

# **Christ Church Hilderstone Parish Magazine**



**April 2019**

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999

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0300111 8000

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03001118000

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## EDITORIAL

This month sees some special Easter services at Christ Church. Further details can be found in the centre of this magazine.



We are grateful to Martin Philips who has contributed to the April magazine, another interesting and informative piece on the history of Hilderstone.

### **Dates for Diary 2019**

6th April Jumble Sale

10<sup>th</sup> April Annual Church Parochial Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> May Village Dinner Party

15<sup>th</sup> May Antiques Valuation Day

21<sup>st</sup> July Summer Fair

14th September Jumble sale

15th September Harvest Festival Service

16th September Harvest Supper

3rd December W.I. Christmas Party

10th December Village Christmas Party

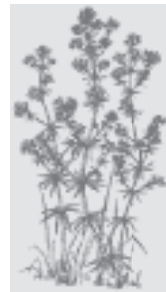
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### ***What's in a Name?***

Our churchyards can fill with wildflowers during the spring and summer and many of these have names associated with the Christian calendar. Snowdrop, the first spring flower was known as Candlemas Bells. It was picked at Candlemas in early February. Primrose follows, picked by children on Primrose Day in April. Cowslips, with their distinctive shape, were called Keys of Heaven or St Peter's Keys and were picked for Mayday head-dresses. Greater Stitchwort has an old name linking it with spring – Easter Bell.



*Lady's Bedstraw*

There are biblical references in old flower names too. Germander Speedwell with its distinctive round blue flower was called Angel Eyes, God's Eyes and Eve's Tears. Meadow Cranesbill had the lovely name of Grace of God. Comfrey which has different coloured flowers on a single stem was called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Lady's Bedstraw refers to the Virgin Mary.

You can celebrate the wildflowers in your churchyard and the link they bring to the past. How about putting a display of flower photographs with traditional names up on your notice board? Maybe you could make small signs and place these near to the flowers? Allowing spring flowers to bloom and set seed before mowing them will give you a beautiful show of colour as well as encouraging these lovely plants which have been part of the life of the church for centuries.

All the best

Harriet

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[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) (individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Simply use the discount code Lich19)

## *Hilderstone WI News*

In an age when many households consider the dishwasher to be an essential piece of kitchen equipment perhaps the humble tea towel holds a position of low esteem.

Imagine the surprise on the faces of Hilderstone WI Members when, on arrival at the Village Hall for their March Meeting, they were faced with a display of **140** tea towels covering every available surface; later to be informed there were a further **400** that completed the '*Collection*'

The Speaker, Barbara Andrew, had prepared the Hall with all the enthusiasm of a sales woman proud of her '*counter display*'. The entertaining talk was offered with delightful confidence. Members were given a thorough illustrated history of (rarely considered collectable) Tea Towels.

From the Industrial Revolution, when the humble tea towel was referred to as a dish cloth, to WW2 when (both in America and Great Britain) women used fine woven linen sacks for dish wiping, on to the late 1940s when tea towels with printed designs became popular and for the following three decades were often hung or pinned to walls in the home as an 'adornment'.

Our Speaker's talk was a most illuminating insight into the subject. We were shown a variety of designs for Collections from Calendars and Maps to Animals and recipes. Women designers were revealed ... Pat Albeck (mother-in-law to Emma Bridgewater) being one of the foremost leaders.

What an entertaining opening to the evening! Barbara Andrew's sense of humour and happy approach was a delight and laughter was much in evidence. Any members who had regarded '*tea towels*' as simply a functional article in the kitchen discovered that there are **914** varieties waiting to be selected on the Internet!

President Pat Saul offered a generous Vote of Thanks and thanked our Speaker for such a revealing, remarkable and fascinating history on such an unusual subject. Barbara presented each member present with a

comprehensive booklet on the information we had been given. An unexpected and added bonus!

The Meeting continued, after a busy 'clear up' session, and we all agreed that such an unusual subject was worth recommending.

The Business part of the evening continued with its usual efficiency and the evening ended with delicious refreshments, provided this month, by Christine Graham and Pat Cowan.

The next Meeting of the Hilderstone WI is on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm at Hilderstone Village Hall when the Speaker will be Katie West on the subject of '*The Midlands Air Ambulance*' which will prove a valuable insight into a Service we all support.

New Members are always offered a friendly welcome.

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## **Jumble Sale**

Saturday 6th April 2019

Hilderstone Village Hall, Sandon Road, Hilderstone

Donations from 10am please

Doors open 2pm admission 20p

Proceeds in aid of village Christmas Meal and Church funds

## Cooks Tips

### Hot Cross Buns

#### Ingredients

500g quality strong bread flour, plus a little extra for dusting

7g sachet of dried yeast                      2 tsp ground cinnamon

½ tsp salt    60g mixed peel

75g caster sugar                                  250ml milk

170g sultanas                                      zest of two small  
oranges

#### For the cross piping

75g plain flour

1 tbsp caster sugar

#### For the glaze

2 tbsp caster sugar

#### Method

- Sift the bread flour, caster sugar and salt together in a bowl then mix in the yeast. In a jug, mix the milk with 65ml warm water (to make 315ml total). Gradually add the liquid and mix to achieve a pliable dough. Lightly flour a work surface then tip out the dough and knead for 5-6 mins until smooth and elastic.
- Carefully mix the peel, orange zest, sultanas and ground cinnamon into the dough and make sure they are evenly distributed. Then leave to rise in the bowl for an hour.
- Lightly grease a large baking sheet and then pull off 85g pieces of the dough and make them into balls. Place the balls onto the baking sheet, evenly spaced apart and allow to prove for another hour.

- Preheat the oven to gas 8, 230°C, fan 210°C.
  - Make the flour piping by combining the plain flour, tablespoon of caster sugar and 80ml of water and blend until the mixture is smooth. Transfer to a piping bag and with a small plain nozzle and pipe a cross over the top of the buns when they are ready for the oven.
  - Bake the buns for 15 mins at 230°C then turn the oven down to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C, cover with foil and bake for a further 10 mins.
  - While the buns are cooking, heat 2 tbsp of water and sugar for the glaze until all the sugar is dissolved. Brush over the buns when they are just out of the oven.
  - Allow to cool for 10-15 mins and serve warm. The buns can also be sliced in half, toasted and served with butter
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## **Hilderstone Summer Fair**

This years summer fair will be on Saturday 20th July from 2pm till 4pm, attractions are being finalised, details in the next magazine. If you would like to run a stall or an event please contact Phil Davies on 01889 505725.

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## ***Hilderstone Annual Village Dinner Party***

Hi Fellow Residents

The Annual Village Dinner Party has been booked for Saturday 11th May, starting 7:00 for 7:30pm.

We are looking for just a few more hosts to take a table at this event for a great evening with their friends and family.

For those who are not familiar with the format it is as follows:

The evening starts with a glass of Prosecco followed by a 2 course meal (starter and main or main and pudding).

The evening includes a Grand Raffle, Live Entertainment and a Disco to round off the event.

Each year a theme is chosen (this is to be announced).

## **Hilderstone Heritage, Part Twenty-Seven**

The article in 'The Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel' of 12<sup>th</sup> November 1954 continues:

"In a delightful country cottage near the Vicarage and the Hall lives Mr F G Dalton, representative for Hilderstone on the Stone Rural District Council and a man respected in the village for his calm manner and sound judgement. Mr Dalton says that work is expected to start almost immediately on a village hall – the need for which has been felt for many years.

A site is available in the centre of the village, and the building will comprise a main hall, committee room, and necessary offices. Among the many activities for which it will be used are whist drives, dances, amateur theatricals, and meetings. The building, according to Mr Dalton, will be of sectional construction of Canadian cedar wood, with stage and a floor suitable for dancing. Total cost would be over £4000, of which more than £2000 has been raised in the village. "It is a wonderful place for raising money" he says. "The people always rally round when funds are needed for a good cause".

Reflecting on the good strides which have been made in recent years in developing the village, Mr Dalton states that 12 Council houses and a police house have been built since the war, and electricity and water supplies laid on. There is no real housing shortage in the village, he adds, and as it is purely an agricultural district, extensive development would be undesirable.

As in most villages, one of the best known personalities is the postmistress, Mrs C Meddings, who has been at the Post

Office since 1927. Her husband, Mr George Meddings, died in 1950. In the living room Mrs Meddings has the telephone switch-board, with its 118 subscribers, over which she and her sister keep continuous vigil. Asked whether it was not a great trial, keeping a 24 hour watch on the switchboard, Mrs Meddings replied simply: "It is our job. It is at least on the hearth. We don't have to go out and do it".

There are not many calls, she says, during the night – except emergency calls for doctor, fire brigade and, as many subscribers are farmers, the veterinary surgeon. Mrs Meddings says that there is an infrequent bus service into the village, but many of the inhabitants have their own cars.

A farmer's view of the village came from Mr W T Phillips, of Bank Farm, which comprises about 150 acres. He thinks that the mixed farming of the Hilderstone district "will hold its own against any part of the country". The article then finishes with a visit to the Bird in Hand [see Part Fifteen].

Two weeks later, on 26<sup>th</sup> November, a reporter paid a return visit to the village. Under the heading "Postman Bert Gets the Mail Through – No Matter the Weather" the article reads:

"For 28 years, Auxiliary Postman Albert Thomas Harris, of Hilderstone, has covered an area of some 10 miles a day – and it is his proud boast that he has never failed to complete his round in all weathers. Mr Harris, who is 68, says that his round takes about four hours. He cycles most of it, but when the roads have been filled with snow he takes to the fields on foot. When delivering mail to farms he has found it expedient, on occasions, to hasten through a hedge when confronted by hasty-tempered bulls.

Mr Harris has also been the village chimney sweep since 1910. During the First World War, while he was serving in the army, his duties as chimney sweep were carried out on his behalf by the then Vicar, the late Rev T Barnes – who saved money earned for Mr Harris until his return. Mr Harris went to the Vicarage as a boy and was engaged as gardener there until 1925. For nearly half-a-century he has been bell ringer and sexton at the Parish Church.

Eighty-six years old Mr William Boulton, of Briar Cottage, Hilderstone, was a farmer for nearly half-a-century before his retirement. During the summer he returned to the land, to help with the corn harvest at the farm of Mr W T Phillips, Bank Farm. Mr Phillips says that Mr Bouton drove a tractor and moved between 70 and 80 loads of corn.”

Finally, after a visit to the village blacksmith [see Part Ten], the article concludes: “

A pioneer of the district nursing service in Hilderstone is Mrs H Bridgwood, aged 79, of Anscroft, Hilderstone. In 1909, then a District Nurse, she went to the village to start a service. After her marriage in 1919, she performed unpaid relief work, for many years, during the holidays or time-off of succeeding nurses. Villagers have often sought her help and advice in the case of minor injuries and complaints. When a fire broke out in a loft earlier this year, Mrs Bridgwood tackled the blaze with buckets of water, preventing it from spreading until help arrived.

*To be continued.....*

## **Hilderstone Parish Council**

### Monthly Meeting Dates 2019

The dates of the meetings taking place in 2019 are:

Wednesday 20th March 2018 at 7pm for the Annual Parish Meeting and followed at 7.30pm by the Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)

Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 7.30pm

No meeting in August

Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7.30pm

No meeting in December.

Members of the public are welcome at these meetings to observe proceedings or raise an issue of concern. If you require the Parish Council to make a decision on an issue of concern, you should notify the Parish Clerk at least 14 days in advance of a meeting so that it can be included in the agenda for that meeting.

Clerk to Hilderstone Parish Council - Mrs Amanda Kingston.

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### Increase in Parish Council Charge April 2019

At the November 2018 meeting the Parish Council voted unanimously to increase the parish precept by 10.9% for 2019-20. This equates to an extra £3.33 per band D property per year. With the continuing reduction in funding for highway and rights of way maintenance by the County Council, this increase was considered necessary to help maintain our highways and rights of way network.

**Christ Church Hilderstone**  
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## From the Vicar

As some of you may be aware, after nearly 40 years, I have recently had to abandon wearing contact lenses in favour of glasses. What started as what appeared to be a slight irritation in one eye (as any contact lens wearer will tell you does happen) turned out to be quite a major problem involving strong antibiotic drops, dilating drops, hot eye masks and specialist eye wipes plus a six week recovery period. So much for an, obvious, slight irritation! What I thought was obvious, I had to accept was, in reality, totally incorrect.

It's the same with Easter isn't it? Most people will accept the reality of Jesus' life (there are independent writings about him after all); most people will accept that he was a "good man" even if they do not/will not acknowledge his divinity. The crucifixion is also generally accepted as fact; after all crucifixion was a common punishment in the Roman empire at the time. All that is obvious, but then the trouble starts and "the obvious", for some, becomes pure speculation at best and downright ludicrous at worst.

What happened after Good Friday? The "obvious" answers include: Jesus was not really dead so, after being put in the tomb, he just got up and walked out. Highly improbable; even if he wasn't physically dead, the injuries he had sustained would make rolling the stone away impossible yet alone walking away. Alternatively, he wasn't dead and his friends came and fetched him from the tomb once it was dark. Again, highly improbable – Jesus' disciples had all deserted him before the crucifixion; they were scared and in hiding. Would they really just walk up to the guards at the tomb, calmly remove the stone and "free" Jesus? Alternatively, Jesus was dead but the disciples wanted to keep up the myth that he was alive so they took away his body. That really does beg the question: why? Why would these frightened, in hiding people want to perpetrate a myth? Add to that mix the firmness of Roman rule – the authorities would not allow anyone crucified to live (remember that the usual practice was to break the legs of those crucified to ensure they were dead) and they placed guards on the tomb just to avoid any wild speculation as to where the body was – it had to be a dead body in the tomb!

No, the obvious answer is actually the one some people find impossible to accept. Jesus was not in the tomb because God had kept his promise and raised Jesus back to life. The Jewish people of the day, especially the religious leaders just could not see the obvious even though they claimed to know their scriptures inside out. Jesus had fulfilled all God's promises made throughout the centuries right back from Abraham, through Moses and all the prophets; Jesus IS the messiah. The tomb was empty because it was no longer needed. The authors Geoffrey Rowell and Julien Chilcott-Monk say this of Easter:

"Easter is an explosion – a stunning overwhelming, surprising event which blows our human history wide open and transforms our expectations. *Dead men are dead. Bodies rot in the ground. When a life is over, the person may live in our memory but that is all.* But Easter is not like that; it turns the world upside-down, for God has done a new thing, a surpassing, wonderful, new thing. All the Easter stories in the gospels (and St Paul's witness in his letters) home in on one single, rich, and amazing truth - Christ is risen and Jesus is



alive. The cross is not, therefore, the end because death is conquered. This resurrection, this new life, this new creation, is a life to be shared." So, go and share a very Happy Easter!



## **Services at Christ Church**

### **April 2019**

7 <sup>th</sup> April	11:15am	Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> April	11:15am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup> April	11:15am	Family Communion for Easter Day
28 <sup>th</sup> April	11:15am	BCP Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> May	11:15am	Holy Communion

### **Readings – April 2019**

7 <sup>th</sup> April	Phil 3: 4b - 14
(Lent 5)	John 12: 1 - 8
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Phil 2: 5 – 11
(Palm Sunday)	Luke 22: 14 – end 23
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Acts 10: 34 - 43
(Easter Day)	Luke 24: 1 – 12
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 5: 27 - 32
(Easter 2)	John 20: 19 - end
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 9: 1 - 6
(Easter 3)	John 21: 1 - 19

## **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?**

### **Easter 2019**

Lent lunches continue in Hilderstone Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April  
12 noon – 1:30pm. All welcome

Holy Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Holy Communion St Nicholas

Holy Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Holy Communion Christ Church

Holy Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Holy Communion St Nicholas

Maundy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm Holy Communion with  
(optional) foot washing

Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Last Hour at the Cross St Nicholas

Easter Eve 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm Service of Light Christ Church

**Christ Church APCM:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm Hilderstone Village Hall. All on the church electoral roll are invited to attend (and vote if required).

### **Forward Notice: Stone Deanery Ascension Day Service**

Christ Church Hilderstone is hosting the deanery service for Ascension Day at 7:30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome to attend (parking at village hall please).

**Forward notice: Antiques Valuation** with Hanson's Auctioneers in Hilderstone Village Hall, 15<sup>th</sup> May 3 – 5pm. £1 per item (max 3 items); refreshments available. All proceeds to Christ Church Access for All fund to provide facilities in the church.

## **Prayers**

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

# Hilderstone Valuation Day Returns

Following the great success of last year's Valuation Day in Hilderstone, Hansons Auctioneers & Valuers are returning by popular demand to the Village Hall on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, from 3pm – 5pm** in aid of the 'Access for All' Project at Christ Church.

Whilst many of us are familiar with 'Flog It' and 'The Antiques Roadshow', there is nothing quite like being there in person – there is a palpable buzz about the place as the hall fills with an exciting array of items from all over the world: from Zulu Spears, a dress helmet from the Great War and eye-catching advertisements to impressive ceramics, there was certainly plenty of variety on show.

For those who could not make the event last year, or who wish to bring along new items for valuation by Adrian, here is your chance. Priced at just £1 per item (with a maximum of three items per person) and a Café

serving refreshments, along with plenty of cake, the event promises to be every bit as entertaining, and informative, as last year.

All proceeds from the event will go to the 'Access for All' project to fund full disability access and facilities in Christ Church Hilderstone.



*(Left): Marion & Paul Reynolds holding one of the star items from the Valuation Day in 2018. If only we could all look as good as the lady in the advert after a day of housework!*

## **COUNTRYSIDE WATCHER - KNOW ABOUT THE APRIL SPRING**

I love Spring, particularly in April. In fact, Spring is my most favourite season of the year. I do not think it is because I was born in April. I just love all that is around me at this time.

There is much going on in the lanes, so much to see when we use our 'Seeing' skill. 'Seeing' is obvious to us. However, there are other senses we can use to enjoy Spring life - our 'Listening' skill, our 'Smelling' skill and also our 'Touching' skill.

So, SEE! We can, of course, always see April dressed in spring-green. However, look for birds collecting feathers and grass for their nests. Of course, be careful not to get too close. You may be able to see Brimstone Butterflies, one of the first to see in Spring. The males are a bright yellow, the females a paler yellow. Look in the fields in the morning to see the Hares. I will never forget one springtime when I saw lots of Hares on a sloping green field. I stopped my car and parked it safely on the other side of the lane. I walked over and watched amazed as males chased females. Then I was delighted to see some boxing going on and males eventually making some other males hop swiftly up the bank in retreat. I have never seen such a wonderful spring sight again.

SMELL! Walking down the Drumble in the Spring, it is no problem for us to use our 'smelling' skills. The bank under the trees is a mass of Bluebells. We only have to breath in deeply to smell these delicate flowers.

TOUCH! Just pick up and stroke a tiny, new leaf. What a lovely spring feeling you will have.

LISTEN! Using our hearing skill we may hear a bird singing its own name. It is the Chiff-Chaff of course. I love it when I hear 'Chiff-chaff, Chiff-Chaff, Chiff-Chaff'. This bird is one of the first to arrive in this country in the Spring and to start singing. If there is a pond near or just a deep-water filled ditch, you might hear some Water Boatmen. About the size of a pea, they create a sound louder than a lawnmower.

However, the wonderful sound of birds might wake you in the morning. Warmer and lighter days encourage male birds to sing. They are defending their territories and also looking for females ready for breeding. Chiffchaffs, Great Tits and Robins will be singing their hearts out.

So, SEE, SMELL, TOUCH and LISTEN to know a Spring April.

*Sheila Harvey*

<b>How to contact us:</b> Visit the Library: Stone Library, Market Square, High Street Stone ST15 8AT		Opening times: Monday 9.00-5.00 Tuesday 9.00-6.00 Wednesday 9.00-1.00 Thursday 9.00-5.00 Friday 9.00-6.00 Saturday 9.00-4.00
<b>Mondays (term time)</b> 10.30-11.00am	<b>Baby Bounce and Rhyme</b> Music and rhymes for parents, carers, babies and toddlers 0-3 years old.	Free
<b>Every first Tuesday of the month</b> 10am –12pm	<b>Small Business Group</b> Network with other small business owners and find out how Your Library can help YOUR enterprise!	Free
<b>Every 3rd Tuesday of the month</b> 10.30am-12.00pm	<b>Reading Café</b> Come along and talk about your favourite reads over a cup of coffee.	Free
<b>Every 4th Tuesday of the month</b> 10.30am-12.00pm From September will be 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month	<b>Creative Writing Group</b> If you like to write for fun or you are just looking for inspiration to begin your first novel, then come along to our Writing Café.	Free
<b>Every Wednesday</b> 10.30am-12.00pm	<b>Knit and Natter or Crochet and Chatter!</b> Come along to share your skills, learn a new craft or make new friends	Free
<b>Every Saturday</b> 2.00pm-3.00pm	<b>Lego Club: Stay and play</b> Maximum: 8 children per session	50p a Session
<b>IT Buddy sessions</b> Can have 3 one hour sessions.	Free one-to-one help. One hour sessions. Booking is essential please see contact details above.	Free hour Sessions x 3
<b>Stone Library</b> <b>What's On</b>		

# IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY

Alma Bazel Androzzo

as rec by Gracie Fields 1948

also rec by-  
Michael Holliday  
Mahalia Jackson  
Josef Locke  
Sir Harry Secombe

If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or a song,  
If I can show somebody he is travelling wrong,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!

Then my living shall not be in vain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!  
If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!

If I can do my duty as a Christian oft,  
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought,  
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!

Then my living shall not be in vain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!  
If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain!  
(Transcribed by Peter Akers - July 2011!

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