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The Queen's Jubilee was a remarkable event with amazing scenes of affection and support. The world stood still and looked on in awe! Where else, but London could an event of this kind take place? Seventy years of outstanding leadership and service to this country and the Commonwealth, which consists of 2.6 billion people, almost a third of the world population. An outstanding Queen, who will go down in history as one, if not the greatest ever leader of the United Kingdom.

I remember the time she acceded to the throne. One day she left England as a happy, carefree young Princess, a few days later she returned as the Queen. Her bearing and the way she came down those aeroplane steps at 25 years of age, there was no question, she was now a Queen. 'A great example to Great Britain the Commonwealth and the World.' A recent comment from an American Publisher. The rest of the news is continued war in Ukraine, fuel prices,

power, and inflation all increasing. Travel chaos, threatened rail strikes and so it goes on. Not much news about Covid though, the cause of many if not all of the challenges we face. We were bound to face after effects of Covid. Two years of unprecedented times with, massive loss of life, lockdowns, businesses closed and all that went with it. They were awful times. Then we invented the vaccine which was amazing and followed with brilliant organisation to get it

distributed. We have been through tough times before. The Second World War, the Cold War with the four minute warning of nuclear attack, inflation at 16%, bank crashes, strikes and so on. We always get through and all will be well. We have to remain positive! Summer is here and it's fabulous. Beautiful countryside, amazing wildlife, lots of local fetes and village events. Fun in the garden, flowers in bloom, the vegetable patch starting to look good, so much to enjoy. We even won a fantastic Test Match at Lords! More test matches to follow, then the Commonwealth Games, Wimbledon, The 150th Open Championship at St Andrews, so much to look forward to. We hope you enjoy this edition of the newspaper. Our following is growing on all fronts, with new advertisers coming on board, all very exciting!



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Bold proposals unveiled for town centres



Cllr Bradley Thomas, Leader of Wychavon District Council, launches the new investment plan prospectuses for Droitwich Spa, Evesham and Pershore.

New visions for the future of Wychavon's town centres have been unveiled that are set to transform them in the years ahead. Investment prospectuses have been drawn up by Wychavon and consultants CBRE, setting out how the council will work with partners and the community to rise to the challenges facing Droitwich Spa, Evesham and Pershore. All three town centres are facing a storm of issues that are putting them under pressure, including the aftershock of the Covid-19 pandemic, a permanent increase in home and flexible working and more people shopping online. The prospectuses have been created based on consultation with a range of partners, including local businesses and Worcestershire County Council. Each town has its own prospectus. They look at everything from the way people move around the town centre to improvements to the physical appearance of the place. In each town a series of Game Changer sites have been identified. These are sites that have the greatest potential to bring about change. Not all of them are owned by Wychavon, so discussions and partnerships with landowners and the private sector will be crucial.

Pershore

The strategic objectives for Pershore include embracing the River Avon and reconnecting it with the town centre as well as building on Pershore's vibrant and varied events programme and independent retail and food and drink offer. Making sure

new communities springing up around the town are physically and emotionally connected to the town will also be important to encourage them to spend time and money in the place. In Pershore the Game Changer sites are:
The Pershore Market site offers an opportunity to create a new landmark development that transforms the arrival into the town from the High Street, Avon Meadows and the River Avon. Two potential options are presented for the site. One includes the creation of a new modern food hall serving local produce, a modern and refreshed Pershore Market, high-quality improvements to the physical appearance of the site and a new 75-bed extra care facility. The second option includes expanding and diversifying Pershore Market, new housing including an extra care facility and other mixed uses. Broad Street has the potential to be transformed into a pedestrian space that can also be used to host some of Pershore's regular events and expand the programme. A new permanent car parking arrangement could be maintained within Broad Street while also allowing enough flexibility for alternative uses as well as places to sit, relax and experience what the town has to offer.

People can find out more about the proposals in each prospectus and watch Wychavon's short explainer videos at www.wychavon.gov.uk/town-centres.

Community Consultation 2022

The Town Council has put in two bids for funds from Wychavon District Council's Community Legacy Grant. One is to enhance Broad Street and the other to install some fun equipment on Abbey Park. The Council is interested in the views of residents as to whether or not they support these projects. The adopted Town Plan had a number of priorities, and the Town Council hopes that these funds can be used to enable one of the major priorities to be fulfilled. The Council has already facilitated the creation of the new Wellbeing Hub in the High Street and is now looking at enhancing Broad Street. This has been identified as a huge benefit to the town both in the Town Plan and in a more recent consultation undertaken by Wychavon District Council. A sketch of the proposals for Broad Street is below although the project is likely to be subject to a planning application in due course. The Abbey Park works do not require permission and could be completed relatively quickly if the bid is successful.

• Funding approvals. This indicates that such a transition would necessarily be a medium-term aspiration. Additionally, Pershore is considered by those who live and work here to be an independent spirited town with events at its heart and it is suggested that bringing the town's varied and vibrant events programme into a revitalized Broad Street would reinforce its bustling independent retail and food and drink offer. The scheme has the support of Wychavon DC and Worcestershire CC who would have to carry out the works. This project has been discussed at length. *Trim Trail and Zip Wire on Abbey Park*
The Youth Council have been fundraising for some years in the hope of installing a Zipwire in Abbey Park- a piece of equipment they felt was more in line with the age range of high school students to which the Youth Council was drawn from. Additionally, the Town Council have been looking for a site for a trim trail in order to encourage residents young and old, and

Proposed Broad Street



Broad Street

The Town Plan made the following comments about Broad Street 5.2 *Town Square*:
There were 37 suggestions to make Broad Street a Town square. There are practical problems involved with implementing this suggestion, as it is a busy road for traffic transiting the Town and for buses stopping. In order to make this conversion, the following would have to happen.

- Relocation of car parking
- Relocation of bus stops.
- Dual carriageway reduced to single carriageway (1 lane in each direction) on Royal Arcade side of square.
- Traffic signals at junction of Broad Street and High Street/ Bridge Street.
- Relocation of street furniture.
- Planning approvals.

with all abilities, to take part in some fun exercise. There is very little informal exercise equipment that is free to use in Pershore and it is felt that this would be a well used extra facility on the park. It is hoped the trim trail would incorporate a mixture of timber and steel equipment to provide a mix of exercises in keeping with the surrounding area. The exact location of the trim trail is to be decided in conjunction with Wychavon District Council. Members of the town council were outside the town hall on Saturday 14th May 2022 from 10am-12pm to consult with members of the public and answer any questions regarding these proposals.

The consultation ended 20th May 2022

New Wychavon Chairman



Cllr Robert Raphael (right) hands over the Chairman's Chain to Cllr Alex Sinton with new Vice Chairman Cllr Emma Kearsy

A former teacher is aiming to raise awareness of Wychavon's work to tackle climate change after taking on the role of Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Alex Sinton was officially handed the chain from outgoing Chairman Cllr Robert Raphael at Wychavon's Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th May. He will be supported by Cllr Emma Kearsy who was elected Vice Chairman for the year. The passionate Manchester United fan represents Droitwich Spa East on Wychavon, having lived in the town since 1999. Born in Urmston in Manchester, Cllr Sinton was a primary school teacher in Manchester for many years before joining RGS Worcester in 1989, where he remained until retiring in 2011. Cllr Sinton said: "It is a great honour to be made Chairman of Wychavon and I look forward to getting out and meeting more of our great communities and raising the profile of the council and the important work it performs."

"The success of Wychavon's Intelligently Green Plan is so important for all our futures and one of the things I hope to do in my year is to promote this to

schools and support the activities of their eco-councils." Cllr Raphael said his time as Chairman had been amazing. He said his highlights included the opening of the new pump track in Charity Brook park in Evesham, the community hub at Droitwich Spa High School, Pershore Wellbeing Centre and the 4G sports pitch at Evesham United.

Cllr Raphael added he was also proud to host the world premiere of Wychavon Sketches, a piece of music commissioned by Wychavon Festival of Brass to mark their 40th anniversary year. Cllr Raphael said: "Of course, Covid-19 has been a significant part of my time as Chairman. The early part of the pandemic was new for all of us and chairing meetings with over fifty participants from a screen in my living room was daunting. I really would like to thank my colleagues, fellow councillors and officers, all of whom have been incredibly kind and understanding. I've enjoyed every second, it's made me a better councillor and opened my eyes to the many wonderful things that go on across our district and further afield."

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Defford Ukraine fund raiser success

On Saturday 14th May 2022 the villagers of Defford held a fund raising event to support the people of Ukraine.

Taking place in Defford Village Hall and garden on a gloriously sunny day, the event was very well attended.

There was much to see, do and buy- with stalls and activities being run by local villagers.

These included a plant stall, a second-hand book stall, outdoor games for children, a Tombola, a framed picture stall and a bring and buy stall. All proved very popular- with the bring and buy stall offering a wide ranging and eclectic mix of interesting and unusual items.

The many delicious home-made cakes on offer with tea and coffee were baked by Defford villagers to help raise money for



this important cause.

Many attending commented that they really enjoyed the event and that it was wonderful for the local community to be able to get together after the Covid lockdowns of the last two years

The event organisers were delighted that a grand total of £2346.37 was raised on the day, which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

u3a Loosenders group



Twice a month a group of friends, all members of the Pershore u3a Loosenders group get together for a morning walk. A favourite route takes them along the River Avon to Strensham Lock where, if lucky, a few minutes is spent gongoozling as narrow boats pass through. Then it's over the lock gates on to the island with stunning views of the river and marina. In spring, members try to spot the nests of Canada geese amongst the nettles.

Further along we cross the two bridges over the weir where the sound of the water rushing underneath and tumbling over the weir is breath-taking. Would you believe that some of the walkers claim that they saw a crocodile in the water!!

Loosenders is just one of more than seventy interest groups that meet regularly. The groups are

organised by our members for our members on a voluntary basis, and cover a huge range of topics. These include language groups, foodie groups, craft and creative groups, book clubs, film appreciation, board and card games and discussion groups and many more. For outdoor lovers there's lots of fresh air activities of which croquet, petanque, bird watching, gardening know-how, walking and cycling are all very popular. Our monthly meetings held at Number 8, High Street, Pershore, provide all members with the opportunity to attend presentations on fascinating subjects, enjoy refreshments afterwards and make new friends!

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A few words from... Harriett Baldwin MP



Harriett Welcomes Cost of Living Support

Harriett Baldwin MP has welcomed measures which will see a range of extra targeted and temporary support measures to help local people facing a spike in electricity, oil and gas bills. Chancellor Rishi Sunak today confirmed that the Government will offer an additional £15 billion of financial support including a package which will benefit the lowest income households by £1,200 with some households receiving £1,650. The measures will be underpinned by a temporary energy profit levy on oil and gas firms which are reporting excess profits owing to significantly rising energy prices.

Pensioners will receive £850 - £300 through the additional Winter Fuel Payment, £400 from the energy bills cash grant and £150 from the council tax rebate for bands A-D. Hard-working families will receive £550 made up of the £150 for bands A-D currently hitting people's bank accounts and a further £400 from the energy bills cash grant later in the year.

Harriett commented: "My postbag is seeing an increasing number of people who are worried about rising prices now and in the future. This is an extremely worrying economic situation and I welcome the Chancellor's measures to help some of the worst off in society as well as giving a helping hand to households across West Worcestershire. The Government has spent a great deal of public funds to support people – through furlough, through specific business support and now extra measures to help with rising costs. I'm signposting constituents to a range of support measures now available to them, and it is helpful to see the timely measures set out today to offer reassurance for local people as they plan for extra costs in the winter time."

Pensioners could be missing support

Harriet Baldwin MP has urged local pensioners to check that they are getting all the support they need as the rising cost of living impacts on households across the county. Pensioners could access an extra £3,300 of support but many don't know that they qualify for this assistance. Many households are facing rising costs of energy which will impact on bills through the summer and into the winter. The Government has implemented a £9.1 billion support scheme but pensioners are able to access other support to top up their pensions – and some aren't claiming their full entitlement. Nationally, 850,000 haven't claimed for the full support and it is estimated that a quarter of pensioners in West Worcestershire aren't getting the cash top-up to their pensions which will help with bills, entitle them to council

tax reductions and allow them to get free TV licences. Harriet said: "Many households are already facing rising bills and I'm naturally keen to make sure that local people are able to access all the support that they are entitled to. The household support fund is designed to help the most vulnerable families in society and the Citizens Advice Bureau is allocating targeted support to those who need it most. But figures from the Department for Work and Pensions show that up to a quarter of pensioners are not accessing the full amount of support that they are entitled to, and I am encouraging these people, and those who care for elderly parents or relatives, to make sure they carry out a check this summer." More information can be found at www.gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling the free Pension Credit hotline on 0800 991234

Jubilee! 'Festival Atmosphere'



Harriett Baldwin MP joined thousands of local people across the county marking the Platinum Jubilee attending a succession of events to mark the milestone. Harriett criss-crossed the rural constituency visiting events in towns and villages celebrating the achievement of Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne. The MP joined dignitaries at the lighting of the beacon on top of Malvern Hills at the start of the celebrations and visited local events and church services as well as taking part in a ceremony to plant a tree as part of the Queen's Canopy initiative. Harriett said: "I was honoured to be invited to join civic dignitaries at the lighting of the Malvern beacon and be amongst the hundreds of people who made their way up and down the hill to mark the start of the

Jubilee celebrations. Despite some challenging weather, I was so pleased to be with people celebrating the service of Her Majesty across Worcestershire with many people sharing their stories about the Queen or their memories of Jubilee celebrations of the past. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make all these events happen. It was a special elongated bank holiday weekend and there was lots to do for people of all ages. I am sure local people will want to join me in thanking Her Royal Highness for her 70 years of service and wish her all the best for the future. One of the lasting legacies will be the extensive tree planting that I have participated in throughout the last few months and the Queen's Canopy will be an enduring benefit to us all."

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Midsummer Brass is back!



It is with delight that Pershore Midsummer Brass can announce that it will be back in Pershore on Saturday 2nd July after a two year absence due to you know what! Worcester Concert Brass will be playing at the free venue of Chapman Court from 10am followed by the bands of Ledbury Community, West Mercia Police and Gloucester Police finishing the session at approx 2pm. The Staffordshire Band will be the first to play in the Angel Hotel marquee also starting at 10am, with Langley Band finishing at 10pm making a total of twelve bands playing there throughout the day. The Star Inn will also have a marquee in their riverside garden with Cleobury Mortimer band opening proceedings at 11am. and Arrow Valley band closing the day at 8pm totalling nine

bands. Both pubs will be serving refreshments and drinks. An all day pass costs a mere £7.50 being valid all day at all venues and which can be obtained in advance either from Blue Ladies Fashions in Broad Street, Pershore Eyecare Centre, Bridge Street, Pershore or on the day from the ticket booth in the High Street and venues. Don't think anyone can quibble that this is not extremely good value for money with a total of twenty-five bands playing throughout the town. The traditional opening fanfare will be from Browns Ironmongers balcony at 9.50am. by performers from Alcester Victoria Silver Band.

Programmes will be available on the day and for any further information see the website: Pershoremidsummerbrass.org

Deadline extended for £500 apprentice payment

The deadline for new apprentices to apply for a £500 incentive payment has been extended until the end of September. As part of the Wychavon and Malvern Hills Upskilling Project, both councils are offering the incentive to promote apprenticeships and trainee programmes, which help many people to take their first steps in the world of work or embark on new careers. So far, twenty-six apprentices have benefited from the £500 incentive payment, and many are encouraging others to apply. Zander Marshall from Ombersley was just sixteen, and had recently left school, when he joined Amada as an apprentice in mechanical and electronic engineering. "An apprenticeship mixes work and training so it meant that I could get a head start in my career while also gaining a qualification. I have definitely learnt a lot so far, both about engineering and the world of work", says Zander. The incentive payment was a big help when it came to buying my car, which has made travelling to and from work much easier. After being made redundant, Carly Wardle, a 21-year-old from Evesham, started an apprenticeship in business

administration with Certified Quality Systems. "I'm gaining a lot of hands-on experience of working in a professional environment and developing new skills. I'm enjoying my role and I've become much more confident in it" says Carly. "The incentive payment has really helped in the current situation, especially with the petrol price increases." New apprentices or trainees of any age are eligible to receive the £500 payment if they meet the criteria. To qualify, they must live or work in the Wychavon or Malvern Hills District areas, earn less than £15,000 a year, have completed at least the first month of their course, and claim the payment themselves. This incentive forms part of a range of activities designed to boost skills, help businesses grow and support people into work, using more than £283,000 from the UK Community Renewal Fund. There is also a separate support payment of £1,000 available for new apprentices and trainees, which can help them to cover the cost of travel, equipment, clothing and other associated expenses.

Seeking New Members



RBL Pershore & District Branch are Seeking New Members! We are celebrating our Centenary this year, the same year that our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, celebrates her Platinum Jubilee. The objects for which the Legion has been established and incorporated - *To relieve need, suffering and distress of Beneficiaries and their Dependants.* - *To relieve need and protect mental and emotional health of the Dependants.* - *To relieve suffering, hardship and distress to Dependants.* - *To promote support schemes of Beneficiaries and their Dependants.* - *To promote Commemoration.*

We are a very active branch and are looking to strengthen our support in the area and as usual are involved in a number of local activities that you could support. Pershore Carnival, Pershore Plum Festival, Poppy Appeal and other activities in planning stage (Eg:-Concert to celebrate our Centenary). There is no requirement to having served in the Armed Forces, anyone may join this proud organisation. The cost is minimal compared to the benefits that can be used. We also have a facebook page to share information. *If you wish to join please contact the Branch Membership Secretary Gerald Gregory 07802 897088 Email: geraldgregory@icloud.com*

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Second award for Ashwell Home Care!



Worcestershire family-run business Ashwell Home Care Services are celebrating a second consecutive win in an annual awards scheme that honours the top twenty home care providers across the entire West Midlands. The Home Care Awards 2022 are based on reviews from service users/clients and their family/friends, and this year marks the second in a row that Ashwell Home Care Services have been award winners. The home care provider, based in Malvern is run by husband-and-

wife team Philip and Debbie Ashwell and provides state of the art, individually tailored care to people in their own homes within Worcestershire, ensuring personal care and support is delivered the best way, coupled with a personal and inclusive approach by their Ashwell Home Care Companions. The Malvern based care agency also uses state of the art technology to ensure that visits to those they care for are monitored and that they can pinpoint at any time where their

Care Companions are. The technology also allows Ashwell Home Care Companions to see, at a glance what their clients' needs are every time they visit, so that tasks are completed without the possibility of anything being missed. Ashwell Home Care Service provide care to those who wish to remain independent in their own home and respite support to those who care for a loved one. They offer a wide variety of services, which include personal care services, overnight sitting,



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Sunday's show boasts a jam-packed schedule with green-fingered royalty Frances Tophill, Adam Frost and Arit Anderson live offering unique gardening trends with a heap of seasonal ideas and easy-to-follow top tips to get your garden ready this summer. Offering a huge variety of stunning Show Gardens, including Frances Tophill's debut show garden and the show's largest ever show garden, 'A Nostalgic Experience' by The Garden Design Co. with Michael Wheat Group, BBC Gardeners' World live is back and as big as ever for 2022. BBC Gardeners' World Live is proud to host one of the largest Floral Marquees in the country, home to a wonderful variety of award-winning nurseries and specialist growers, where you can shop plants to your heart's content while immersing yourself in sweet scents of summer. You'll also be able to browse and buy a range of gardening tools, kit and accessories from a wonderful selection of exhibitors. Book seats in the BBC Gardeners' World Live Theatre in advance or drop in to the My Gardeners' World Stage, Let's Grow Your Own Stage and BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Stage for talks and sessions, offering expertise and top tips,

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For more information and to book tickets to BBC Gardeners' World Live, please visit www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com

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Half of British butterfly species on new Red List

Twenty-four species of butterfly are now listed as Threatened – including eight that are Endangered – representing a substantial increase compared with the previous assessment. The risk of extinction is increasing for more species than decreasing.

There is some hope for species that have been the focus of intense conservation work and have been brought back from the brink of extinction.

Wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is warning that time is running out to save some of Britain's best-loved insects, with the latest Red List assessment of butterflies published today, revealing a 26% increase in the number of species threatened with extinction.

Using data gathered by volunteers through the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme and Butterflies for the New Millennium recording scheme, scientists from Butterfly Conservation have put together the new Red List, which assesses all the butterfly species that have bred regularly in Great Britain against the rigorous criteria of extinction risk set out by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The new Red List is published today in the journal *Insect Conservation and Diversity*. Of the 62 species assessed, four

are extinct in Britain (Black-veined White, Large Tortoiseshell, Large Copper, and Mazarine Blue) with 24 (41% of the remaining species) classed as Threatened (8 Endangered, 16 Vulnerable) and a further five (9%) as Near Threatened. Head of Science for Butterfly Conservation, Dr Richard Fox, says: "Shocking, half of Britain's remaining butterfly species are listed as Threatened or Near Threatened on the new Red List. Even prior to this new assessment, British butterflies were among the most threatened in Europe, and now the number of threatened species in Britain has increased by five, an increase of more than one-quarter. While some species have become less threatened, and a few have even dropped off the Red List, the overall increase clearly demonstrates that the deterioration of the status of British butterflies continues apace."

While land-use change remains the most important driver of decline, the impact of climate change on butterflies is also evident in the new Red List, with all four British butterflies with northerly distributions, adapted to cooler or damper climates, now listed as Threatened (Large Heath, Scotch Argus, Northern Brown Argus) or Near Threatened (Mountain Ringlet).



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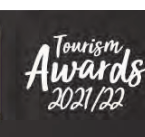
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Flower Club News



Our May meeting was an unusual one, in that our demonstrator - Marie Munday - did not arrive at the appointed time, due to a motorway traffic incident. But not to be beaten, some of our members 'rose to the challenge' ! Our Lifetime member Alwyn Stanley (and former demonstrator), gave an unrehearsed talk on her experiences as a demonstrator - which resulted in many

questions from the members. Another member gave an account of the recent visit that members had made to Morton Hall Gardens and yet another member told a very amusing joke - which had us all 'in stitches'. It's amazing what you can do if you try and we managed to 'keep going' until the evening's demonstrator arrived. Our members are truly

an innovative group! Marie's topic was 'A taste of India' and she took us on a trip via the Pink Palace of Jaipur, other Palaces and Gardens and finally a beautifully crafted Peacock arrangement which was stunning with her use of Strelitzias, Iris, Lisianthus, Fatsia leaves and ferns and ending with the insertion of two magnificent Vanda Orchids.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th June at Bishampton Village Hall with a demonstration from Christine Romsey from Oxfordshire and her title is "Past and Present". Guests and new members are always welcome and further details can be obtained by having a chat with our own President on 01905 936477

Who is responsible for private rental repairs ?

Question: I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up. How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?

Answer: This must be a very frustrating situation. The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm.

You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing.

Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisors at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

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We know people who volunteer their time get a lot back, including meeting new people, volunteering in a team and learning new skills.

Peter Jordan, South Worcestershire Citizen Advice volunteer, says: "I started volunteering because I was looking to continue using skills and experience from my previous employment. Being a volunteer adviser gives me a real sense of making a practical



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Rotary News



Rotary hosts Banking Hall opening night

On Friday, 22 April 2022 Pershore Rotary hosted the opening event for 85 people at The Banking Hall, Pershore's newest, multi-use function suite next door to the Angel Hotel. The opening of this new venue, an important addition to Pershore's hospitality scene, gave Pershore Rotary the opportunity to invite a cross section of local businesses to see the new venue, test out the facilities and network with other businesses. Pershore Rotary President, Lucy Thornton, welcomed

everyone to the opening night and Spirit Ventures CEO, Darren Eden, spoke about the new function suite. Guest of honour, Ian Edwards, Director of Economy and Environment at Wychavon District Council, spoke about 'doing business in Pershore'. This was a charity event for two local organisations, the Pershore Wellbeing Hub and Avon Navigation Trust's 'Neptune' project. The evening concluded with an auction and raffle, raising £1,440 for the charities.



'Rock Choir in Concert'

125 members of Worcestershire's Rock Choir sang their hearts out on Saturday, 30 April 2022 for the benefit of St Richard's Hospice. Led by Jacob Ashworth, the choir filled Pershore Abbey with their presence and selection of contemporary songs. Many of the songs were 'signed' by Lou Edwards demonstrating 'The Hands that Rock', a Rock Choir concept aimed at teaching and communicating songs to a wider audience. During the interval, St Richard's ambassador Barney Price, spoke about their work and the support

given by Pershore and other Rotary clubs over many years. Pershore Rotary had earlier in the year donated £1,400 to the hospice and this event raised a further £1,500.

Rotary is for people of action. If you can help us or would like to know more, go to our website www.pershorerotary.club



What is workplace Chaplaincy?

Work, business and life in general can be stressful. Having someone to talk to in confidence can make all the difference. That's where Workplace Chaplaincy can help. Workplace chaplains offer a listening ear by visiting shops, offices and businesses on a regular basis - anywhere people are at work. They are also available at times of stress and crisis, offering support on personal, family or work related issues. Conversations with a chaplain are entirely confidential. This service is offered by Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW), an ecumenical Christian charity which works to bring a Christian perspective to the world of work across Worcestershire. In one form or another, the churches of the county have supported this work of Mission in the Economy for more than 50 years. Central to it has always been chaplaincy to those at work. Chaplains are motivated by their faith in a loving God. 'We believe in a God who cares, so we try to do the same.' It is important to add that support is

available to everyone, of any faith or none. FWW is a registered charity supported by the churches of Worcestershire - to recruit, train and coordinate local teams of volunteer chaplains.

You can read more at www.faithatwork.org.uk

Pershore's Workplace Chaplaincy team will be commissioning newly trained chaplains and re-commissioning the original team from 2019 at an ecumenical United Service held by Churches Together in Pershore in the Abbey Park on Sunday 26th June at 3pm. This service would normally have been held during January, but Covid restrictions and then the Queen's Jubilee events have taken precedence. Everyone is welcome to attend and support - 'The work of the Chaplaincy team relies both on financial support for Faith at Work and prayer support from all the congregations, as we go out in the name of Churches Together in Pershore to support the town's traders.'

The Royal Oak, Anniversary

It is a year (April 2021) since Mark Hodges took on The Royal Oak at Kinnersley at what was potentially a very risky time. Having just come out of Lockdown, drinking outside pubs was allowed with social distancing rules. They were chilly evenings but Mark was delighted to see customers returning and braving the cold! Mark has had an interesting career, previously involved in the running of a pub but then diversifying into other areas. He returned to pub management at The Black Dog in Newent three years ago then decided to also take on The Royal Oak. It was an uncertain time at first, but Mark has been pleased with the success of the pub so far and enjoys the fact that it is based within a small community but is easily accessible from elsewhere. It is his intention to be at the Oak full time now and has plans to develop the pub while keeping its unique character. At the moment the pub is not offering food but this will change very shortly when good quality meals will be available. A web site is also being



constructed to provide a full profile of the Oak, including its B&B facilities. With the prospect of Jubilee weekend approaching, Mark is keen to involve the pub and its customers in celebrations. He is very happy with his move to Kinnersley and is looking forward to providing for both regular and new customers in this traditional pub with its warm and welcoming atmosphere. Mark was also very keen to stress how much he enjoys reading the Pershore Times every month and that he is impressed by such an interesting, quality paper. Apparently his customers are also keen readers!! We all wish him every success for the future.

Women's Hour!

A man's (and a woman's) best friend

Susan Catford



Coming from a family where we didn't have dogs- too many children! – I married into a family of dog lovers. It was, perhaps, not surprising that two years into our marriage with a new house, we also acquired a new puppy. Her name was Polly, a Labrador cross so a mini Labrador. Not having experienced a puppy (or a dog for that matter) it proved to be an interesting time. In spite of, in theory, being restricted to the kitchen, Polly piddled and puddled all over our brand new carpet. Having chosen a lovely plain rust carpet, it now had a pattern of circles of varying sizes. She also loved to chew things. On one occasion we returned home to find a wicker waste paper basket had been shredded so thoroughly that there was barely an inch of carpet not

strewn with straw!! Nevertheless she was a delight and an amusing addition to our family.

Polly loved going to our local pub where she was greeted with great enthusiasm. She was so affectionate and everyone loved her. She was fed crisps and allowed behind the bar in search of treats. As she grew she showed that she had a lovely temperament and went everywhere with us. She was also loved by my in-laws who no longer had a dog.

One year when we went abroad we left Polly with them. On our return we could see that there was a bond between her and father-in-law. We did not have the heart to take her away. By now he had slowed down considerably and Polly matched his pace, always by his side. She remained with him for the rest of her life and brought him much pleasure. It was a sad day when she passed away.

Over the following years we did have other dogs. Next was a Golden Retriever who had been used for breeding and was a real softie. She was a lovely dog but, again, we had to part with her when she developed cancer. We then had a pause when children arrived and our hands were full. But as they grew, they were keen to have a dog so along came

Lottie. She was an American Cocker Spaniel and had been terribly neglected, kept in a garage and obviously had not even been walked as we discovered. Her coat was so long that it was difficult to tell which end was which! After a good grooming, we discovered she actually had a pretty face but sadly not much of a brain!! Lottie hated going for a walk and only made it to the end of our road with encouragement. But she was affectionate, loved by the children and shadowed me everywhere. Once more cancer shortened her life.

Life and work took over and it was many more years before we could take on a dog again. This time we chose a lovely rescue dog but she proved to be unpredictable with some people so we had to be constantly on our guard. When she passed I was keen to have a puppy next so we could bring her up our way. Enter Sophie!! It is amazing how you forget things (like childbirth!) so it came as something of a shock to experience a puppy once more. Standing on the doorstep on winter mornings (the only time I invested in a onesie!) and keeping things out of chewing reach was a challenge. Presents had to be out of doggie height at Christmas as did tree decorations. From the

start she became another pub dog. It was her favourite place where titbits and tummy tickling were always available. On walks she throws herself at the feet of strangers and has become quite well known because of it. The amazing thing is that it also seems to bring pleasure to the humans! Our attempts to train her have been partially successful. She will fetch a ball but not release it, sit to command as long as there is a reward and she loves chasing pheasants. For her part she has trained us very well, communicating her needs through appealing looks and paw tapping! We now have three dogs in the family with lots of mutual dog sitting. Dogs are a delight but there is also the commitment and respecting the fact that not everyone likes our canine friends. They can be a responsibility but they do bring great pleasure, as does Sophie to our next door neighbour. You have to be prepared to go out for wet walks and cold wintry outings but they keep us fit, make us smile and give us incredible love and loyalty. Sophie is definitely this lady's best friend!

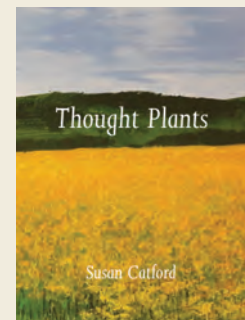


Disappearing dog

We have a dog called Sophie.
She's always been such fun
But sometimes there's a problem
When we take her for a run.
She keeps quite close beside us
When she is on her lead
But running in the fields
unleashed
Is really what she needs.
As soon as she is given
The chance to run and play
We never know just where she
goes,
She simply runs away!
A glimpse of fur, a cracking
sound,
She charges through the wood,
She's chasing after pheasants
now
To catch one if she could.
And now there is no sight of
her

Only a distant bark,
She's cornered one up in a tree
We could be here till dark!
So now we while the time away
Just sitting on a log,
She will not come to calling,
She's such a stubborn dog.
Eventually she's tired and warn
And can't chase any more,
Returning to our waiting log
She lies down on the floor.
She seems to have no energy
Is looking really beat
But after several minutes
She's soon back on her feet.
It happens to us every day
This disappearing trick.
It would be so much better
If she simply chased a stick!

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Garden Watch



The garden has colour now, though predominantly green and purple. The trees are fully clothed with a dense covering of green but in a variety of shades. The spring colours are giving way to a different selection of deeper colours. Two lovely shades of bluey- purple on the ceanothus shrubs and the lilac, including my newly planted one from last year, has darker purple blooms. The wisteria has filled out but has lots of foliage so perhaps not pruned quite right! The alliums are in flower with their lollipop heads and the rhododendron has deep crimson blooms. The grass is definitely growing and we have the mower back, though we did borrow one in between. It is no longer a field , more like a respectable lawn now! No doubt this is just the start of many cuts and soon the hay fever season will be upon us again! There are still fewer birds around but the feeders are somehow being emptied. Regular morning visitors are jackdaws and magpies giving the early worms a bad time. Even the robin was tugging at a poor worm the other morning, though I think the worm won on that occasion. A Great Spotted Woodpecker was having a good time on the bird feeder but flew off when disturbed. They are very attractive birds. The insects have returned with a constant buzzing around the ceanothus. A bumble bee occasionally blunders its way in but, fortunately, usually manages to find its way out again. A few

butterflies have reappeared. The dawn chorus has seemed quite subdued lately but the birds are singing away just now on what is a lovely, sunny afternoon. They are up in the trees somewhere amongst the thick foliage. The hostas have been brought out of the greenhouse and are looking very healthy. They are very attractive plants, particularly the variegated ones but, unfortunately, the slugs find them attractive too! The ferns are unfurling as they do and seem to grow with incredible speed. They are already taking over the bed and need to be kept in check. Our first poppy burst out of its bud the other morning and there is another about to do the same. They do provide a beautiful splash of scarlet with their huge petals. The tubs have been attended to as some have lost their spring flowers and need to be refurbished with summer varieties. They have lasted very well so far though and the geraniums that wintered in the greenhouse are flourishing. We have a lovely white clematis on the front of the house which brightens a dark corner and some bluebells are still hanging on there. The Virginia creeper is heading towards the roof and really needs some pruning before it is completely out of reach. The mole has not come back and, thankfully, neither has the hedgehog! No nocturnal adventures with the dog, though she still keeps looking!

Country file - Peregrine Falcon



Pershore has had its own Peregrine falcon nesting on Pershore Abbey recently but it can be difficult to spot these birds on their high perches. The Peregrine Falcon is a large and powerful falcon, swift and agile in flight when chasing prey. It has long pointed wings and a relatively short tail. Mainly blue-grey in colour, the top of its head is blackish and it has a distinctive 'moustache' that contrasts with its white face. It has a barred breast but also has different identifying features depending on age, sex and season. The juvenile is more brown in colour with cream/buff lighter parts. The population of Peregrine falcons declined in the 1960's but has improved since. There are approximately 1,500 pairs breeding in the UK now. These birds have suffered from human persecution as they may prey on game birds and racing pigeons. Their usual diet is medium-sized birds, pigeons and small ducks. The nest site of the Peregrine

falcon is known as an eyrie, often built on a high cliff or on high buildings. The female lays eggs in a clutch of three or four eggs and shares incubation with the male, lasting 29-32 days per egg. The young fledge at 35-42 days and are taught to hunt and handle prey in flight. Less than a third of Peregrines reach breeding age. Average life expectancy is five to six years. The recent nest on the Abbey was built on a rather precarious site in a guttering on the bell tower. It was feared that heavy rain might put the nest at risk and this is apparently what happened, resulting in the loss of the eggs. It has been suggested by our local Worcestershire Wildlife warden that a ledge could be provided on the Abbey as has been done in other places, to provide safe nesting. Whatever happens, hopefully this will not deter our Pershore Peregrine from returning to breed here again next year but you may need eagle eyes to spot it high up there!

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Cooking for fun!

Ailsa Craddock

My husband and I have travelled extensively but have both decided that when the weather is wonderful, there is nowhere more lovely than England in June! The colours and smells are amazing as everything comes to life and smiles at the sun!

It's very important to remember to keep hydrated - and I don't just mean the beer/lager you are drinking watching the football or the Pimms watching the tennis. The elderflower is out now in full bloom but it won't last too long if it's hot, so time to make two lovely drinks to put in the cupboard for you to taste the sunshine when it may not be there and two desserts for now.

Elderflowers are the last of the great tree flower displays of the year. The umbrellas of dense, tiny white flowers send out an alluring sweet smell that can be captured in drinks such as cordial and champagne. For thousands of years elderflower has been believed to have medicinal and healing properties. The flowers have both anti-septic and anti-inflammatory effects, so country folk have been using them in home-remedies for centuries. Try to pick your flowers in the morning as the aroma fades with the day.

Elderflower Champagne

7 heads of elderflowers
560 grams of sugar
7 pints boiling water
2 lemons
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
Put the flowers into a big bucket and add sugar, water and lemons. Give it a good stir and add the vinegar when cold. Bottle into clean plastic bottles (glass ones have been known to explode - and you can help save the planet using up the plastic!). Leave for a minimum of two weeks to go fizzy! Serve with lots of ice and sliced lemon

Elderflower Cordial

1 kg Granulated Sugar
1 litre boiling water
50g citric acid (from a chemist)
or juice of 2 large lemons
zest of 2 large lemons
15 elderflower heads

Put the sugar and water in a bucket and stir to dissolve. Add the citric acid or lemon juice and zest. Add the flower heads to the sugar syrup and leave 1-2 days, stirring regularly. Strain through some muslin into sterilised bottles and store in a cool place. To use, put a little in a glass and top with still or sparkling water. You can even add it to your gin and tonic - and if cooking gooseberries, add instead of water! You can also freeze it for sunshine in the winter!

Elderflower Sorbet

A fat-free and refreshing dessert - or serve as an aperitif with a shot of gin poured over!
20 heads of elderflower, freshly picked
300g caster sugar
2 lemons, halved and juiced
(reserve the halves)



Choose elderflowers with clean, creamy white petals, snipping the stalk just before the flowers fan out. Put in a large pan with the sugar and 550ml water, the lemon juice and the juiced halves of the lemons. Bring to a gentle simmer, then turn off the heat and leave to infuse (and the sugar to dissolve) for at least 1 hr or up to 5hrs. Line a large sieve with muslin and set over a bowl or pan. Strain the mixture and discard the flower heads and lemons. Pour into a freezeable container (preferably one with a lid) and freeze for 2-3 hrs until semi-frozen. Scrape the semi-frozen mixture into a food processor or blender and blitz to break down the lumps of ice - you may need to scrape down the sides a few times.

Put the sorbet back in the container and freeze for another 1-2 hrs. Repeat this process another two or three times. The more times you blend the sorbet, the smoother it will be. Will keep frozen for up to three months.

To serve

Remove from the freezer and leave to stand for 5 mins before scooping.

Elderflower Fritters with Honey
Lightly fried, golden and crunchy, drizzle these delicately battered elderflowers with local honey for a dessert with a difference.

16 elderflowers heads
Sunflower oil, for deep-frying
100g self-raising flour
2 tsp cornflour, 2 tsp golden caster sugar, 1 egg,
175ml sparkling water, icing sugar and honey

Cut away any elderflower stalks, just leaving the head still joined together. Half-fill a large saucepan with oil and set over a medium heat - you want it to reach 180C on a temperature probe. While the oil is heating, mix together the flours, sugar and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Beat together the egg and sparkling water. Make a well in the centre of the flour, then slowly pour in the wet mixture, whisking until combined - you want it to be lumpy. You'll need to use the batter immediately. Dip the elderflower heads into the batter, then drop into the hot oil, a few at a time. Cook for 30-secs-1 min until golden, then remove using a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Dust generously with icing sugar and drizzle over some honey. Eat straight away, while crisp.

Jazz News Peter Farrall



This month's band, Dave Browning's Jazz Cats, is described as playing Dixieland style jazz. Dixieland was a nickname, originating in the nineteenth century, for the Louisiana area and it is popularly suggested that the name derives from a ten dollar note issued by the Bank of Louisiana, and bearing a prominent "DIX."

Louisiana was, at the time, home to a large French speaking population.

Around the time of the American civil war the name was used in the northern USA as a derogatory term for the southern states in general but as an expression of patriotism by the population of those states. A more sinister explanation is that it derives from "Dixie's Land" after the estate of slaveowner and trader, Jonathan Dixie. Nowadays the word is used with some reservation because of the connotation with that unfortunate period in US history.

In the world of jazz, Dixieland is a development of that happy, toe tapping music that spread northwards from its origins in New Orleans in the early twentieth century and, although

recognised as essentially a product of black culture, it seems a little ironic that the very first jazz record made was by "The Original Dixieland Jazz Band", a group of white musicians. By the 1920s jazz was firmly established in Chicago by the likes of King Oliver and Louis Armstrong, and young white musicians seized on the music and developed their own style with guitar replacing the banjo and sometimes adding saxophone to the traditional line up. The music was rowdy, sometimes a little ragged, certainly alcohol fuelled but captured the very essence of the period when all aspects of life were infused with the spirit of jazz and in a "speakeasy" you could possibly be in the company of members of the Capone, Dillinger, or Moran mobs.

Perhaps the most "Dixieland" of

all jazz was this period when Eddie Condon, Red McKenzie, Wild Bill Davison and all played the background music for flappers, gangsters, prohibition, and all that constituted the "jazz age".

We probably won't have flappers at the club this month, no gangsters (that we know of), and alcohol will be available, but the music will be an authentic blast from the past.

Dave Browning's Jazz Cats
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Bringing home the silver!

Nikki Hollier - Border In A Box



A Worcestershire woman who left a 20 year career in global IT to follow her heart and retrain as a garden designer, has been awarded a prestigious Royal Horticultural Society medal for her first ever garden at the world famous Chelsea Flower Show.

Nikki Hollier, whose company Border In A Box sells gift-packaged, ready-made garden border templates, designed and created a beautiful container garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show last week (May 24th – 28th). The ‘Mandala, Meditation and Mindfulness Garden’ – one of five unique small space gardens on display this year - was a hit with media, television celebrities and VIPs on Press Day, and the general public for the rest of the week.

She was awarded a prestigious RHS Silver Medal for her work. Many commented on the serenity and peace of Nikki’s pandemic-inspired garden, which was designed as a calm, yet rejuvenating haven in which to sit and reflect and listen to the bees humming and the birds singing. A beautiful water feature took centre stage against the backdrop of a muted violet wall with a mandala,

surrounded by trees, white flowers and herbs. While she’s no stranger to the show gardens arena, Nikki is thrilled with her success. She said: “What a rollercoaster of a week! It’s hard to articulate what it’s like creating a garden at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show to be honest. One minute I was chatting with Lady Edith from Downton Abbey, then having a giggle with comedian Tom Allen, but the highlight was seeing HM The Queen pass by my garden in her buggy. It’s been a long three weeks and I am exhausted, but I’ve created some lifelong friends and memories and I’m excited to see what projects come next. Special thanks must go to my mentor Paul Hervey-Brookes who was a real trouper, and of course to all my sponsors.”

Nikki’s garden design story began ten years ago when she moved into a new-build house with its standard patch of turf and customary bare fence. Faced with an uninspiring outdoor space and working to a tight budget, she enrolled at Pershore College, where she learned how to create beautiful borders. She won a Silver Medal and the



‘People’s Choice Award’ at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival in 2016, where she met Alan Titchmarsh. Alan purchased the life-size sheep sculptures from her show garden and when she delivered them to him, he gave her a tour of his own garden! She says he loved the concept of Border in A Box and gave her lots of tips and encouragement. The business was launched in 2017 and she went on to win Worcestershire Innovation’s ‘Make It Happen Challenge’ in 2018, and a Platinum & Best Border at BBC Gardeners’ World Live in the same year. “Building gardens at Malvern and Birmingham taught me so much about the design process, the importance of attention to detail and the art of putting on a show”, she says. “As it turns out, it was

brilliant groundwork to get me in tune with the Chelsea experience and I am so thrilled that I was part of it this year.”



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June gardening tips

Reg Moule BBC Hereford & Worcester

Early June

Mulches help to conserve water but the soil must be moist before they are applied. Sow quick growing hardy annuals e.g. clarkia, Virginia stocks for late colour in dull spots.

When watering concentrate on climbers on walls, container and basket plants, newly planted items, dahlias, sweet peas, leafy veg. crops, celery and fruit bushes. Dig up bare centred alpine plants and divide them, re-planting the young pieces from around the edge. If you use nematodes to control vine weevil grubs, buy them on line or mail order. June is one of the worst months for pest and disease attacks, so check plants regularly. If using a trigger spray product remember to shake it first and there are lots of safer “organic” treatments available now.

Mid June

Make sure plants in tubs and baskets are fed regularly, as well as watered. Many climbing plants can be increased by

layering at this time of year. Mow the lawn to leave the grass 2.5cm (1in) tall. Makes grass more drought resistant. Treat established lawns with a lawn weed killer but not if there is a drought. Dead head rhododendrons after flowering to encourage new growth. If you need more fish in your pond this is an ideal time to introduce them but goldfish can be detrimental in a wildlife pond. When picking strawberries always remove any rotting fruit, otherwise problems increase. Watch out for cabbage white butterflies around your brassica plants. If you do not like to use chemical sprays, try Grazers G3 organic caterpillar repellent. Sow radicchio now for winter salads. Choose a good coloured variety like pallo rossa. Sow salad crops regularly, in small amounts, sowing the second row as the first emerges. Tomatoes can be planted outdoors. Select a sheltered site and support the plants.

Take cuttings from dianthus (pinks). They root easily now in a shady spot. Lettuce will not germinate in hot weather. Sowing in moist drills in late evening helps. Shade the greenhouse, ventilate it well and spray water over the floor to raise humidity. Take softwood cuttings from shrubs. Remove 7.5 cm (3in) of shoot tips. Root in pots of gritty compost, placed in polythene bags, in a shady spot.

Late June

Lift and divide flag iris after flowering. Re-plant young growths, keeping rhizomes above soil level. Prune back side shoots on cytissus (broom) after flowering to keep plants neat. Deadhead roses regularly to prolong flowering. Remove any “suckers” as soon as they appear. Watch out for algae and blanketweed in pools. The introduction of a product based on barley straw can provide an organic control



measure. Feed tomato plants regularly from when first fruits begin to form, using tomato food. Take out one third of the older branches on deciduous shrubs, like Philadelphus, Weigela and Deutzia after flowering. Put cymbidium orchids outside in a sheltered, shady spot until late autumn. Keep them well watered and fed over this period. If pollen beetles infest your cut sweet peas, put them in water in a shed for a while. The beetles will fly into the window attracted by the light.

What truly causes pain?

Karen Harris

I have been a posture specialist for 12+ years working with people in chronic pain. Most of the clients I work with have already tried standard western medicine practices. Their doctor told them what was wrong, perhaps performed an x-ray or MRI, prescribed injections, medication, physical therapy, or in extreme cases surgery. The pain may get better for periods of time, but often continues to persist in one form or another. Sadly, people are in more pain today than ever before. We cannot purely treat the site of the pain for long term relief. Medical doctors often focus on our symptoms, which tends to create emotions of fear and anxiety that just exacerbate the issue. Our culture teaches us that our pain is structural. This is a very different model than many other cultures that recognise the emotional and mental aspects of pain. This old model of pain and disease must change for the health crisis in this country to shift. We must begin to embrace a bio-psycho-social model, which incorporates our biology and psychology for long term health. Research has shown that stenosis, bulging discs, and arthritis are not what cause pain. In fact, you can take two people with the same structural abnormalities shown on an MRI and one will have pain and one will not. Why do you think that is? Why do millions of people with chronic pain not show current tissue damage?

I have seen people come in who are structurally misaligned, yet have very little pain, and people whose alignment isn't all that bad with a great deal of pain. This generates the important question, "What truly causes pain?" The bio-psycho-social

model takes a holistic view of chronic pain. It looks at the structure and physiological pathology. It also looks at how thoughts, emotions, and behaviours such as psychological distress, fear, avoidance, and coping mechanisms can play into pain. It also factors in socio-economic factors, cultural factors, work issues, and family circumstances. The bio-psycho-social model maintains pain and muscular tension cannot be categorised into physiological, psychological, or social factors alone; instead, all three must be addressed. The physical symptoms people are experiencing are very real, but we know they occur in the brain, not in the structure or tissues. Physiological changes in muscle tension, nerve firing, breathing, and blood flow can create severe pain. For example, fear and anxiety can have such a physiological response in the body, that they cause panic attacks so severe they mimic a heart attack. This intense emotional stress can also cause muscular tension patterns that have a strong tendency to shift the position of your posture. This does not mean anything is "structurally" wrong or that you are "broken." Muscles move bones, and we can influence the muscular system with a variety of modalities provided we address the root dysfunction and not just the symptom or site of the pain. So, although pain manifests in the physical body, we must also treat the brain; the whole person is a fully integrated system, not bits to treat here and there and hope for the best. We are complicated animals but this holistic approach is very much based on simplicity. More help with this next month.

Decisions

Angela Johns

Recently, I have been trying to choose paint colour for the chimney breast in my lounge room. Some of you will identify with my ongoing indecision and even the quandary of when to stop buying matchpots. The colour chart has eventually fallen apart at the crease. The young people in the house are only helpful with the definitive no, as the other response is, "If it was up to me I'd paint it black, Mum." That's my definitive no! In the scheme of things this is a rather frivolous choice to be making. Lucky me. But the process is the same as some of the forks in the road of our life. Not all choices are binary, not all right or wrong just different possibilities. We are fond of saying that there's too much choice. But is there? When we really get down to the task of deciding we can cross most things off the list. We know in our heart what feels wrong, our definitive no. Often, with difficult decisions, the biggest stumbling block is the courage to follow through with the choice we want to make. Most of us chat through indecisions with our friends but have you ever deliberately avoided doing that? Sometimes you just know the right answer is in there somewhere but it can feel like people are giving too much advice instead of just listening. All you might want to do is to explore what each



choice feels like, so you can use your own intuition to tease out the answer. All those things we Complementary Therapists talk about, like slowing down, breathing deeply, grounding your thoughts and being mindfully aware of your body, opens access to your intuition. When you have stepped away from the mountain of choice and advice, figuratively and actually, you can return with more confidence in your choices because they will be made with the heart.

Angela is a qualified Reflexologist, Aromareflex Practitioner and Reiki Teacher/Practitioner. She is passionate about her therapies and spends quality time with her clients to facilitate their wellbeing. You can find her at angelajohns.co.uk

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Reg Moule

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“ReFrame”

Pam Clark

Within our Emporium of Health Membership in May we chose to “ReFrame” and our focus was on increasing our veggie intake. Eating a diet where plant foods are well represented can naturally help balance our hormones. There are specific plant-based chemicals, phytoestrogens, that are structurally similar to oestrogen and exert a weak oestrogenic effect at the oestrogen receptors within the body.

As adaptogens, these phytonutrients adapt to the situation at hand; this can be particularly useful during the peri-menopause when our hormones levels start to change. During peri-menopause the levels of female sex hormones decrease. Many of the classic ‘menopausal’ symptoms arise when oestrogen becomes dominant, as the hormone levels decrease overall. Symptoms can include night sweats, hot flashes, insomnia, memory problems, brain fog and heavy, painful or irregular periods. Feeling ‘out of control’ with emotions, lacking confidence, anxiety and depression, are also common symptoms. If you have high oestrogen levels the phytoestrogens can lock into the receptor, preventing oestrogen from doing so, and lowering the oestrogen effect. If low oestrogen is a concern, the phytonutrients will have a mild oestrogen effect at the receptor.

They’re useful for all women, but especially if you are in the peri-menopause stage, or have endometriosis, fibroids or premenstrual symptoms. For some, such as Breast Cancer patients, you may in fact need to take a bit of extra care and may be advised to avoid these foods by your health care practitioner. Phytoestrogens are found in flaxseeds (linseeds), soybeans



(and related products like tofu, tempeh, miso), edamame beans, lentils, beans, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds and pumpkin seeds. Here is a delicious Banana Loaf recipe with flaxseeds, try it with your choice of nut butters and fresh berries for an alternative breakfast.

- 150g pecan nuts, 100g flaxseed
- 50g sunflower seeds
- 1/2tsp cream of tartar
- 1/2tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon, 4 free-range eggs
- 1 large ripe banana
- 2 tbsp coconut oil, melted
- 1 tbsp maple syrup

1. Preheat the oven to 180C and place the pecans, flaxseed and sunflower seeds into the blender and process to form a fine meal.
2. Place in a large bowl with the other dry ingredients and mix.
3. Place the eggs, banana, oil and maple syrup in the blender and process until smooth then pour into the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly before spooning into a lined loaf pan and bake for 40-45 mins until firm to the touch and allow to cool for five mins before turning out.

To book a personal assessment of your hormones, head over to our website and book a complimentary session today.

Switch it off, just for a moment

Emily Papirnik

Have a break...this comment always means chocolate to me. Really this is so important to all of us, not chocolate, but a break. Many of us know how a break from our usual life to a holiday destination can completely change how we feel. I often speak to my clients about how finding their perfect breath might be found by imagining arriving at their perfect holiday destination and taking that breath, slow and long, letting go of ‘responsibility’, letting go of ‘tension’.

We can, however, find a break in many forms. Yes perhaps a white sandy beach and turquoise blue sea would be preferable but let me give you some other examples. A walk in the park or garden, breathing and noticing the nature around you. Reading a book you love and really taking in every sentence. Watching a film that you remember and allowing yourself to relax and enjoy for a while. Finding and listening to that song that brings back great memories. These things can help calm and balance you again. Taking a break can stop that downward spiral of worry, anger, frustration or sadness. It can allow you to change your state of mind or how your body feels just for a while. Think of a boiling kettle, switching it off at the mains will enable it to stop, allowing a cooling down. The cooling down moment, the



long slow breath moment, the smiling at your favourite actor moment, the singing that line of the song you adore moment allows and enables a change, a change you can be pleased you ‘chose’.

So next time you feel your inner kettle getting to boiling point take a break and turn the switch off, just for a moment and see how it can help, help you to think more clearly, help you to feel better in the moment.

Try downloading my app ‘igniting intention’ and enjoy the sound room, the meditation room, the colour room or one of the eighteen short videos of nature objects to make you feel calm and more balanced. I have even created a breath button to help you find your slower and longer breath. Find your ways to have a break.

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Community and its wellbeing is what Pershore Wellbeing Hub is all about and the great news is that the Hub welcomes everyone whether living in Pershore or further afield.

Evidence suggests that there are five steps you can take to improve your mental health and wellbeing:

1. *Connect - with others to share good experiences*
2. *Be Active - for better physical and mental health*
3. *Take Notice - of nature and positive things around you*
4. *Keep Learning - new skills and things you enjoy doing*
5. *Give - to others...*

The last could be giving your attention or time, even gifting something...

A gift is what PWH have just received. A stunning new textile artwork. The inspiration of Theresa Clarke, local Textile Artist and Maker who, when asked to consider creating a textile piece for the Hub, had the idea of a 'Community Project'. On the Committee of Pershore Embroiders and Textile Artists (PETA), Theresa set about planning and organising the wallhanging that now further enhances the Hub! Eighteen talented members of the group demonstrated their creative skills on its colourful subject, Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers. Theresa explained her choice as 'Sunflowers are also a symbol of hope and positivity, a flower that can bring happiness and joy, and represents what I feel the Hub is really all about!'

Divided into 32 segments, members were given coloured images of their chosen section(s) and full artwork. Then asked to recreate the section using hand stitching and free motion stitching, they channelled their creative skills to create the impressive (Worcestershire) version of Sunflowers.

For the unveiling by Dr Gill Perks Chair of PWH, afternoon tea was enjoyed to thank PETA, Hughes and Nellie's Fabric shop for the part they all played. Guests left with their own dwarf sunflowers for their ongoing enjoyment, thanks to the kindness of Three Springs Garden Nursery. A local Ukrainian family were welcomed with homemade cake and sunflowers, too. 'Soniashnyk' in Ukrainian, the flower has taken on new layers of meaning in recent months. It is now seen as "a global symbol of resistance, unity and hope."

PETA meet monthly (Defford Village Hall) where there's disabled parking and easy access available. The like-minded group enjoy textile-based talks and workshops plus guest speakers. Enquiries to Chair, Anne Newbon (anne.newbon@btinternet.com)

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Why are financial accounts needed? Carol Draper



As an accountant I spend a large part of my time analysing client records and preparing accounts and there is a tendency to assume all clients understand why they are needed and what they represent.

That assumption however is often misplaced as for many clients, accountancy is a dark art.

Limited Companies are required to produce annual sets of accounts which must be filed with Companies House within nine months and one day of the Company's year-end.

Even if you are not a Limited Company, accounts can be requested by HMRC, banks, suppliers, loan companies and investors.

The main aims of a set of accounts are to reflect the financial fortunes of a business during a defined period, usually a year, and to enable tax to be calculated. Accounts show the income a business has achieved and the costs a business has incurred. If sales are higher than expenses, the company will have made a profit and as such it is likely there will be tax to pay.

The profit or loss of a business is shown in the profit and loss statement. However, it is the balance sheet that shows the underlying worth and stability of a business. The balance sheet details the value of assets – what a business owns or is owed, and the value of liabilities – what the business owes to others at a specific point in time. Put very simply if money coming in exceeds payments going out a business is likely to be successful. However, if liabilities outweigh assets, then a business could be in trouble.

While the primary interest of any business owner may well be how much tax they have to pay, accounts show so much more. An understanding of the figures can help with decision making about whether and how much to invest in equipment or people, if expansion is possible or retirement is ever likely.

"I don't do numbers" is a common phrase but once the numbers have been done, do your best to understand them and if you don't, pester your accountant until you do.

Carol Draper FCCA

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As well as . . .

Brian Johnson-Thomas

The Platinum Jubilee, of course, overshadows this month, as indeed it should. However, it's worth just devoting a little space to opportunities elsewhere, both here in Britain and overseas.

Firstly, and quite coincidentally after last month's review of a glamping site, news of another such in the lesser known region of the Llyn peninsula of north Wales. The Llyn is that long 'finger' of land that runs south west from Caernarvon, and thus west of Snowdonia and which tends to be ignored by many holidaymakers. This is a pity because it has much to commend itself, including the resort of Abersoch (called by some cynics 'little Cheshire' from the number of English owned holiday homes...) with a quite lovely beach, to the virtually deserted beaches elsewhere on the peninsula. Like Bert's Kitchen Garden a simple, back-to-nature campsite with a private shingle beach on its doorstep that offers guests the chance to relax and unwind. There are only twenty camping pitches mowed out from a wildflower meadow or tucked into a riverside paddock, supplemented by four campervan pitches and two semi-permanent glamping safari tents. There are also two new huts, which look a little like railway carriages, each sleeping two, and each containing a king size bed dressed in French linen, and a marble tiled shower room with lashings of hot water. They share a garden and a fire pit, for those looking to do a little al fresco cooking, but they are also next door to the Kitchen Garden Restaurant for morning pastries,

light lunches or seasonal dinners. For full details www.berthskg.com or phone 01286 660823

Even newer, opening this month, is the new build Cook's Club hotel in Ialysos on the Greek island of Rhodes, which offers 83 rooms in this adults-only hotel ranging from bungalows to private pool suites and some with their own private roof garden. The sleek, innovative design, featuring wooden furniture, rustic pergolas and woven reed lamps blurs the boundaries between indoors and outdoors, set as it is amongst olive and pine trees and containing also a pool, gym, yoga pavilion and a wellbeing courtyard. The Cantina restaurant, serves a range of food from Asian to family style Greek until late at night, (and offers 'indulgent, satisfying treats from fitness food to hangover cures') plus the Captain Cook bar with dance floor and resident DJ's, also cocktails 'curated by Cooks Club's own Berlin based mixologist' (and I only think that I know just what that night mean.) So it's achingly modern and hip and clearly designed for couples. Prices start from £61 per night for two guests including breakfast, VAT and local tourist tax.

For details see www.cooksclub.co/en/cooks-club-ialysos.greece

Rhodes is, of course, a nice holiday destination offering a lot to those of us who enjoy a slice of history with our travels since it has a plethora of interesting and well preserved monuments to illustrate a somewhat complicated picture. Basically it seems to have been in the way of goodness knows how many invaders, all of whom have left



their marks. It does have a lot to offer and I found flights for this month from Birmingham from £44 return on Ryanair, which might help make the hedonism of Cooks Club a little more affordable, but there are other airlines including my current favourites Jet 2 who also fly there from Birmingham. Wherever we go though, the shadow of Covid is still with us and it's important to keep up to date with the rapidly changing requirements of different countries for their own entry requirements. Also check the position regarding certification of Covid vaccinations before you travel. Whilst it might, just, be possible to travel to many destinations without a vaccination certificate, it will certainly be far more difficult to do so, so we're better off getting the (free) certificate from the NHS. They only last a month

once issued and the easiest way is just to dial 119 and follow the prompts till you talk to the right person. They say it can take up to a fortnight for the paper certificate to arrive but, in our case, it's never taken more than four days.... Finally, don't get caught out by your passport expiry date either. In the days before Brexit it was usual for renewed passports to last for more than the internationally agreed ten years by dating them, when renewed early, from the date of the old expiry date, thus giving a few buckshee months grace. Now that we have to abide strictly by international law we can only use a passport valid for ten years from the date of issue, a provision which has unfortunately caught out many people. Don't be one of them!

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Willie's War (1914 – 1919)

Robert Maude

This book provides a valuable insight into the life of a soldier who fought on the front line in France and who amazingly survived the First World War.

He was William (Willie) Henry Barry and his story is told by his nephew Robert Maude. This account is written using Willie's own words taken from letters and postcards sent home to his mother, Sarah Barry in Dublin, Ireland between 1914 and 1919. Many of the images from the postcards have been added to the text to support and illustrate his story.

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The Cotswolds & Beyond

Peter Hodge

This book contains not only a fine collection of Cotswold landscape paintings by Peter Hodge, for which he is best known, but also images and insights from his many and diverse forays into graphics, surrealism, ceramic and textile design.

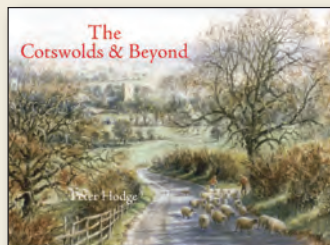
Told with down to earth honesty and humour, he comments on paradoxical quirkiness of creating art; balancing integrity and enthusiasm with the demands of making a living in the precarious world of artistic endeavour.

"A trip to my local printer Hughes & Co., and a meeting with proprietor Alan Hughes, who had been printing some of my prints and cards, led to an unexpected revelation; they had also printed several art books. I mentioned my shelved book project and Alan expressed interest, culminating in me looking out my images and words and Alan concluding that "something could be done" with them. In fact he was quite enthusiastic and that in turn re-ignited my own enthusiasm. One of the main blocks to the original publisher was that the painting images were mostly in the old, but in my opinion, superior 5" x 4" transparency format, when all things modern demanded digital images. This did not deter Alan and his team who painstakingly transferred all my images to digital format, thus belatedly resolving the issue and finally releasing the little tome you now hold."

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Heritage & History Society

Matthew Winfield



The Real Silent Witness

It's not every day you get to meet the real-life inspiration for one of TV's most acclaimed dramas, but that is exactly what happened at Pershore Heritage & History Society's AGM, held the 3rd of March 2022, when Dr. Helen Whitwell was our guest speaker. Dr. Whitwell, formerly Professor of Forensic Pathology at Sheffield University and a Home Office Accredited Forensic Pathologist, began her talk ('The Real Silent Witness') by distinguishing forensic pathology from forensic science, stating that whereas the former was concerned with determining death, the latter had a broader scope, involving any scientific process used in a criminal investigation.

Dr. Whitwell continued by outlining the typical procedure involving a forensic specialist, starting with a visit to the place of a suspicious death, followed by a post-mortem and then through to testifying as a witness in court should the matter progress that far. In passing, she noted that approximately one third of forensic investigations concluded that a suspicious death was a homicide.

From there, Dr. Whitwell proceeded to discuss multiple-homicides, focusing on the Srebrenica massacre, which happened in 1995 in Bosnia and claimed the lives of 8000 men. She walked us through the nature of the investigations which took place at the crime

scene, from establishing a mortuary nearby and seconding staff with locals, to identifying, removing and analysing remains. Dr. Whitwell then brought us closer to home, discussing several high-profile cases including those of Harold Shipman, the GP who is believed to have murdered at least 250 people between 1971 and 1998, and Sally Clark, who was mistakenly convicted of murdering her children on the basis of erroneous testimony given by statistician Professor Roy Meadow. Her successful appeal led to a review of all cases involving Professor Meadow, who was struck-off by the GMC, only to be reinstated. The talk concluded with Dr. Whitwell explaining how Silent Witness came to be developed. The author of the books on which the show was based, Mr. Nigel McCrery, who is a former policeman, contacted Dr. Whitwell and used her as the model for his protagonist, later played by Amanda Burton. Dr. Whitwell was then engaged by the BBC as an adviser, and invited to filming on location in Luton.

Afterwards, Dr. Whitwell took questions, rounding-off a fascinating talk, and one of the finest the Society has had the pleasure of hosting. We extend our sincerest thanks to her and all those who made the talk possible.

The Radar Scientists arrive in Malvern and RAF Defford

Tim Hickson

In early 1941, Defford village common was converted to a satellite airfield for RAF Pershore. This was so the young men based at RAF Pershore, learning to fly heavy bombers, Wellingtons, could have more practice at landings and take-offs (what they called, 'circuits and bumps') and so reduce accidents, sometimes fatal. All they needed were three concrete runways and that, essentially, was all that was built.

Then, in May 1942, the scientists and engineers developing airborne radar, and the RAF aircraft, pilots and maintenance staff used in testing, were ordered to move urgently away from the South Coast. There had been plenty of houses for rent, so they could have their families with them, there were empty schools whose laboratories they could use. It was warm and food was readily available. Then they were sent to a wet and cold Malvern, leaving their families behind, and to RAF Defford, where a complete airfield (or aerodrome as it was then called) with all its support facilities had yet to be built.

At the airfield, as the huge amount of work got under way, the 'boffins' and their RAF support began to arrive. The runways remained in operation and RAF personnel arriving from the south found themselves in temporary accommodation, huts and tents, on the airfield. There was a lot of mud; it was, after all, a building site. The new Cookhouse was constructed near the Croome London Gate and this meant that those whose accommodation was near the

railway line had to walk, avoiding the runways, usually through, yes, mud. It was not a comfortable situation but there was a war on and so people just put up with it. At least the locals were welcoming.

In Malvern, Malvern College had been taken over. In the College, more laboratories were needed so boarding houses had partitions ripped out and a more potent electrical system was installed. Other buildings for labs were built in the school grounds - avoiding the sacred cricket ground, of course, but about a thousand people needed not only somewhere to work but accommodation and feeding. This was much more than the College could cope with so an order was made that any house in Malvern would have to accept having people billeted on them. One of the scientists was Bernard Lovell (later Sir Bernard of Jodrell Bank fame) and, in his book *Echoes of War*, he wrote 'At last I got my billeting card - a dark, cavernous house with hostile people. Indeed our major problem was the hostility of the people of Malvern. The war had made little impact on the town and our arrival was a shock to the inhabitants who, for security reasons, would be given no idea of who we were or of what we were doing. The few hotels were full of aged ladies and their attendants or nurses who regarded us with distaste.' Some residents fulfilled their obligation by placing beds in garages, some even just on the drive. Some scientists were told by their hosts that they must be in before 10.p.m., others that they must stay out until 10 p.m.



Food was another problem but the Winter Gardens (now the site of Malvern Theatres) were requisitioned and Lovell wrote, 'There was an incredible organisation, staffed by the WVS (Women's Voluntary Service)

and serving 1000 people of all sorts. The worst part was the queuing, but the psychology was good; they gave good food and plenty of cheese and butter. After this we felt better.'



Winter Garden queue



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Thoughts from the Snug . . .

The bank of Mum and Dad.

When discussing the economy, a member of the snug recalled a recent trip to his son's house when he happened to mention the extortionate rise in the cost of living.

The conversation went like this.

Dad: "The price of tea at £1.50 a cup is unbelievable! A few Hob-nobs, an extra 55 pence. A beer is £4.50!"

Son: "Now look, Dad. Cough up! You only just popped round, you weren't invited!"

Another in the group recalled a dictate from his daughter, delivered with some solemnity and sincerity.

"I want to become rich the old fashioned way," she announced. This gave the parent some hope that perhaps a profitable career may be in development.

"What do you propose to do?" he enquired.

"Inherit it!" came the reply.



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Gregory's world!

The Night is Young!

Gregory Sidaway (18)

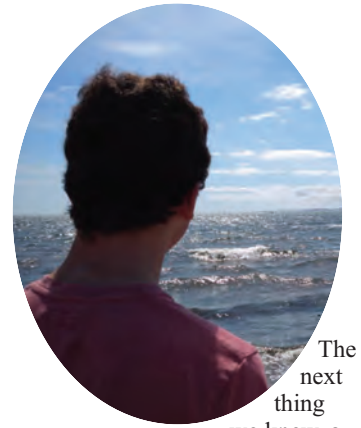


June! For most, it probably brings to mind warm Summer afternoons, ice-cold drinks in deckchairs, and lower heating bills. However, say "June" to anyone my age and they'll probably shiver with the thought of crinkling paper, scribbling pens, and invigilators with their hands superciliously behind their backs declaring: "You may begin". After spending the last eighteen months battling through the trench warfare of mock exams, there remains but one final fish to fry. Revision has left my bedroom ransacked and coffee-stained. Everywhere I go, I see highlighted notes and the illegible squiggles of my handwriting. On the night Eurovision was on, we were in the car on the journey home when Mum said:

"I wonder how Eurovision's going." I misunderstood, heard "I wonder how your revision's going", and already felt my heart pounding in my chest. Oh well. What will be, will be. The point I'm getting to is that – aware of the cumulonimbus A Level cloud on the horizon – myself and a group of friends decided we'd take a bit of time off and celebrate a birthday by going clubbing in Worcester. Now, it may astonish you, fellow reader, but I'm not exactly what one would call a "party animal". So this was a big step for me. Now, we all know Worcester: cathedral, Elgar statue, phenomenal pasty shop on Broad Street etc. It turns out that that's all in the day. At night, well those things haven't gone anywhere, but the entire city

changes. The nocturnal world reveals itself. Dotted throughout empty streets are clubs buzzing with people and light and music. Every few minutes, a police van glides past to make sure the behaviour outside the clubs isn't unsavoury.

We did encounter a slight hiccup, however, when trying to get into the Slug and Lettuce. A confusing ID mishap led to some of our group not being allowed inside; although we wanted to discuss the issue, the security guard had the shoulders of a bull and looked formidable, capable of flattening me like a grape in a wine press. So, being birds of a feather, we sought refuge somewhere warm to wait until Bushwhackers opened at midnight. Long time readers of the column might remember I had a summer job in McDonald's last year, which gave me a whole new appreciation of those simple things in life. Well, it was in McDonald's that we found ourselves waiting for midnight, watching the activity in the street outside. A violent kerfuffle soon broke out. I watched a gentleman in a wheelchair – despite his incapacitation – headlock his opponent with fluidity and ease.



The next thing we knew, a

police van skidded to a halt faster than something out of Nineteen Eighty-Four and the fight disappeared under a swarm of hi-vis jackets.

Thankfully, it wasn't long before Bushwhackers opened and we were able to celebrate the night. I'd just assumed I was going into this a bit late, that other people my age had already mastered the art of dancing without spilling their drink and keeping their eyes open until four in the morning; but it didn't matter, I copied everyone else, blended in and had a great time. After several hours, there was only so much ribcage-pulsing music I could take, so I journeyed home and collapsed into bed, my spirits raised and thinking: "That wasn't too bad, was it?"

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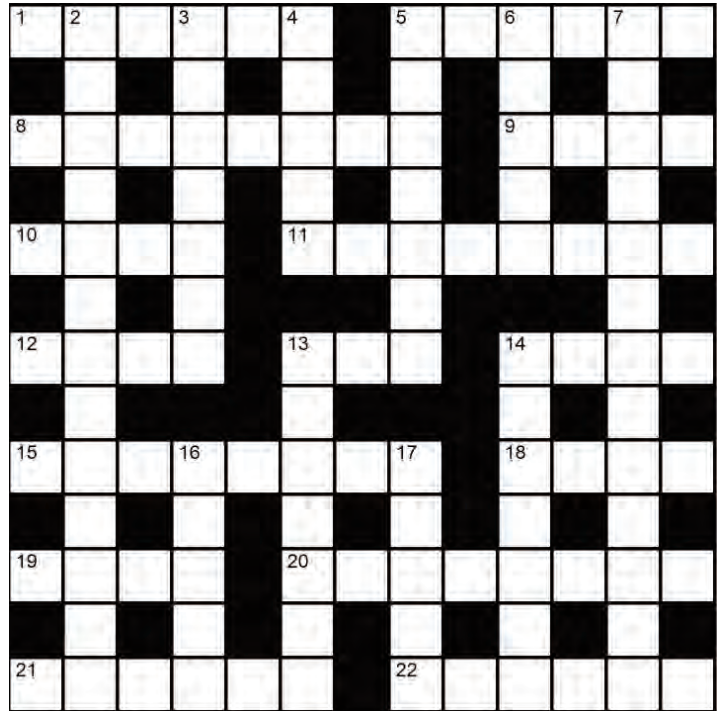
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Across

- 1 Rubber (6)
- 5 False (6)
- 8 Burden excessively (8)
- 9 Principal (4)
- 10 Family (4)
- 11 I o W town (8)
- 12 Irritate (4)
- 13 Gone by (3)
- 14 World's longest river (4)
- 15 Skew-whiff (8)
- 18 Lower jaw (4)
- 19 Flightless bird (4)
- 20 Tied up (8)
- 21 Elder (6)
- 22 Something unusual (6)

Down

- 2 Effect a radical change (13)
- 3 Squeeze together (7)
- 4 Spacious (5)
- 5 Experience (7)
- 6 Characteristic rhythm (5)
- 7 Thick (13)
- 13 Account checker (7)
- 14 Atomic (7)
- 16 Literary genre (3-2)
- 17 Discourage (5)



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Fun Wordsearch

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Poets' Corner

Weathers

This is the weather the cuckoo likes,
 And so do I;
 When showers betumble the chestnut spikes,
 And nestlings fly;
 And the little brown nightingale bills his best,
 And they sit outside at 'The Traveller's Rest,'
 And maids come forth sprig-muslin drest,
 And citizens dream of the south and west,
 And so do I.

This is the weather the shepherd shuns,
 And so do I;
 When beeches drip in browns and duns,
 And thresh and ply;
 And hill-hid tides throb, throe on throe,
 And meadow rivulets overflow,
 And drops on gate bars hang in a row,
 And rooks in families homeward go,
 And so do I.

Thomas Hardy
 1840 - 1928

Fun Quiz!



- Someone who does not say what they mean is said to be 'beating around the ...'?
- Which London cathedral is the second-largest church building in the UK behind Liverpool Cathedral?
- Definitely Maybe, released in 1994, was the debut album of which British band?
- Which US actor delivered the line 'Made it, Ma! Top of the world!' in the film White Heat?
- 'Notes on Nursing' was a 1859 book by which English founder of modern nursing?
- What was the surname of brothers Grant and Phil in the TV soap opera Eastenders?
- Gigs, shades and specs are all nicknames for which type of eyewear?
- Which US actor played Dr. Raymond Stantz in Ghostbusters and Elwood Blues in Blues Brothers?
- Abe Simpson is the father of which well-known Simpsons character?
- 'Think Different' was a 1997-2002 advertising slogan for which US tech company?
- If you were awarded a BEM what is the full name of the award you have received?
- Which two decades saw the height in popularity of the Art Deco style?
- Gordo was the first of which type of animal sent into space in 1958?
- On which London underground line are Angel and Old Street?
- Hugh Bonneville played which character in the Downton Abbey series?
- Which National Park was established first?
- Of the 4 saints days in the UK which one occurs last in the calendar year?
- 'Younger Than Springtime', and 'Some Enchanted Evening' are just two of the many classics from which musical?
- If it is coche in Galician and karoza in Maltese, what is the word in English?
- Film actor Ryan Gosling, known for roles in The Notebook, and La La Land, was born in which country?

Answers: 1. Bush 2. St. Paul's 3. Oasis 4. (a) James Cagney 5. Florence Nightingale 6. Mitchell 7. Glasses 8. Dan Aykroyd 9. Homer Simpson 10. Apple 11. British Empire Medal 12. 1920s and 30s 13. Monkey 14. Northern Line 15. Lord Grantham 16. c) Peak District 17. St Andrews 18. South Pacific 19. Car 20. Canada



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In memoriam

Carter. Pauline Ann

Passed away on May 26th 2022, aged 69 years. Devoted wife of the late Robert, a much loved sister to Michael and Margaret. Pauline will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service at The Vale Crematorium, Fladbury on Wednesday June 15th at 3pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for the Dogs Trust may be sent to E Hill & Son Funeral Directors.

Gallagher. Roger James

Passed away on May 20th 2022, aged 73 years. A much loved husband to Annette. Roger will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Pershore Cemetery Chapel on Friday June 17th at 11am followed by interment in the cemetery. Flowers or donations for Elim Christian Centre Evesham may be sent to E Hill & Son Funeral Directors.

Knight. Geoffrey Thomas

Passed away April 27th 2022 aged 75 years. Husband of the late Mo, loving dad of Paul, father in law to Karen, a much loved Grandad and great grandad. Missed by family and friends. Funeral service at The Vale Crematorium, Fladbury on Friday May 13th at 12 noon. "Football shirts may be worn in Geoff's memory" Family flowers only. Donations, for Cancer Research Uk may be sent to E Hill & Son Funeral Directors.

Barker. Raymond Frederick Theophilus (Ray)

Formerly of Defford. On April 17th 2022, peacefully in Worcester Royal Hospital, aged 78 years. Much loved husband of the late Sheila, dear dad to Debbie, Gary and the late Alan, a devoted grandad and great grandad. Funeral Service took place at the Vale Crematorium, Fladbury on Thursday 26th May.

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70 years ago - it was a different world - no computers or world wide web, no mobile phones (and very few phones at all), there was still rationing and there was bomb damage from the War.

Hardly anyone had been abroad, except for military service. And since then - we have had space travel, the cold war came and went, email arrived and is now disappearing, shopping is now something we do on the web or in huge supermarkets, only occasionally in small shops. But some things are the same - we have the same Queen, we have many of the same ideas, and we still know about the importance to us of our families and our personal relationships. And I think, in another 70 years, we will still be much the same people as now, and as 70 years ago.

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 We have managed to raise £800 for Myeloma UK from the raffle alone. After we finalise the accounts for this event we will have raised over £1000 which is wonderful. Our two members who are currently undergoing

treatment for Myeloma have both requested that any monies that we raise this year go towards research in an effort to find a cure for future patients. Once again many thanks we couldn't do anything without support from local businesses' giving to charity events. Grateful thanks from all at Vale

*Jan Ledbury
 Lady Captain
 Vale Golf & Country Club*

Dear Editor,
 Thanks for another great issue in April. I would just like to point out something that surprised me. On Page three there is an Easter Message, 'A message from Claire Lording', which mentions the tragic situation in Ukraine. But right underneath it, there is a quote from Donald Tusk, in which he compares the contrast in human rights between the Soviet Union and the EU.

There is a real danger that readers may wrongly conclude that it is the Soviet Union under Putin which invaded Ukraine. In fact, Putin rose to power after the collapse of the Soviet Union, when state assets were sold off to a collection of Russian gangsters as part of the mass privatisation process. It was ultra-capitalist Russia, not the Soviet Union, that invaded Ukraine. Regards

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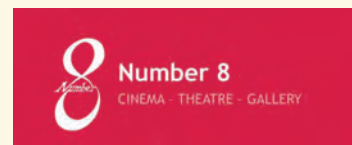
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Friday 8 July 2022
3.15pm till 5.30pm

A fun afternoon filled with games, food & drink, cream teas, raffle, bake off, inflatable fun run, soft play, music, scavenger hunt, face painting, henna, plant sale, and more!
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Rugby Club sixtieth-year celebrations



Pershore Rugby is celebrating 60 years this year, since the club was formally set-up and players of all ages 'kicked off' a thirteenth month series of celebration events, from May '22 to June '23, with a 'Happy 60th Birthday' - themed float at the Pershore Carnival this weekend.

A lot has changed at Pershore Rugby since 1962, when the club was officially formed with a proper constitution and its first committee of Keith Robinson (Secretary), Ken Rowe (Fixtures Secretary), John Pettifer (President), Maurice Mitchell (Treasurer) and Roy Hirons (Chairman, at the age of 19). Back then local Pershore lads had been playing for Cheltenham, Worcester, or Evesham Colts, but by September 1962, as yet without a home ground, very few funds, and without a full set of shirts, the new Pershore club played and won its first match, 8-13, away against Avonbank College, led onto the pitch by captain Gwyn Butler.

Today Pershore Rugby is one of the most progressive and inclusive rugby clubs of any, with women and girls playing, as well as men and boys and every

age-group is represented - from 2 in the Pershore Pups, to 82 in the Third Age Touch section. A wide range of different types of rugby are now on offer too. In addition to traditional men's senior XV Rugby Union, women now play 15-a-side contact Rugby Union too. Sevens (as played at the Olympics) is offered to both sexes now. The club offers non-contact Touch as well, which has become very popular, since it can be played by anyone, including in mixed squads and mixed age groups where whole families can play together.

No matter what type of rugby is being played at Pershore today, all teams of all ages still wear the club's traditional colours of red and black, which were agreed in 1962, since scratch sides from Pershore in the 1930s, well before the club was formally set up, played in red and black. The Abbey is still the club's emblem, born from the early 60s when Abbey officials gave the club so much support and granted permission for the club to mark out its first pitch on ecclesiastical ground at the old racecourse at Cornmoor on the Defford Road. It wasn't until 1970, after securing a loan, that



land in Mill Lane was purchased by the club and an area mowed for a pitch and three years later a clubhouse was erected.

A fabulous clubhouse, with a new changing room block, now stands on the same Mill Lane site, alongside three full-sized pitches and a floodlit training area. And it will be here that many of the 60th celebration events will be held - a big celebration day of rugby from all sections and ages on 25th June, with demonstration matches, bungee runs and bouncy castles (including for the adults); a Teddy bear's picnic on 10th July when the winning youngster's 60th rugby ball design will be announced; a ladies day on 8th October; and a grand final black tie and dinner and dance event on 3rd June 2023, with a top speaker, when newly designed 60th ties will be on show. The facilities at the club are a far cry now from the tin baths provided

for the club's first players in a large room above the bar at the White Horse Hotel in Pershore in the early 60s. By 1964, when the club's HQ was at the New Inn skittle alley, some talented players were being drawn in - including a 15-year-old Bill Lyons, who went on to play for Moseley (the then top club for international players) and John Clarke, who, with Bill were the first players to play for the County and the North Midlands. Several generations of descendants from the original Pershore Rugby players of the sixties still play at Mill Lane. Still well remembered 'old boys' include Micky Knott, Roger Wilesmith, Brian Llewellyn, Tony Simpkins, Terry Rose, Malcolm Healy and the original first committee members, whose enthusiasm and hardy-spirit paved the way for the success of Pershore Rugby 60 years on today.



The Templar final in 1969.

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Regional Tournament



Pershore Tennis Centre hosted an LTA sanctioned Learning Disability Regional Tournament on the 4th and 5th June. 33 adult players from all over the UK came to Pershore Tennis Centre to compete over two days. 56 matches were played in total across three separate categories. There was local success for Liam Venables, Lewis Venables and Charlotte Bull - who attend Pershore College and - who took first place in their singles category division. There was also local success from Pershore Tennis Centre players Anthony Palmer, Carter Gough and Kaoru Tsuzaki who had the top three placings in the Doubles Orange Ball Divisions. The winner of the Yellow Ball Singles Division 1 was Taylor Marsland from Cornwall.

Head Coach Steve Bauer, who organised the event, said: "We're grateful to the LTA for giving us the opportunity to put on this event. It's so important that all players can experience regional events and be part of competitive sport. We have an amazing team of volunteers from Pershore Tennis Centre who were able to umpire the matches and support players to make this event a really memorable one." LTA Referee Steven Pilcher, who ran the tournament, said: "Pershore's Learning Disability Tournament was up there as one of the best Learning Disability events I've refereed." Pershore Tennis Centre aims to host this event again next year. *For more information about the club, events and more, please go to: www.pershoretennis.co.uk*

Superstar scrummers!

More than just rugby... May saw the launch of a brand new weekly multisport business; Mini Scrummers Rugby has been devised to get young children active and to teach them new core skills while having fun in a safe environment. Sessions are aimed at children in two separate age groups from eighteen months to six years old. These age ranges offer flexible boundaries and are based on each child's ability and confidence as opposed to a strict age structure. Lead rugby coach and founder Lizzie Ransted said: "We want to make every child comfortable and the activities they enjoy personal to each one of them. Mini Scrummers will help your child get physically active, teach them new skills and improve their co-ordination, speed and balance. We will also help them learn social skills while having lots of fun in a positive, safe and friendly environment." Mini Scrummers Rugby have already been going from strength to strength with over thirty young children participating in the first session held at Pershore High School, which was topped off with a fantastic guest visit from

two international rugby stars and friends of ours: Caity Mattinson and Paige Farries, before they jet off for the World Rugby Sevens Series in France. Because of the age groups that are catered for at Mini Scrummers classes, parents and carers are very much encouraged to get involved as much or as little as they would like, and all classes are delivered in a friendly and relaxed manner. In every session, there are two coaches ensuring that each child receives some one-to-one tuition and to ensure that even the shyest child feels a part of the friendly team. Lizzie coaches alongside her partner Ash White, who has a vast wealth of age grade coaching experience and over fifteen years of player expertise. Mini Scrummers Rugby are thrilled to have the backing of local business's, Barista's and Treats by Barista's as their sponsor. Mini Scrummers Rugby continue to develop close links with businesses, Pre-Schools and Nurseries in the locality to deliver exciting multisport sessions, and encourages anyone to get in touch for a FREE taster session. miniscrummersrugby@gmail.com

Vale Golf Club seniors section results



Captain Brian Bunn (2nd right) and Open Secretary Nigel Smith (centre) congratulate Open winners and catering staff.

The Senior Section of The Vale Golf Club held a very successful Pairs Open played off 85 percent handicap attracting 116 players from 26 different clubs. There were separate prizes for visitors and members. Results were:

- VISITORS**
 1st. Derek Spencer and Brian Steed from The Warwickshire GC. with 48 points
 2nd. Ray Tothill and Daryll Purchase Minchinhampton GC with 46/points
 3rd. Garry French and Terry Davis from Forest Hills GC with 44 points.

VALE MEMBERS
 1st. Kevin Clifton and Dave Beale with 47 points
 2nd. Mike Roberts and Paul Chadwick with 44 points
 3rd. Peter Azizi and Steve Hampton with 44 points
 Thanks go to Clare Bunn who oversaw the raffle raising the fantastic sum of £665.00 for this year's Captain's Charity MYELOMA UK. Also thanks to Nigel Smith who with his team organised a very successful day. Thanks go to the catering staff who served a magnificent meal after play was over. Three other competitions were

played. The first being a medal competition for the John McKeon Salver. Results were:

- Division 1**
 1st. Ian Macrae 71 net
 2nd. Andy Struthers 72 net
 3rd. David Hayes 73 net

- Division 2**
 1st. Neil Thomson 68 net
 2nd. Peter Causer 71 net
 3rd. Peter Richards 71 net

- Division 3**
 1st. Mick Hughes 72 net
 2nd. Colin Edey 74 net
 3rd. Mike Daniels 77 net
 The winner being Neil Thomson.

This was followed by the first round of The Electric where the players try to achieve the lowest net score on each hole over the five rounds. The first round was a stroke play format attracting 82 players. Results were:

- Division 1**
 1st. Rob Sharp 69 net
 2nd. Mark Harris 70 net
 3rd. Rick Kilpatrick 71 net

- Division 2**
 1st. Ian Haywood 69 net

- 2nd. Peter Richards 69 net
 3rd. David Bradford 72 net

- Division 3**
 1st. Mike Taylor 72 net
 2nd. Peter Morris 72 net
 3rd. John Bragg 75 net

The Esmund Jago Trophy which is played with just 3 clubs and a putter in a Stableford format was the third Trophy played for attracting 65 players. Results being:

- Division 1**
 1st. Steve Hampton 44 points
 2nd. Brian Bunn 35 points
 3rd. David Harman 35 points

- Division 2**
 1st. Rick Hawkins 38 points
 2nd. Ian Phillips 35 points
 3rd. Roger Hawes 34 points

- Division 3**
 1st. Joe Bryan 38 points
 2nd. Rob Browston 35 points
 3rd. Phil Tilstone 35 points
 Therefore the winner was Steve Hampton



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Rugby International supports 60th celebration

A spectacle of all-things rugby will kick off on Saturday 25th June when players of all ages and both sexes will come together at Piddle Park to showcase and celebrate all that Pershore Rugby has to offer in this its 60th year.

Topping the bill at the event will be a men's invitation XV contest, between the Pershore Legends and Dymock Barbarians, officiated by the Rugby Union international referee, and Pershore home-grown, Rowan Kitt, at 3pm. Leading up to that, from 1.30pm, there will be demonstration matches from all the club's sections including the youngest Pershore players – the 2-6-year-old Pershore Pups – and also the oldest of the club's players from the UK's first Third Age Touch, non-contact section, for retired or limited-fitness members. Women's contact XV

Rugby Union will be on show, and also Touch for mixed squads and mixed age groups where whole families can play together. A pig roast will be followed by club presentations, when the winning youngster's 60th rugby ball design will be announced, and there will be live music and inflatables for little ones and grown-ups alike, including a bungee run, which will add to the fun, festive atmosphere.

Bill Hurley, Chairman of Pershore Rugby said: "We have come a long way in the last 60 years, and it will be tremendous for all our players to come together to celebrate all that we have achieved – from the youngest to the oldest, and including our very first chairman, Roy Hirons, who will be with us on 25th June. It was his and the original committee's enthusiasm and hardy-spirit in 1962 that



paved the way for our success today. Today, Pershore is one of the most progressive and inclusive rugby clubs of any, with women and girls playing, as well as men and boys and every age-group is represented – from 2 to 82 – and we offer many different types of rugby now, in addition to traditional 15-a-side Rugby Union. "We are very proud as well to now have a fabulous, recently refurbished, clubhouse, with a new changing



room block, three full-sized pitches and a floodlit training area, which allows many hundreds of players to enjoy rugby of all kinds at Pershore." Other 60th celebration events in the pipeline include a Teddy bear's picnic on 10th July; a ladies' day on 8 October; and a grand final black-tie dinner and dance event on 3rd June, with a top speaker, when newly designed 60th ties will be on show.

Treat Dad this Father's Day!

Sunday 19th June 2022

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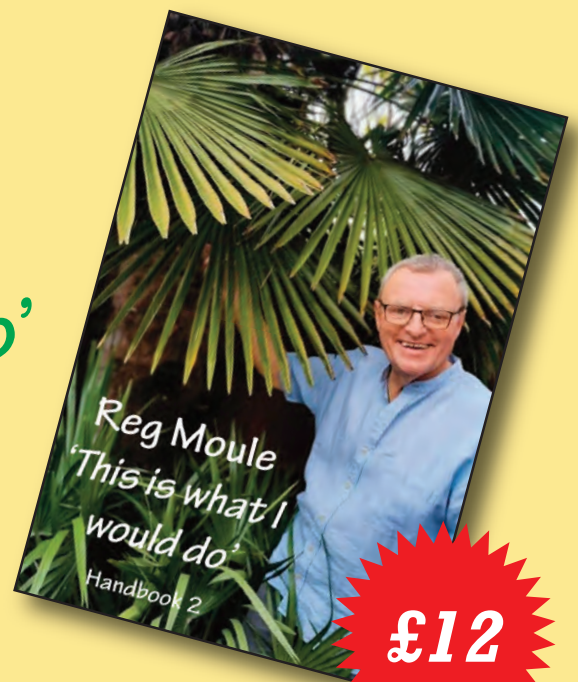
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