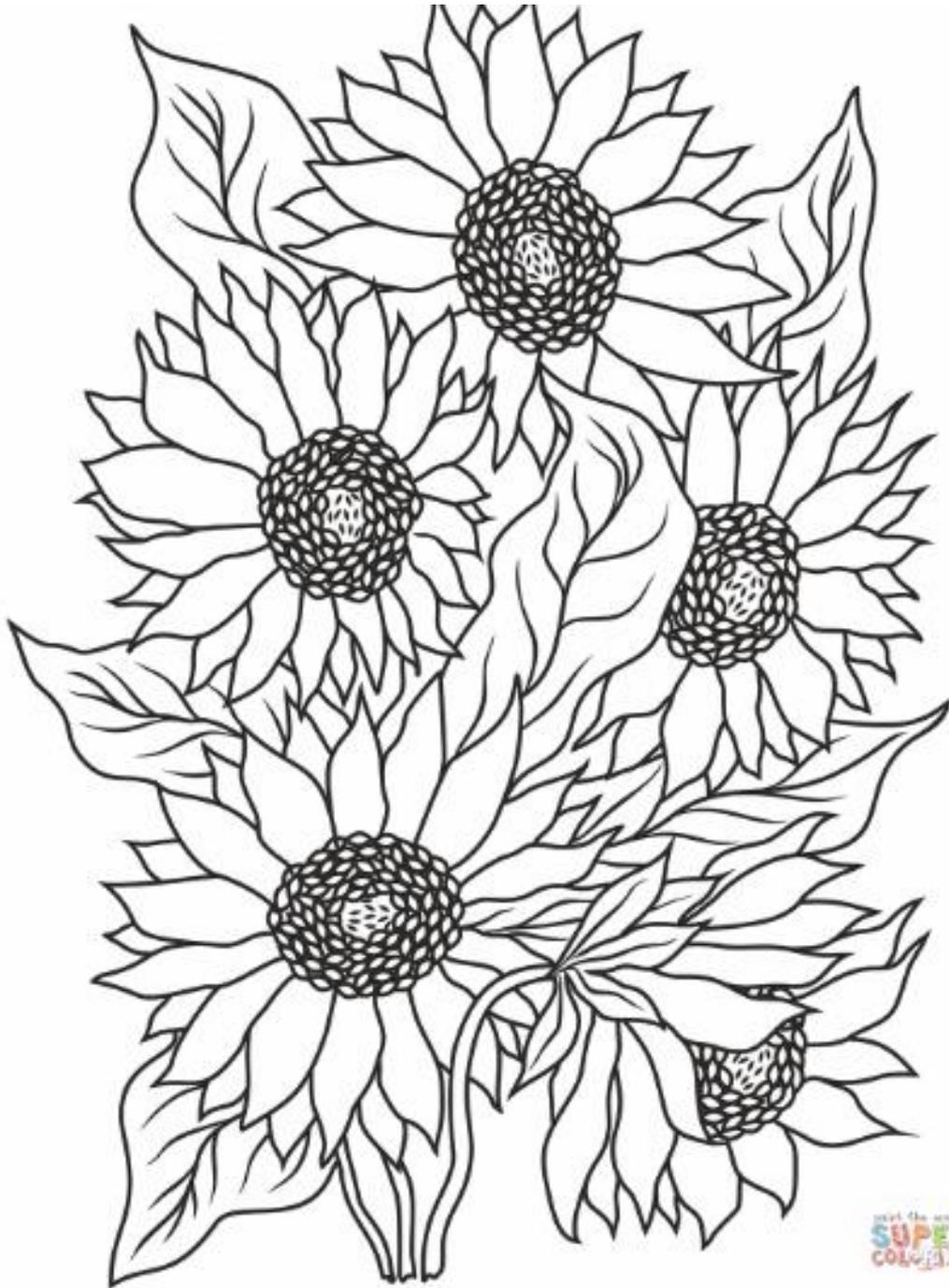


# The Parish News

July/August 2022



**Priors Marston \* Priors Hardwick \* Wormleighton**

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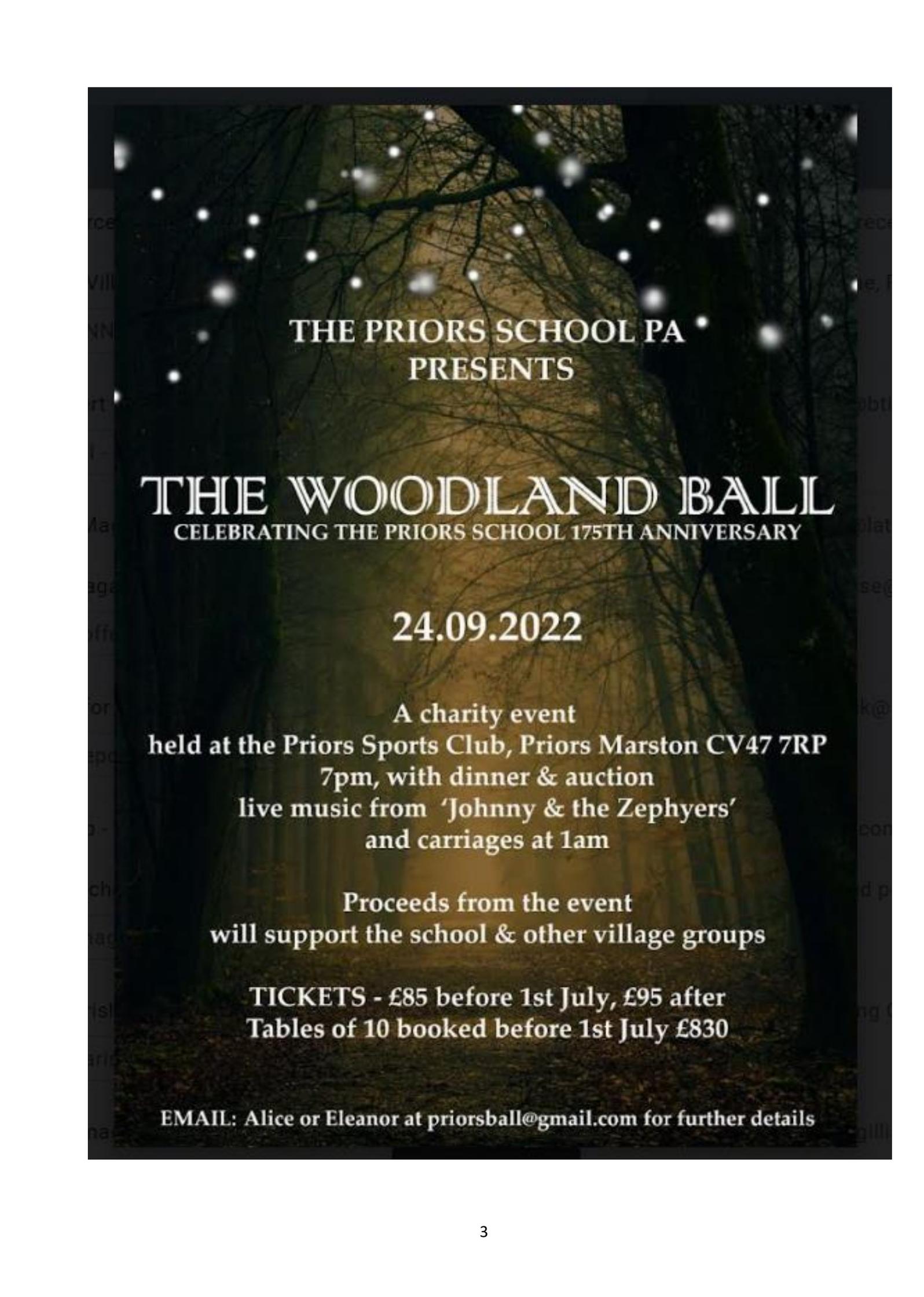
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**THE PRIORS SCHOOL PA  
PRESENTS**

**THE WOODLAND BALL**  
CELEBRATING THE PRIORS SCHOOL 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**24.09.2022**

**A charity event  
held at the Priors Sports Club, Priors Marston CV47 7RP  
7pm, with dinner & auction  
live music from 'Johnny & the Zephyrs'  
and carriages at 1am**

**Proceeds from the event  
will support the school & other village groups**

**TICKETS - £85 before 1st July, £95 after  
Tables of 10 booked before 1st July £830**

**EMAIL: Alice or Eleanor at [priorsball@gmail.com](mailto:priorsball@gmail.com) for further details**



## The Platinum Jubilee at The Priors School



We had such a wonderful week learning about the Jubilee and celebrating this historic event in the week before half term. The grandparents' afternoon tea was one of the most delightful events we have ever had – and the visiting adults were very well behaved! It was just so joyful seeing multiple generations of families sat together, enjoying each other's company and the food that we put on for them. The children topped it off by singing beautifully at the end.

On Tuesday, the children all learnt dancing through the decades. Our EYFS children were disco divas, our KS1 children were line-dancing legends, our Class 2 children were Samba superstars and our Class 3 children were Hip-hop heroes. We managed to dodge the rain and put on a show for the parents at the end of the school day, which was superb. I have even learnt some new disco dancing moves from my son, Albie!

On Wednesday, Class 3 went to the Space Centre to learn about space, but also to find out about significant events within the reign of the Queen. The children represented the school exceptionally well and we had a wonderful time.

On Thursday, we had two willow artists come to school to build a Jubilee Celebration Tree with our children. Every child has had the opportunity to weave willow into the tree and make smaller willow sculptures to hang from it. This is now taking pride of place in our entrance foyer.

Finally, on Friday we had an amazing party and picnic on the school field. We had live music, ice creams for all and just lots of fun. It was a wonderful way to wrap up an incredible week. It was very busy, we were all exhausted but it was worth it!

We also spent a bit of time in nature during the build up to the week. We purchased a wide variety of plants and each class had to make a different flower bed. EYFS and Class 1 had a theme of "The Queen's Life", Class 2 had "The Next 70 Years" and Class 3 had "The Commonwealth". We also planted a tree in our wild garden to commemorate the Jubilee.

We would not have been able to put on this week without the amazing generosity from the Janet and Brian Moore Trust and from Art Friends Warwickshire. The donations, which totalled £2,000, meant we really could make it a week to remember for the children and your families, and we are so grateful for their support.

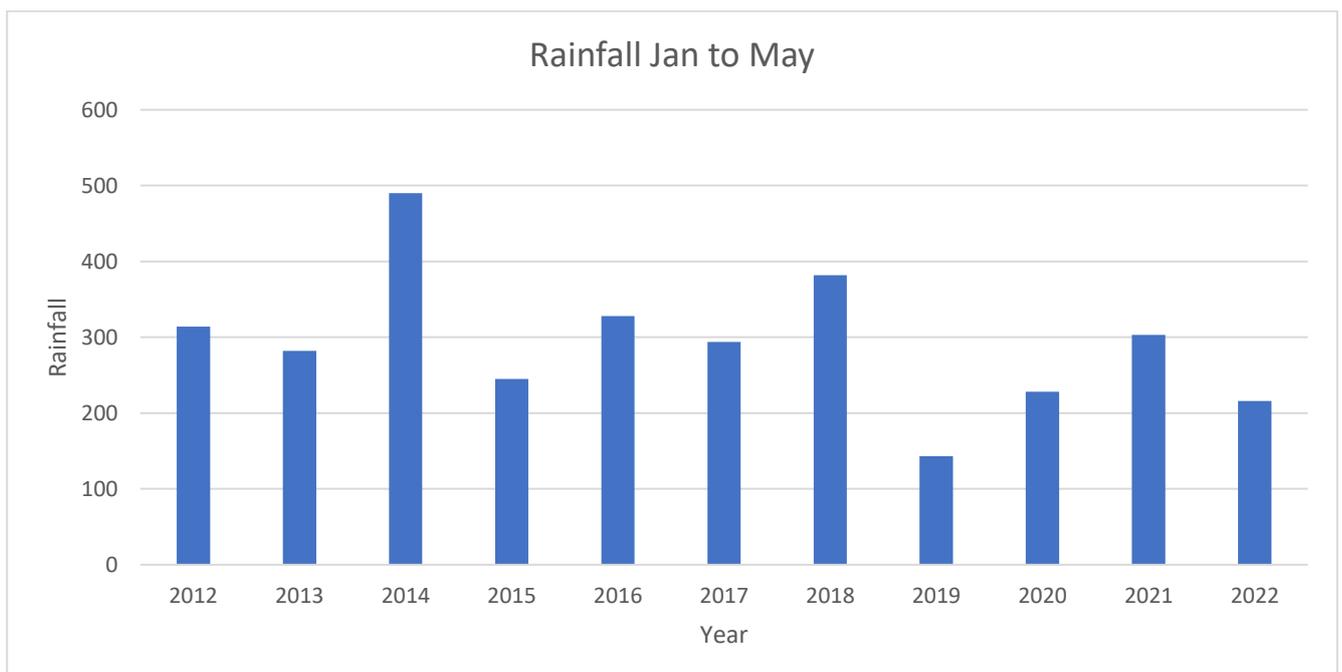
## WEATHER JOTTINGS MAY 2022

May 2022 was a slight improvement on May 2021, which had been hailed as the coolest and wettest for many years. Last year, May brought 111mm of rain – this year only 66mm. As for the temperatures, only a little warmer. Last year, for the most part, the temperature remained below 17°C until the last four days of the month, then rose to 20°C for the last three days. However, this year, May began with only 10°C on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, but after that the temperature remained above 17°C for most of the month, even reaching 20°C on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>; but then fell during the last three days to 14°C - but this year a Bank Holiday wasn't involved!!

The total of 66mm of rain for the month of May is slightly above the average, which now is 58.7mm for this century. However, the average up to 2015 was 70mm. This century, May has achieved over 100mm on three occasions: 2007 – 131mm; 2014 – 114mm; 2021 – 111mm. The driest May was in 2020 with just 2mm, and above that were May 2004 and 2019 each with 35mm.

The wettest day was Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. The day began fine and sunny, but as on so many days in May this year, cloud gathered as the day progressed and on this particular day it was a thunderstorm late in the evening which brought all the 19mm of rain in a relatively short time. The rest of May's rain came in smaller 'doses' between 8mm and 0.5mm, but very often following a dry morning. Perhaps the most noticeable aspect of the rain these days is its severity as seen on the last two days of the month: very heavy showers in the afternoon lasting, in total, not much more than half an hour, but yielding 5mm on each day.

Margaret Clarke





## **GARDEN JOTTINGS FROM BRIDGE NURSERY**

*Your local Hardy Plant Specialists*

This should be the time of year to sit back and admire your plants and garden, and to harvest some of your fruit and veg. But the rate of growth has been incredible and trying to keep up with the all the weeding, pruning, planting, mowing and general garden care has not been easy. You certainly need eagle eyes to spot some of the weeds which 'hide' among similar plants, e.g. creeping buttercup, which looks just like hardy geraniums and rosebay willow herb can masquerade as many asters (Michaelmas daisies).

Thinking of asters and late summer colour, these really are excellent plants which do very well in our clay soil and are attractive to bees and butterflies. The experts have changed the name to *Symphotrichon* now there's an easy name to pronounce!!

### Reminders:

- dead-head roses to encourage more flowers
- prune mock orange after flowering by removing some of the older branches at ground level
- pinch out side shoots of tomato plants unless they are the 'bush' types
- the first early potatoes should be ready to lift
- prune espalier apples and pears
- prune wisteria.

***Christine Dakin***

***Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton, [www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk) 1/4 mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign***

## JUBILEE COFFEE AND CHAT

Jean Payne, who is one of the volunteers who delivers the Parish News, sent these pictures and writes:-

My enjoyable Jubilee Weekend in Priors Marston started in a most pleasant way with a "Red, white and blue" Coffee and Chat" morning.

We enjoyed lovely company with everyone happy and proud of our wonderful Queen (and the poshest biscuits yet!).







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### **PARTY ON THE GREEN**

On behalf of myself, Charlotte and Tracy, I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all who came to the Jubilee picnic on The Green for little ones. We a brilliant time, lots of sunshine and loads of fun.

It was so nice to see them all playing together so happily. Thank you to Barbara Flint for her help, Elton James for providing the barriers, Barbara Astbury for the flowers and all who provided refreshments.

We are hoping to have another party on The Green in the Summer holidays.

Dot Brown

# Summer dates for Coffee and Chat



The Priors Hall, Priors Marston

10 am – 11.30 am on:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Looking forward to seeing you!!

## FROM BYFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE



### **Why does the receptionist need to ask what's wrong with me?**

It is not the case of the receptionist being nose-y!

The reception staff are members of the practice team and it has been agreed by the partners at the practice that reception staff will ask patients for a brief reason that they need an appointment. Reception staff are trained to ask certain questions, in order to ensure that you receive:

- The most appropriate medical care
- From the most appropriate health professional
- At the most appropriate time

Receptionists are asked to collect brief information from patients:

- To help doctors prioritise home visits and phone calls
- To ensure that all patients receive the appropriate level of care
- To direct patients to see the correct healthcare professional, this could be a doctor, a nurse, podiatrist, physiotherapist, clinical pharmacist, community pharmacist

Reception staff, like all members of the team, are bound by confidentiality rules.

- Any information given by you is treated in confidence
- The practice would take any breach of confidentiality seriously and deal with this accordingly
- If you feel you do not want to tell the receptionist the reason for the appointment, that is, of course, your choice.

Thank you for your support

## COMMUNITY PHARMACY SCHEME

Did you know.....?



We are participating in a new government-backed approach to improve access for patients to GP appointments. The aim is to direct patients to the appropriate healthcare professional, which may be a GP or a Community Pharmacist.

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When you call the surgery, the receptionist will ask for a brief reason for your call. If they feel that your ailment could be appropriately treated by a pharmacist (they are trained in what conditions can be treated), they will make a referral for you for a same day appointment (if you call before 4pm) with a community pharmacist at the pharmacy of your choice. Community pharmacists are highly trained and skilled clinicians experienced in treating minor illness.

### **What happens when I see the community pharmacist?**

We will share your personal details with the pharmacist and details of your minor illness and the pharmacist will contact you to arrange your consultation on the same day, or at a time that suits you. You may be seen in person in a private consulting room, if the pharmacist thinks it appropriate, or your consultation may be carried out over the phone or via video. You will be asked about your medical history and symptoms and current medication, in the same way the GP would ask you about them. Usually, the pharmacist will provide you with advice and can sell you an over-the-counter product where needed, if you choose. They will also send details of your consultation back to us for our records.

### **What happens if I don't want to see the pharmacist?**

We want to ensure that you are offered an appointment with the most appropriate qualified health care professional based on your symptoms. If you have minor illness symptoms that can be treated the same day through a consultation with a qualified community pharmacist, but do not want to accept this referral, you will be offered a routine appointment with your GP at a future date.

### **What if the patient is my child?**

Children aged over one year are eligible to use this service and can be seen by the pharmacist. Children who are able to make their own decision about their health may be seen unaccompanied.

## Why is this a good thing for patients?

Community pharmacies are local, open longer hours than the GP practice and can offer you the same consultation outcome at a time that is more convenient for you. If the pharmacist thinks you need to see the GP, they can help arrange an urgent appointment for you. Patients who have already used the service liked the convenience of having a consultation on the same day, or a day that suited them, at a pharmacy of their choice. 78% of people who had a consultation with a community pharmacist were successfully helped.

Patients seeing a community pharmacist rather than a GP frees up GP appointments for more complex patient care.

## Ailments that can be treated by a community pharmacist

• acne, spots and pimples	• allergic reaction	• ankle or foot pain or swelling
• arm pain or swelling	• athlete's foot	• bites or stings, insect or spider
• blisters	• cold or flu	• constipation
• cough	• diarrhoea	• earache, ear discharge or ear wax
• eye, red or irritable	• eye, sticky or watery	• hair loss
• headache	• hip, thigh or buttock pain or swelling	
• knee or lower leg pain or swelling	• lower back pain	
• lower limb pain or swelling	• mouth ulcers	• rectal pain, swelling, lump or itch
• shoulder pain	• skin, rash	• sleep difficulties
• sore throat and hoarse voice	• tiredness (fatigue)	• toe pain or swelling
• vaginal discharge	• vaginal itch or soreness	• vomiting
• wound problems – management of dressings	• wrist, hand or finger pain or swelling	

# **PRIORS MARSTON & HARDWICK WI**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
7.30 pm**

**Venue:** The Priors Hall, Priors Marston  
**Speaker:** James Alcock  
**The Plunkett Foundation**

James will be telling us about the foundation which concentrates on rural businesses and helps them to thrive & flourish.

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Our May meeting was the Resolution Meeting, where we discussed the Resolution that wants the Government to help further the earlier diagnosis of ADHD in Women and Girls. We voted in agreement with this Resolution.

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At our June Meeting, we enjoyed a beautiful sunny evening in Ann & Eddie Ukleja's garden making floral crowns as a nod to the Jubilee Celebrations this month.

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## **AUGUST – NO MEETING**

Next meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

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Visitors and new members are always very welcome.  
Come & see what happens in your local WI.

Contact:	Jane Cowen	07979 550202
	Fiona Spencer	01327 263423

**Under 25? Then the following may be of interest to you!**

**The Kay & Bradshaw Educational Foundation**

Leaving school, got an apprenticeship, going on to further education, off to Uni?

Maybe we can help you.

The Kay & Bradshaw Educational Foundation, or as it is more commonly known, 'Keys Charity', exists to provide financial assistance for the promotion of education, including social and physical training of persons under 25, who have a parent or parents residing in the parish of Priors Marston.

In these uncertain times, students need all the help and support they can get, and Keys Charity can assist with help to purchase course books, tools and equipment for a trade or profession, cost of a field trip or training course, music and arts in fact anything connected to education.

Over several years, many young people from the village have benefited from its assistance. Our next meeting will be held in November, but we will look at applications as they are received.

If you would like to make an application, please write to the vicar, Rev Gillian Roberts, or Trustees Dot Brown ([priorsdot@gmail.com](mailto:priorsdot@gmail.com)), Malcolm Monkhouse, Elaine Forsyth or Sue Benson and together with your details and receipts for any books or equipment that you may have purchased.

**We are waiting to hear from you.**

Dot Brown. Secretary

## **FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR NAPTON AND FENNY COMPTON**

**123+ Waste Collections:** By the time you read this most residents will probably have received food waste bins for use when the new system comes into operation after 1 August. Please don't put them out for collection before then – they won't be collected. Information on the scheme, including a collection calendar, should arrive at the same time as the bin, but I am afraid this has been a bit inconsistent. Some leaflets were inside the bin, some were posted separately. I would encourage you to have a good look at the calendar, because an eagle-eyed resident spotted a surprise. Although the blue and green bins stay as 2-weekly collection, some of the collection calendar days on some routes have been revised, with the possibility of up to a week's gap at the beginning of August. You might have to plan for storing an extra week's recycle during the changeover.

I have continued to ask the Council about the tricky problem of medical waste, incontinence products and disposable nappies for large families. If you find you cannot manage the grey bin for three weeks for these reasons you can contact [street.scene@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:street.scene@stratford-dc.gov.uk) 01789 267575.

I have asked the editor to put more information in the magazine as we go forward, but also see: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm>

**Merger between Warwick and Stratford District Councils:** Many people have expressed agreement with me in disappointment with the merger process and how it ended. I think this was a lost opportunity. At the Council, colleagues and I have asked for a review through the scrutiny committee to identify learning points. This is set to go ahead and I hope we will understand as much as we can about events.

**HS2 Roadworks:** You will have seen that there are more and more signs for diversions and road closures. Mostly these are for overnight road closures in the area at various times. These are for different reasons including surveying and moving large items. The roads affected are the A423, A361 and A425. There will also be an increase in temporary traffic signals in the area. Over the coming months, there may be some daytime closures. You can check the roadworks map at <https://one.network/uk>. I have asked for the signage for any diversions that come into place to be improved, because some of the signs have been unhelpful for obstructions that can be many miles away.

**Ukrainian Refugees:** I understand that a small number of families have been accommodated in local villages and I am sure they will be welcomed by our communities.

**Cllr Nigel Rock**

[nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## 123+ Instructions



### 1 – Food waste collected weekly

- Residents will receive a 7-litre indoor food caddy and a 23-litre outdoor food bin.
- The indoor food caddy can be lined with compostable caddy liners or newspaper. Residents should put any peelings, raw or cooked leftover food into their caddy.
- When full, the indoor food caddy should be emptied into the outdoor food bin and the food bin presented for collection on the property boundary each week.
- The food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it is used to create renewable energy and a soil improver.



## 2 – Recycling collected every two weeks

- Residents should place the items below in their blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection every two weeks:
  - All clean and dry cardboard
  - All empty, rinsed tins
  - All empty, rinsed cans
  - All empty, rinsed glass jars, with or without lids
  - All empty glass bottles, with or without metal lids (no corks)
  - All clean and dry paper
  - All empty, rinsed plastic milk bottles with or without lids
  - All empty, rinsed plastic drink bottles with or without lids
  - All empty, rinsed plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - All clean foil and foil trays
  - Empty aerosol cans (no spray paint, etc.)
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) Tetra Pak and cartons
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) household cleaner bottles
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) toiletry bottles
- Recyclables must be put in the bin loose - DO NOT bag.
- Household batteries and small electrical items can be bagged, tied and put alongside the blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection.



## 3 – Refuse collected every 3 weeks

- Only items that cannot be recycled should be placed in the grey bin.

## 2+ - Garden waste collected every two weeks if the resident signs up for the Garden Waste Service.

- The green bin should be used for garden waste only. No food waste.

## HINTS AND TIPS

- Save space in your grey bin, make sure you put all the items below in your blue-lidded bin or recycling box:
  - All clean and dry cardboard
  - All empty, rinsed tins
  - All empty, rinsed cans
  - All empty, rinsed glass jars, with or without lids
  - All empty glass bottles, with or without metal lids (no corks)
  - All clean and dry paper
  - All empty, rinsed plastic milk bottles with or without lids
  - All empty, rinsed plastic drink bottles with or without lids
  - All empty, rinsed plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - All clean foil and foil trays
  - Empty aerosol cans (no spray paint, etc.)
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) Tetra Pak and cartons
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) household cleaner bottles
  - Empty, rinsed (where possible) toiletry bottles
- Save space in your grey bin, leave the below items next to or on top of your bin on your normal collection day:
  - Household batteries (bagged)
  - Electrical items that are small enough to fit in a standard sized carrier bag and can be left next to or on top of your bin for collection and recycling
  - Textiles (bagged)
- Save space in your grey bin, take the below items to recycling collection points. Follow the link to find a local collection point [Local recycling | Recycle Now](#)
  - Plastic film
  - Crisp and snack packaging
  - Printer and toner cartridges
  - Plastic bags
  - Light bulbs
- Save space in your grey bin by switching to reusable items such as:
  - Swap disposable nappies for reusable, washable nappies
  - Swap disposable cotton wool pads for reusable, washable cotton pads
  - Swap disposable sanitary items for reusable, washable sanitary items
  - Swap disposable, single use cleaning wipes for reusable, washable cleaning cloths

- Swap cling film for beeswax wraps and reusable pot covers
- Swap single use plastic straws for reusable, washable straws
- Save space in your grey bin by donating or selling usable items such as:
  - Clothing and shoes
  - Crockery and glassware
  - Electrical goods
  - Household goods
  - Video games, blu-rays, DVDs and CDs
- Save space in your grey bin by reducing the amount of waste you create:
  - Composting at home - [Composting – Warwickshire County Council](#)
  - Using Real Nappies instead of disposables - [Washable nappies – Warwickshire County Council](#)
  - Reducing food waste - [Love Food Hate Waste |](#)
  - Reusing and repairing clothing - [Love Your Clothes |](#)
  - Reducing plastic waste - [Clear on Plastics – Cutting through the confusion on plastics.](#)
- Stop your bins from smelling:
  - The main cause of smells is food waste, there will be a separate weekly food waste collection – this will help remove any smelly waste from refuse bins and give you more space for other rubbish.
  - If you have items, such as disposable nappies or pet waste, bag them before putting them in your grey bin. Make sure that there is no air in the bag, this will save space in your grey bin and the lack of air will slow down general decomposition and reduce smells.
  - Rinse recycling where possible to stop your blue-lidded bin from smelling.
  - Regularly wash your indoor caddy and outdoor food bin with hot soapy water.
- Pet waste:
  - If possible, keep bagged dog waste in a separate lidded container and put in your grey bin when you put the bin out for collection.
  - Remove solids and clumped litter from cat litter trays and bag. If possible, keep bagged cat litter in a separate lidded container and put in your grey bin when you put the bin out for collection.
  - Bedding from non-meat-eating pets can be put in your green bin if you subscribe to the Garden Waste Service.

## **PRIORS HARDWICK VILLAGE MEETING**

The next Village Meeting is planned for  
THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July  
at 7.30pm in the Church

## **FOOD BANK**

Non perishable and 'in date' items may be left  
in the telephone box, in Priors Hardwick.

Toiletries are also welcome.

Donations are taken to the Food Bank at Southam,  
which is open on Mondays (except Bank Holidays)  
between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

The Food Bank is run and regulated by  
THE TRUSSELL TRUST

which provides emergency food and support  
to people in crisis.

The Food Bank volunteers always welcome donations.

## **LIBRARY SERVICE**

There is a volunteer-operated personal delivery  
library service for the housebound.

Contact details are:

01926 851031 and: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries>

## **USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please continue to save your stamps with a good margin of paper and leave  
them inside the plastic box in the 'phone box in Priors Hardwick. In Priors  
Marston, they may be left in the church (please check opening times).  
The stamps will be trimmed ready for fundraising for The Leprosy Mission.

## **FROM THE CHURCH OF ST MARY, PRIORS HARDWICK**

Three of the four weeks since I wrote the last article fell within the Easter 'season', with white hangings and positive, energetic, joyful, readings from the Bible. By the time you read this, we shall also have celebrated Pentecost (red) and Trinity Sunday (white again) and the hangings will have returned to green until Advent at the beginning of December. But during those 4 weeks we enjoyed some wonderful events:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - The Prayer Book Society Matins About 40 people attended this service, many PBS members having travelled quite some distance and it was good to see so many local people as well. The three ladies who participated wore appropriate vestments and Dr Gerard Hyland led the responses, as well as the enthusiastic singing, with his wonderful organ playing. After the service, one visitor remarked that this seemed a very happy church - as 27 of us went cheerfully across the road to the Butchers Arms where we enjoyed a special menu for "older people who prefer smaller portions"! Further comments later were that the whole event had been of a high standard and was very much appreciated.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May - "The Gathering" This is the name given to the service we hold when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, usually Holy Communion. The name simply implies that it is the only service in the Bridges Group on that day. The venue changes each time around the 6 parishes. This time it was our turn, and it is wonderful to report that we ran out of hymn books! Thanks to the generosity of the families of Muriel Clements and Ann Reynolds, we'd recently bought 30 copies of the new Church of England 'Ancient & Modern' hymn book, which has some excellent new hymns – but using the old familiar tunes. However, we do have some of the old ones left and just one new hymn on a sheet of paper, on this occasion, made up the difference! So another very happy service in our church.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost corresponded with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We held our 9.00am service of Holy Communion, led by Gillian, and then we'd planned an outside service on the green for a village tribute to the Queen for her 70 years of service. However, the torrential rain earlier and light rain for the rest of the day meant that the service had to be in the church with a smaller attendance than we'd hoped for. Nevertheless, it was very much appreciated by all who attended.

We offer our sincere thanks also to the organisers of the picnic and Beacon celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and especially Hugh Darbishire for the magnificent Beacon!

Special Services in the near Future As there will be no magazine in August, here are a couple more 'special' services to look forward to:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August –The Pet Service – 9.00am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – The Patronal Festival Evensong with the Bishop of Warwick 5.00pm

The Church Building – Project Enable Christopher Hodgson is to be applauded for his persistence and patience in pursuing this matter!

The necessary paperwork for completing applications for grants is anything but straightforward, but Christopher has completed it as far as is required at the moment. We now await the response of the diocese and that of HS2 regarding our grant.

New Priests The advertisements for two new part-time House-for-Duty priests will have appeared in the Church Times on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June and interviews are due to take place on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> July. Our Parish Profile is complete for candidates to read, so we await responses from people who are excited/attracted by what we have written.

Donations in the phone box

For the Food Bank These continue to arrive and every two or three weeks I take a load to the Food Bank in Southam. Please see below for some interesting statistics from the Fosse Foodbank. Thank you so much!

Used Stamps – I recently received a further large bagful of stamps which will be passed on for trimming and then sent to The Leprosy Mission. Very many thanks to the donor!

Postcards When Alan and Annette Hone were here recently. I passed on to them another small bundle of postcards. There have been no more for some time, so perhaps the days of postcards are over.

Best wishes to you all for a very happy summer.

Margaret Clarke PCC Member

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### **MARIE-LOU PARKER**

Those of you who've only been in the village since the first few years of this century may not remember Marie-Lou Parker who, with her husband Alan (who died in October 2020), ran a very good paper round in our villages and those around us. We received news recently that Marie-Lou had died on 6<sup>th</sup> April, in Spain.

Back in the 1980's Marie-Lou rode a motorbike! She was an unforgettable character! A very good cook - and also flamenco dancer; for a while, she excelled at gardening and won prizes at local shows, but latterly she was really into dog training, where she used to gain lots of success all over the country. Marie-Lou will be long-remembered for her eccentricities!

Margaret Clarke PCC Member

## STATISTICS FROM THE FOSSE FOODBANK – MAY 2022

This is just a brief summary of a document I received recently, and covers an area roughly from Leamington in the north, to Shipston-on-Stour in the south and Wellesbourne in the west, to Bishops Itchington to the east.

### 1. Total number of adults and children fed

2014/15 – 176 adults and 96 children. This reduced slightly the following year, but then rose in 2016/17 to 227 and 130. By 2021/22 it had reached 637 and 411.

### 2. Number of people fed per Civic Ward in 2021/22

Of 24 Wards, Wellesbourne West fed the most people – 144 and Tiddington the fewest – just one person. The two Southam Wards fed 121 and 122 people. Eleven Wards fed fewer than 10 people. Napton & Fenny Compton (our Ward) fed 50 people.

### 3. The reasons for needing to call on help from the Food Bank:

Of the ten possible causes listed, low income was by far the most common– 443 cases. Benefit changes accounted for 149 and sickness for 112.

### 4. Donations of food per financial year

In 2014/15, 9,447kg of food was donated. This rose steadily until 2019/20 with 15,632kg, after which there was a large jump up to 29,465kg in 2020/21. The following year it fell back to 18,957kg.

### 5. Distribution of food from warehouse (at Kineton) per financial year

2016/17 to our local Foodbanks - 2500kg and to Coventry Foodbank - 9,000kg

Then, very little change until....

2020/21: 9,950kg (local) and 17,500kg (Coventry)

2021/22: 9,950kg (local) and 9,950kg (Coventry)

There's a lot more to this Food Bank operation than meets the eye! And most of it is done by volunteers – even the very responsible duties!

Margaret Clarke 01327 262233

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### **ORGANIC FRUIT & VEG BOXES**

The first veg boxes have been delivered. If anyone else is interested, I am organising fortnightly collections from Farmacy Co-op. Details of this non-profit organisation can be found at <https://www.farmacycoop.org/> Payments and collections are from me at Falcon Cottage, Hellidon Road, Priors Marston, CV47 7RN. Each box costs £21. There are choices of fruit & veg; fruit only; veg only and British produce only.

**Contact me, Tony Harvey, for ordering dates and more details.**

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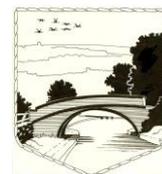
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July 2022

At school, we love the summer months. It is a time when we see the children's learning since the beginning of the academic year coming together: a time when the assessments tell us about how well the children have done. Despite the disruption of the past couple of years, it has been lovely to see early indicators of fine successes from across the school. The desire of all to ensure that the children thrive and flourish is bearing fruit.

In many ways, the Jubilee seemed to get the summer really started, with quite a pageant held in school before the official village events took place. It was good to do this with staff and children from the school as well. I was especially delighted that the tradition of Maypole dancing made such a lovely return. It is a dance evidenced by 30-year-old photos within the village, of photos of current parents when they were here at primary school in Napton and now a dance being enjoyed by so many of our current children, whether they watched or took part. Great fun!!



A school summer would not really be a summer, though, without the vital ingredients as we see them: the annual music concert night, the sports days and athletics events, the Summer production (this year of *Wind in the Willows*) and the plethora of trips to outdoor venues. We always say in school that we want all to 'soar on wings like eagles', and so we endeavour to ensure that every child is given those opportunities to really soar: every child has that opportunity to experience. Of course, the Summer is about assessments of phonics, reading, times tables, maths in general, RE and writing, but we get to see all subjects being celebrated as every child needs that opportunity to flourish and shine. There is such a lot happening across the school and across the village in the next weeks of the summer: it is lovely to be part of it!

John Brine, Head Teacher

# THE PRIORS HALL



The Hall serves Priors Hardwick and Priors Marston. It is available for meetings and functions. Please contact Barbara Harvey, 01327 260709, [info.thepriorshall@gmail.com](mailto:info.thepriorshall@gmail.com), to book, or for more information. The hire rate is £15.00 per hour, with a village rate of £10.00 per hour. Hiring for longer periods is possible, subject to availability - the rates depend on precisely what is required. Two local businesses are based in offices at the Hall.

Current activities include:-

**Lacey's His and Hers Hairdressing:** Tuesday to Saturday, by appointment, 01327 263330 and 07733 102564.

**Post Office:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 - 4.00 pm, 01327 261743.

**Play Group:** Wednesday mornings. [eleanorwakeford@outlook.com](mailto:eleanorwakeford@outlook.com)

**Yoga:** Monday mornings. Lisa, 07976 785053, [lisaakdukes@gmail.com](mailto:lisaakdukes@gmail.com)

**Women's Institute:** Meet on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm.

**Coffee & Chat:** Meet on the first Thursday of the month, 10.00 - 11.30 am.

**Film Nights:** Film nights are on the third Friday of the month, from September to May, at 7.30 pm. [priorscinema@gmail.com](mailto:priorscinema@gmail.com) Lee Robinson, 01327 263268.

**Badminton, darts, short mat bowls and table tennis** equipment are available for use. The hall committee is always pleased to hear from people with ideas for new activities and events.

**Air Ambulance:** A clothing bank is situated in the car park of The Priors Hall, for donations.

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## **PRIORS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB NEWS**

Membership is now available for an annual fee of £25.00 per household, or £15 per individual. More information available from [priorssports@gmail.com](mailto:priorssports@gmail.com)

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### **PRIORS TENNIS CLUB**

#### **Contact details:-**

Email: [priorstennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:priorstennis@yahoo.co.uk)

Coach: [bianca.priorstennis@hotmail.com](mailto:bianca.priorstennis@hotmail.com) or 07938 145736

Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/priorstennis>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/priorstennis>

Priors Tennis Club is located on Byfield Road at the entrance to the Sports and Social Club.

## The power of money

I don't like talking about money but sometimes I must! We have come to the end of this year's round of annual parochial church meetings and generally, across the six parishes, things have not been easy financially.

Many people think that the Church of England is wealthy. In a way, that is true, but most of its land is occupied by church buildings, schools and vicarages. And most of its investments are tied up to pay clergy pensions. Regrettably, parishes receive no regular funding from the Diocese or CofE.

Each parish is required to pay for its clergy, while the diocese provides their housing. Each congregation is also expected to meet its regular outgoings such as insurance, utilities, routine maintenance and resources for ministry and mission. This works out, very roughly, at around £1,000 per month and that is just about met by our average income from regular giving, special services, fees, gift aid and fundraising.

As you can see, that doesn't leave us much to meet the major repair bills or projects to improve our church buildings that would make them more sustainable. If we were to do a calculation of all the work that we would like to do in our six parishes, it would probably exceed £1m!

We are privileged to be stewards of the beautiful ancient buildings in our villages, but we cannot do it without your help! Many people are already extremely generous in supporting their local church, but if you are interested in your local heritage, enjoy the big life events and festivals in church or would like to see the buildings as a community asset, please consider making a regular donation to the church. (To find out how, you can contact me or a church member or see the details in each church.)

Generosity is at the heart of the Christian faith. We believe in a generous God, who gave us life itself, and our generosity is a witness to that. Just like the parable of the sower, where his seed falls on the good ground and he grows a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown, we too see that every generous act grows further generosity. Thank you.

God bless,  
Gillian

## The Bridges Group of Parishes Church Services for July/August 2022

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

CW = Common Worship

	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 3</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 4</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July Trinity 7</b>
<b>Priors Hardwick</b>	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm Evensong	9.00am BCP Communion	-	-
<b>Wormleighton</b>	-	9.00am BCP Communion	-	10.30am Morning Worship	-
<b>Lower Shuckburgh</b>	-	-	-	27 <sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am Midweek BCP Communion	-
<b>Napton</b>	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	<b>No service</b> Napton Cycle Ride	5.00pm BCP Evensong	10.30am <b>Outdoor Gathering</b> Holt Farm, Holt Road, Napton
<b>Stockton</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Methodist Communion	4.00pm Messy Church	10.30am CW Communion	-
<b>Priors Marston</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Morning Worship	-

	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 10</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11</b>
<b>Priors Hardwick</b>	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm Evensong	9.00am BCP Communion	-
<b>Wormleighton</b>	-	9.00am BCP Communion	-	10.30am Morning Worship
<b>Lower Shuckburgh</b>	-	-	-	24 <sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am Midweek BCP Communion
<b>Napton</b>	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	5.00pm Pet Service on Napton Green
<b>Stockton</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Methodist Communion	4.00pm Messy Church at Holt Farm, Holt Road, Napton	10.30am CW Communion
<b>Priors Marston</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Morning Worship

## The Bridges Group of Parishes

### Notices

#### Programme for Children and Youth

**Create & Play:** Tuesday mornings from 9.30 - 10.45am in Stockton Church - for further details, contact: Deborah Dutton on 01926 819016 or [deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com](mailto:deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com)

**Babies & Toddlers Group:** Monday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00am in Napton Village Hall - for further details, contact: Helen Eadon on 07811 010440

**Messy Church** – now on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 4.00pm in Stockton Church

#### Mid-week programme for Adults - Home Bible Study Groups

The following groups meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. If you would like to join, please contact the Vicar or a Group leader:

Every Wednesday at 8pm in Stockton	Gillian	01926 815831
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 2.30pm in Stockton	Jan	01926 817991
Every Thursday at 8.00pm in Napton	Julia	01926 811476
Weekly (day varies) at 7.30pm in Napton	Angie	01926 812225

#### Social get-togethers

Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2.00pm in Stockton Church	Jan	01926 817991
Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2.00pm in Napton	Jayne	01926 813227
Coffee & Chat: 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 10.00am in Priors Hall	Anna	07870 685124

#### Parish enquiries

For initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals and graveyard matters etc., please contact Susan, our Group Administrator, on 01926 812383 or email: [admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk). Please note that Susan works part-time, but she will get back to you as quickly as she can.

See elsewhere in the magazine for details of other church activities & events or visit our website: [www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk](http://www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk)



**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, PRIORS MARSTON Flower Rota**

26 <sup>th</sup> June/3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Norma Parry
10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> July	Kim Morgan
24 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> July	Kate Morgan
7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> August	Sue Butcher
21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> August	Rachel Ducker

Please contact Kate Morgan on 260617 if you would like to help with flowers. If you would like to help with cleaning, we meet on the first Saturday of every month at 10.00am in St Leonard's, to clean the church, enjoy coffee, biscuits and a chat!

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PRIORS HARDWICK Cleaning/Flower Rota**

26 <sup>th</sup> June/3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Jodie McKensie
10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> July	Gail Holland
24 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> July	Sue Talbot
7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> August	Margaret Clarke
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