.I. for 8 years, Gill also has a solid understanding of the organisation, and supports the recent decision to change the meeting times. "We are trying to encourage new members by changing our meeting time from 7.30pm to 12.30pm. It is hoped that this will be more suitable for young mothers, and those who do not wish to drive at night."

The W.I. is extending an invitation to all those who are interested in the W.I. to attend their meeting on 13th June. The speaker is from Staffordshire Cheese, with the promise of cheese samples and cheese to buy! So why not pop along and see just what a cheerful, and capable, group these W.I. women are. You will not be disappointed.

PICTURED ABOVE: Pat Saul left 'speechless' when she received her wooden fruit bowl, complete with knitted and crocheted fruit by new President, Gill Slater.

HILDERSTONE VILLAGE HALL

An extract from Chairman, Tim Handley's address at the recent Hilderstone Village Hall AGM:

"I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has helped the hall during the past year. I'd especially like to thank Marge and John Warham for all their work. I'd like to thank the committee members for their work, ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to this vital village asset.

We spent some money!

- The acoustic clouds were expensive but they work, transforming the ambience and removing the need to shout conversations - making the hall better for all users.
- We laid the hedges, thanks to Neville Stubbs, and they're coming back with a vengeance with a benefit for wildlife. Birds are nesting and we have our own hedgehogs.
- We improved the car park. There's more space and we've cured the water runoff that bothered our neighbours. At the back, we continue to improve the seating area.
- We finished the kitchen. It might not be everybody's cup of tea but it works for us and we've garnered many compliments.

We raised some money.

Some events were very successful financially - Burn's Night being the high point. Great fun and a really good fundraiser.

HVH Trading Limited (our limited company that manages the bar turnover while protecting the hall's charitable status) donated £4,000 to HVH. That's £4,000 we never had before. We generated that. We



LEFT: Sue Pilcher and Wendy Pugh-Hill at the Earthquake Appeal Coffee Morning.



LEFT: Pat Saul and Pat Gates of the W.I. enjoy coffee & cake at the Earthquake event. Whilst BELOW Isla, Lottie and Harriet Pointon have great fun at the children's craft corner at the event.

staffed the bars. We sold the drinks. We provided the convivial, comfortable, welcoming venue and atmosphere. Last Sunday was the second anniversary of our first pop-up pub when 90-odd people came during one of the lockdowns. We have a tried and tested format and we will keep it going because we welcome people of all ages to our pop-up pub evenings. People can come and go as they please, enjoy food, or just have a drink or two, and relax in decent, quiet surroundings. This coming year, the committee has already decided that we need to add some smaller, regular, more accessible events like film and entertainment nights.

We learned some things.

Perhaps we pushed events a little too hard and pushed some people a little too hard.

I hope we also learned that we can't all agree on everything all the time. Whatever we're discussing, we must bear in mind the



Deed of Trust. That tells us what this hall is here for. It's not a business. It's a charity. We can be business-like but this is not, never has been, and never will be a commercial enterprise. Respecting the Deed, we reinstated 'appointed members' for named organisations. We changed this agenda to what the Deed says and not what drifted into common practice over years.

Hilderstone Village Hall is the only asset in this civil parish owned by the residents. We don't own the pub or the church. But we own this. Equally. It's not ruled by one user group or organised for the benefit of another. It's

the only thing we all own together. Use it or lose but make no mistake, there are adults and families coming here for recreation and entertainment. There are children who come here for Youth Club, pantos, and parties. That's a massive jump forward from where we were five or even ten years ago. It's their village hall, after all. That's the new audience alongside the more established groups that have been coming here since the Deed was written and the hall opened, like the Parish Council, Christ Church, and the WI. I hope that there's more than one old head seated at this table that's thinking "good, things are getting back to like they used to be."

Hilderstone Book Group

In 2014 the Roebuck re opened after being closed for some time. The challenge was to attract more customers. Various ideas were explored, out of this the Book Group was formed.

Initially we met in the evenings, once a month on a Tuesday when the pub was not so busy. However, with the Roebuck's next closure, we took the opportunity to reassess. As a result, our meetings changed to afternoons and as no venue was apparent, we decided to meet in our homes. This has many benefits, the best being excellent cakes.

We are an informal group, choosing books is done largely from recommendations. We give a brief resume and if the group thinks it might be interesting it is selected for the next month or a note made for the future.

Our discussions are based on the book but often become quite wide ranging. It could be style, structure or characterisation. Sometimes how it reflects news, society or our lives.

We have been asked if we take new members but after much thought, we realise that as we meet in our homes it would be difficult to accommodate more people. It may be there are enough interested to form another group. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to coordinate names and details. *I can be contacted by email on patcowan5@gmail.com.*

Hilderstone Village Hall 100 Club

Prizes up to and including £100 every 4 weeks!

£5 a month (per ball)

Scan QR Code for details

or go to

<https://bit.ly/HVH100ClubForm>



VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY DRAW WINNERS:

March:

Ball:	14	£100
	39	£ 50
	26	£ 25
	81	£ 10
	85	£ 10

April:

Ball:	68	£100
	30	£ 50
	59	£ 25
	67	£ 10
	41	£ 10

May:

To be drawn at
the Village Market
on 27th May.
See Village Hall
website for results.

Hilderstone Village Hall Youth Club



The children have been busy since the last magazine. They were really excited to be asked to make the flower posies for the Mothers' Day service at Christ Church and present them at the special service.

The children who took part in representing us in church did an amazing job. Members of the congregation commented on what lovely children we have in the village. I am very proud of them all!

Our next plans are to hopefully help with some decorations for the Big Village Party, which will be great fun.

All the children love to join in with our community events and I know their efforts are really appreciated by everyone.

We meet at Hilderstone Village Hall every other Thursday, between 5-6.30pm. Each session costs £2, plus £1 per sibling. If you would like more information about our Youth Club, please contact Debbie Britton on: 07989 130014.



Debbie, Hannah & Holly, Hilderstone Youth Club

SUMMER WORD SEARCH:

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Clue may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.

- Butterflies
- Nest
- Ice Cream
- Sandcastles
- Sunshine
- Seaside
- Flowers
- Beach
- Swallows
- Barbecue
- Bunting
- Picnics
- Holidays
- Sunglasses
- Camping
- Swimming
- Seashell
- Sunhat
- Sand



Cooks Tips: Chocolate Cupcakes

(makes 12 cupcakes)

Ingredients

5 oz softened butter
5 oz superfine caster sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa powder
6 oz self-raising flour
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Method

- Firstly, pre-heat your oven to gas mark 4.
- Line a 12-cup cake pan, with cupcake papers.
- Crack the eggs into a cup and beat lightly with a fork, then place all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix until light and creamy.
- Divide the mixture evenly between the cake cases and bake in the oven for around 15 – 20 minutes until the cupcakes have risen and are firm to touch.
- Transfer the cupcakes to a wire rack, allow to cool before icing.
- Have some fun putting your favourite toppings on your cupcakes – chocolate shavings, Maltesers, sprinkles, marshmallows or even strawberries etc.

John's Classic Lasagne

As served at his popular Italian Night at the Village Hall!

Ingredients (Serves 6)

For the meat sauce:

- 1 Medium white onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 stick celery
- 3 cloves garlic
- 500g TESCO Finest Aberdeen Angus Steak Mince
- 1 tsp Basil Pesto
- 1 tsp dried Oregano
- 1 beef stock cube
- 2 tsp Sacla Sun-Dried Tomato Paste
- 200ml red wine
- 1 x 400g tin peeled plum chopped tomatoes in juice
- 1 tsp sugar
- Salt and pepper

For the white sauce:

- 50g butter
- 50g plain flour
- 300ml semi-skimmed milk
- 250g Ricotta Cheese
- Black pepper
- Nutmag (optional)

For the rest:

- 250g Fresh Lasagne Sheets (Pack of 10)
- 150g cheddar cheese

Method:

1. Finely dice the onion and chop the carrots into very small pieces. Finely chop the celery. Place then all into a large non-stick saucepan or high-sided lidded frying pan with a small glug of olive oil. Cover with the lid and sweat for 15 minutes over a medium heat, stirring occasionally, until everything has softened.
2. Add the minced garlic and stir, cooking for a couple of minutes until fragrant.
3. Break the beef mince into pieces and add to the pan, cooking over a medium-high heat until beginning to brown and cook until any excess liquid has evaporated.
4. Add the dried herbs, pesto, tomato paste, crumbled beef stock cube and red wine. Cook until the wine has reduced.

5. Add the tinned chopped plum tomatoes. Stir them through the meat along with sugar, then leave the sauce to cook over a medium heat for at least 30 minutes, stirring regularly. The longer you can cook the sauce for the better, as it will help the flavours to develop add more wine if it starts to dry (1 hour on a medium then low heat is ideal...or you can also make the sauce ahead of time and then let it sit with the lid on until needed).
6. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
7. Preheat the oven to 180°C (fan) and prepare a large oven dish (eg 25cm x 30cm).
8. For the white sauce, add the butter to a non-stick saucepan and melt the butter then add the flour. Use a small whisk to mix the butter and flour into a roux and allow to sizzle for a minute.
9. Now add the milk in stages, about 100ml at a time, whisking well and keeping the pan over the heat. At each addition, stir the milk into the roux, then whisk quite vigorously to ensure the sauce remains smooth and lump free. Once all the milk has been incorporated in this way, you should have a thick, smooth white sauce. Now add the Ricotta Cheese and fold through.
10. Now to assemble the lasagne! Add a third of the meat sauce to the oven dish, spreading it out into a thin even layer. Cover with lasagne sheets. Then top with one third of the white sauce. Repeat until you have three layers of meat sauce/lasagne sheets/white sauce.
11. Top the lasagne with grated cheese, then bake in the oven for 45 minutes. Test the centre of the lasagne with a knife, to ensure the pasta is cooked through (if not, give it an extra 15 mins at 160C), then serve with your favourite Garlic Bread.

bon appetito

Sea - Side Holidays

By Marian Baldwin

Holidays were car rugs, plimsoles and fishing nets.
The Chalet behind the dunes ours for the August.
The beach was ours,
We saw the occasional intruder and dog,
And once boys launched a dinghy by the rocks.
We carried surfboards through the dunes,
Then raced, faster, faster into the tide and monstrous waves.

We watched the foaming surf swirl around our castles
Taking them back to sand again.
Shivering we were swathed in towels,
Sheltered under sea -pinked cliffs,
Warmed by the Primus
Eating gritty sea-paste sandwiches
Before happy games of cricket
Long into the evening.

Then, one evening, horsemen rode out of the dunes
Cantering along the surf,
And we, the only onlookers so happy to be there.



Summer Holidays in the West Country

When I was a child, I lived in a glorious part of North Devon. From our home, an old Rectory (built in 1779), we could walk down a lane dripping with leaves and flowers and heavy with Summer scents. The lane took us to a rocky path to the sand -dunes above the beach. In those days the two miles of golden sand seemed to stretch forever.

The Atlantic Ocean threw her enormous and thundering waves onto the beach and the rocks protecting it under the high cliffs leading to the Point. This area was the prime choice for Wreckers in the 17th. and 18th Centuries; Wrecking was a savage occupation. The Wreckers would lure ships, (using 'false lights') onto the cruel rocks on the Point, then kill or drown survivors who managed to swim to the beach. The 'treasures' on the ship would be taken from the ship to the cottage on the edge of the beach where there was a hidden entrance to a mile long tunnel leading to the Manor House. I was a child who 'devoured' History and I relished such descriptions of life on our beach two hundred years ago.

August Summer Holidays were special; our family were lent a Chalet above the dunes by a friend of our Father's. Oh how we loved those Summer Holidays! Waking to the sound of waves hitting the rocks and gull cries screeching along the beach.

All of this was before the time when families owned motor cars and came to Devon, filling the narrow lanes with exhaust fumes, and the car horns breaking the sweet silence. The 1960's witnessed a great change when car driving tourists, Caravans and Coach parties arrived for August. Today when I walk over our fields to 'our beach', I gasp at the brightly coloured windbreaks colouring the sands. An official looking Office has been built at the entrance of a field above the beach and the charge for car entrance is £5 and coaches £10; a Cafe serves food and drinks and local ice creams all day. There are Lifeguards and Tidal Warning flags on tall poles at points along the sands. Certainly not the world of my childhood! But continuing to offer pleasure and a brief joy for holiday makers.

I wish you all very happy holidays! *Marian Baldwin.*

Church Matters: Readings & Prayers

We have published a list of the readings for each week, along with the visiting cleric officiating at our services. Unless stated otherwise, our services begin at 11.15am every Sunday. Our thanks to all those clerics who continue to support us during Interregnum.

Date	Service	Reading 1	Reading 2	Visiting Cleric
4 th June	Trinity	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13	Matthew 28: 16-20	Alan Bates
11 th June	Trinity 1	Romans 4: 13-25	Matthew 9: 9- 13, 18-26	John Hall
18 th June	Trinity 2	Romans 5: 1-8	Matthew 9: 35 - 10.8 [9-23]	Michael Metcalf
25 th June	Trinity 3	Romans 6: 1b-11	Matthew 10: 24-39	Linda Lucking
2 nd July	Trinity 4	Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10: 40-42	David Howard
9 th July	Trinity 5	Romans 7: 15-25a	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	Roy Ball
16 th July	Trinity 6	Romans 8: 1-11	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Roy Ball
23 rd July	Trinity 7	Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Michael Metcalf
30 th July	Trinity 8	Romans 8: 26-39	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	United Service, FULFORD Roger Vaughan
6 th August	Trinity 9	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21	
13 th August	Trinity 10	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33	
20 th August	Trinity 11	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: {10-20} 21-28	

27 th August	Trinity 12	Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20	Graham Fowell
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Picture Perfect moments at Christ Church:



The Hilderstone Youth Club, yet again, proved a source of much joy to the congregation of Christ Church when they presented the Mums and Grandmothers with flower posies they had made themselves – ably helped by Rev'd Roy Ball's little animal friends!

Rev'd Roy Ball (LEFT) has a captive audience as he performs his special sketch, assisted by his animal friends at the Mothering Sunday service.

BELOW: Eleanor Bane, Lilley Moore, Wendy Pugh-Hill and Dee Harvey at the Coronation Service.

In our Prayers:

We remember in our prayers the souls of Sheila Binns, whose funeral took place on 19th April, and Phyllis Barnett, whose funeral was held on 25th April. We also hold their loved ones in our prayers at this time.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact:

*Audrey Stringer, Churchwarden, on:
01889 505638, email: a.stringer247@btinternet.com*



Church Matters: The Greatest Authority through the humblest service.

When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953, the Archbishop delivered to her the Orb (a golden sphere representing the world on which a cross is mounted), and spoke these words: 'Receive this orb set under the cross and remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our Redeemer.'

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, which his people joyfully celebrate at Easter, is the story of the vindication of one who exercised the greatest authority through the humblest of service. As such, it sets the best possible pattern for Charles our King at the outset of his reign. But it also speaks to all in our world and our society who are called to govern, to show leadership, to shape public opinion, to influence others. Too often our reality is otherwise: we see those in power trying to crush opposition, to silence dissent, or to attack those whose views differ from theirs. However, Easter shows us that the final triumph lies with one who followed a very different way – the way of the cross, the way of service, humility and love. This is a lesson which we need to learn again in every generation, and this prayer from the Church of England repeats it on behalf of our monarch and us all:

'Sovereign God, who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people: give him grace to be their servant; and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see God's kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fulness in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

An extract from Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield's article on the Coronation of King Charles III. The article can be read in full on the Lichfield Diocese website (<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/greatestauthority-through-humblest-service.php>).

Coronation Celebrations at Christ Church

Churches throughout the UK were busy putting up their bunting, adorning churches with celebratory flowers and had their Union Flags flying proudly on their flag poles. And Christ Church was no exception. It had its bunting out in readiness for the celebrations and looked resplendent as it prepared to welcome villagers to join in marking this memorable event.



Christ Church celebrated the Coronation with a special service on Sunday 7th May, followed by the blessing of their Coronation Tree by Rev'd David Howard in the churchyard (Pictured ABOVE and LEFT). A second Coronation Tree has also been planted by Hilderstone Parish Council in the village play area.

On a Wing & a Prayer

Nothing evokes the beauty of Summer quite like the magnificent butterfly. Often sporting wonderful markings in striking colours on their wings, their graceful flutter around our gardens heralds the warm, lazy days ahead.



Of the 59 species in the UK, 57 of them are resident species, but the iconic Red Admiral and the Painted Lady migrate from as far away as Africa! Some of our summer butterflies are old favourites of many of us: the Painted Lady, Peacock, Red Admiral and the Tortoiseshell, but how many amongst us would know what the Brimstone, Ringlet or Comma Butterfly (*LEFT*) looks like? I, like many

keen vegetable growers am all-too-familiar with the brassica-munching Small White but wouldn't recognise a Gatekeeper (also known as the Hedge Brown – *BELOW*), if it fluttered my way in the garden. As with so much of our wildlife, our butterflies have seen a marked decline in numbers over recent years and they need our help. So, what can we do?

HELP WITH THEIR HABITAT.

Over the last few years our team at Christ Church, with the invaluable support of several young members of the village, has been working at improving the habitat of our churchyard, to encourage greater biodiversity. We have dedicated areas of the churchyard for wildlife by allowing the grass and wildflowers to grow. We have also built a bug hotel and placed rotten branches in piles to attract hibernating insects and the



predators who feed on them. We will keep a watchful eye on the churchyard over the years to see how we are helping our wildlife, and hopefully giving a boost to our lovely butterflies. So, if you see long grass, wildflowers, and the occasional nettle in the churchyard, it is there for a reason.

You can also help the butterflies in your own gardens by leaving areas of nettles, wildflowers, or longer grass. You can also have 'puddling pools' – a dish of water with mud, and sun loungers – such as rocks or other landing pads - for butterflies to sun themselves on. And of course, plenty of nectar-rich flowers and fruit to help support them into the Autumn period.

THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 2023.

This event takes place between 14th July – 6 August and you can join in. Simply visit <https://butterfly-conservation.org> from 1st July and register your interest and download the chart shown. This helps us track how our British butterflies are faring and what we can continue to do to help boost their declining numbers.

Churchyard Tidy-Up Group

Our Tidy-Up Team meet from 10 – 12 noon with, of course, time for coffee/tea at 11am, when we all take time off to enjoy a hot drink and a chat.

We are a very friendly group and would welcome more help. Fortunately, there are jobs to suit everyone and, since a lot of the bushes and trees have been regularly tended over recent years, the jobs have become easier. We do have some gardening tools to share but if you can bring you own that would be very good.

Please do contact me if you would like further information. *Christine Clark* (01889 505676).

Meeting dates for 2023:

June 17th
July 15th

August 19th
September 16th

October 21st

Hilderstone Heritage, Part Forty-One

Further to the last article which covered the history of the village school, the following newspaper article from March 1908 highlights how the school was used for village functions:

"BALL.- The second of the two balls annually arranged by the Recreation Society took place on Monday. The attendance was not so good as usual, owing, no doubt to the wretched weather we have lately experienced, and to the number of whist drives etc. which have been held in the neighbourhood. A programme of twenty-six dances, with extra leap year dance, was carried out under the supervision of Messrs. T. Turner and T. Phillips, who ably discharged the duties of MCs. Capital music was supplied by Woods' string band and the necessary refreshments were provided by Miss Meddings. The work of transforming the school into a splendidly decorated ballroom was carried out by Mesdames Dalton and Hope, and Messrs. G. Dalton, T. Phillips, R. Poynton and T. Turner, whilst Mr. G.H. Hope acted as hon. Sec."



(Pictured ABOVE - A contemporary postcard of (part of) the school). Thanks to Philip Leason for posting this on the 'Hilderstone Heritage' Facebook page.

Also, some additional information provided to me about the school in the 1920s and 1930s that could not be included in the last article: the school had three classrooms - the infants for ages 5 to 8 which had an open fire; the juniors for ages 8 to 11, and the seniors for ages 11 to 14. The last two classrooms had stoves in them. The school desks and chairs were all in one piece, similar to modern picnic tables.

Miss Cora Meddings (later Bowyer) was an additional teacher at the school in the 1930s. Prior to the Second World War children could take packed lunches to school or go home for their lunch. (Post war, school meals were provided or children could still go home).

And finally, the school was also used for local and general elections as a polling station, the last held there being the local elections of 7th May 1981.

Hilderstone links with Milwich Church



(Pictured ABOVE: A postcard of Milwich Church from the early 1900s).

My 'accomplice', Laura, has kindly visited Milwich churchyard and found some fascinating links to Hilderstone. As Hilderstone churchyard only received burials from 1833, other local churchyards would have been used, although some of the dates below are actually after 1833. These are inscriptions in the churchyard at Milwich:

"In memory of Richard Lycett y Elder of Hilderstone Hall who departed this life the sixth day of March in the year of our lord 1771 aged 80 years."

"In memory of Jane Lycett the Relict [surviving] of the faded Ri[chard] Lycett who departed this life the 15th day of April in the year of the lord 1785 aged 83 years. Also in memory of James son of Richard and Jane Lycett who departed this life 19th January 1827 aged 83(?) years."

"Erected in memory of Ann daughter of George and Mary Shemilt of Hilderstone. She died March 18th 1853 aged 14."

"Memory of Daniel Hough late of Hilderstone who died December 3rd 1850 aged 76 years." "To the memory of Alice the wife of Daniel Hough who died March 12th 1865 aged 88 years."

"In memory of Ann the wife of William Harris of Sharpley Heath in the parish of Stone died September 1837."

"Here lieth the body of Martha wife of John Hanifon of Hilderstone who died April 4th 1787 aged 31. Also lies Mary their daughter who died young."

"Here lieth the body of Martha the wife of Thomas Tabbemor who died May 15th 1801 aged 74 years."

BEHIND THE HEDGE



When asked to give some background of what lies *Behind The Hedge* of our home, I was fortunate to have a written account of the buildings and land. I was able to give an outline as to how the cottage had evolved during the hundred and twenty odd years before we took ownership. Before the re-building two brothers lived here, one in each cottage. Their surname was Phillips. The one who lived in the cottage, now demolished, was Lou, the cobbler. We can't recall the Christian name of the

other, but many of you will remember the late Bob Phillips from Hill Rise Cottage, a former Parish Council Chairman and a much respected man. He was born at St. Mary's Cottage. I think the family originated at Oulton. If anyone has any knowledge of the Phillips' family, or indeed, any other facts about what I have written, I would welcome hearing from you. Details of how to contact me are at the end of this issue.

We made a decision quite early on to keep the six gardens separate rather than create just a large one. I think there is nothing more soul destroying when faced with a big piece of rough, uncultivated ground, wondering just how long it will take to get it in order, rather than doing it piecemeal. Because the individual shape of the gardens already existed, each surrounded by its own hedges, it made sense to leave them be.

Before starting gardening, I needed to get rid of all unwanted items. As I mentioned previously, the chicken coop went to Warren Farm. Most of the rest were thrown on the bonfire or taken to the tip. The last eyesore was the greenhouse on wheels. In spite of having forty years experience towing caravans, I was a bit worried in case the buyer asked me to deliver it to his home. Considering that it had no suspension, no indicators or stop lights and tyres as bald as billiard balls, it was of some concern. The only thing in its favour was its unbreakable Perspex windows. The first thing I did was to spread the word it was available, as long as the buyer could take it away.

Within a very short time, a jolly little chap from Smallrise arrived in an antiquated grey tractor. He was as fat as he was high. He had a look at it, nodded his head, hooked it up to his tractor, which also had no indicators or stop lights and the tyres were not much better either. He set off down the road, head held high as happy as Larry. He reminded me of Winnie the Pooh, *"I'm short and fat and proud of that"*.

The first patch we tackled was the only one that had some semblance of a garden and had a vestige of lawn. So, although only meadow grass, we decided to leave it and get on with the borders. Later we called it *The Anniversary Garden* on account of having received so many garden gifts for our birthdays and anniversaries from family and friends. On our Golden Wedding, we were given a lovely stone seat. Our guru, Geoff Hamilton, Presenter of Gardeners World in the 1980's and 90's, used to say that we gardeners should take time to sit in the garden, look at it, assess it, enjoy what had been done and correct any errors. So we did and still do. We now have a dozen or so places to sit scattered all over the garden.

The first thing we tackled was a large Rhododendron and Azalea border which covered the full width of this garden. It is now eight feet high by eight feet in depth. For us it has been a real success story and is one of our most treasured borders. We look forward to seeing it in it's glory each Spring. During our time here, we have lost a number of trees through storm or old age. We like to keep some parts of them and try to make the most of what's left. Ollie the Owl (*pictured overleaf*) is taking care of the trunk of one of our Greengages, The other Greengage we lost during a violent storm in 2015.



The small porch roof, to the left of the picture was one of the many surprises Ann had done for me. Originally it was flat. Ann asked Graham Bailey, a builder, formerly of "Woodcutters Cottage" on Cresswell Road, to do the job. He used the tiles from the

dismantled cottage to complete the 'surprise'. Graham was a first class craftsman and helped us transform the cottage both inside and out.



The Summer House Garden

We first targeted the Pigsty having debated at length whether to keep it or knock it down. It was in a terrible condition. Pig-hole would have been more descriptive. The sty had been used as a coal house, the roof was in a

state of collapse, the door was hanging off and half of the building was buried in compost and you know what! After clearing it all away we tackled the roof. Fortunately, a bygone benefactor had left us a pile of building material. After stripping the roof of what was left, and, as black as a couple of 'end of shift' colliers, we felted, lathed, tiled and ridged it in two days.

The end part of the building had been used as a Duckett toilet; You would have thought a Bucket toilet more apt seeing as there was one placed conveniently beneath a hole in the plank. Apparently, Duckett was the name of a Burnley-based manufacturer of toilets. Well, we live and learn.



My next job was to clean down and paint the inside walls and woodwork, fit a new flush toilet and hand basin and all the necessary plumbing and electrical supplies to go with it.

In all it made a very convenient convenience and an out-building that has met all our needs!!

It had been our lifelong ambition to have a summer house, so I have enclosed a short extract from one of my books as to one of the reasons why:-

'It is the height of luxury. It is where we go to relax come sunshine, rain or storm; sometimes during the day we never go into the house only to fetch our food and drink. There is nothing so relaxing on a warm day than having a cold beer, reading a good book and listening to a selection of good music. Mark Twain said "good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience. This is the ideal life". The bother of this relaxed state is my reluctance to leave it and get stuck into the garden again.'



We agreed it should be sited at the furthest Eastern point from the house. From that moment the patch became the *Summer House Garden*. It was the wildest, most infested and neglected of them all. After clearing it I found it had a one foot gradient from top to bottom. The first job was to dig a large hole. I immediately warmed to the job at hand and dug one ten feet square by two feet deep. The top soil went to the bottom of the garden for levelling and the sub-soil to the potential borders. The hole was filled with waste material from the old cottage to form the foundation. We put down a good firm base and then levelled, raked, rolled and laid the turf.

The Summer House was bought and erected and became the most used part of the garden. As well as being a resting place, it has become our Bird Hide. We are rarely on our own. We have a wide range of feathered visitors. We have Charlie, a Cock Robin who follows me all over the garden. He rests on my spade handle begging me to get digging again. In fact, earlier today when I was raking up the leaves, he popped out of the Holly Hedge to see me. He was as close to me as you are to this magazine. After studying my rake he cocked his head on one side and, with his right, very bright, shining eye, stared straight through me with such indignation as much as to say *"hand-forged, hand made fork, 1800's indeed, take it back to your Granddad, or the shop whatever. It's no use to me. It's got no handle on it!"*

Did you know, the average life of a Robin is only a couple of years? Well! neither did I till I looked it up. The longest ever recorded is eleven years and five months and there's me thinking Charlie has been around as long as I have. Perhaps my Robin could be the record holder and the R.S.P.B. haven't bothered to come and check him out.

We have a most remarkable Mrs. Blue Tit who hatches three families each year of around ten fledglings per hatch. She nests in a terra cotta urn with a neck of less than three quarters of an inch; the urn that is, not Mrs. Blue Tit!! When watching her we are hypnotised. She pops out of the urn like a cork from a well shaken bottle of champagne and in again as though she's being sucked into it. Considering that each chick has to be fed a hundred times a day, there are mostly ten chicks and they take three weeks to fledge, as well as the difficulty of getting out of the smooth, bell-like shaped urn, it is quite remarkable.

I can't remember when we first decided to have a summer house. Some friends of ours had one that rotated and followed the sun. We were quite impressed with that one. We always made for the Summer houses when we visited the NGS Open Gardens and had our tray of tea and cakes. I think that's what sold the idea to us. We just had to have one.

The location was most important. We were fortunate in having a large piece of land, but for those having a smaller rear garden, a conservatory may be the answer. We also considered this and there are pros and cons for both. I think the 'childhood den' and the 'away from it all' feeling, made the decision for us.



The Summer House

'Why a summer house?' we were asked one day.
We can't remember our response at the time,
But I know we had one without delay.
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Having somewhere comfortable to sit and relax,
To admire what's been done; correct mistakes.
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It gives you a feeling of being outside.
Still able to see nature, a sun-filled sky,
It didn't take us very long to decide.

*I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June?
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We will also have a Junior section competition where the top 3 photographs submitted from Under 16s will be included in the calendar.

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