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from your village churches and chapels

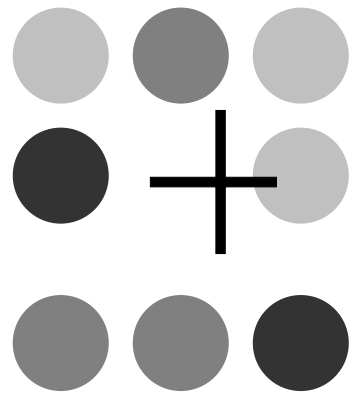
October / November 2007



Remembered by heart

All Souls' Day
Remembrance Day
Operation Christmas Child

Remembering we are a community.



Dear Friends

If like me you are a fan of "The Vicar of Dibley", you may recall an episode in which a storm damaged the church and, in particular, a window. The Parish Council then debated, in their usual fashion, all the great storms, floods and such like over the past years. Naturally individual memories differed! No doubt so will ours when, in years to come, we remember the freak weather of 24th September which tore down trees and branches in our villages especially in the churchyard in Cropwell Bishop.

November is a month of remembering: we have Bonfire night remembering a significant event in our English History and, of course, on 11th November a more recent remembrance of those who gave their lives or were injured in the Great War, the Second World War and all subsequent conflicts.

*"We are not
solitary beings but
part of a
community"*

Another time of remembrance is the Church festivals of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1st and 2nd November respectively. On these days we celebrate and give thanks for the lives of men and women, past and present, who have had an impact on our lives in so many ways.

It is good to remember and celebrate all of these things because when we do, we are reminded that we are not solitary beings but part of a community, sharing our heritage and time but also, and most importantly, ourselves and our lives.

In this edition of the Wiverton News, you can find out more about the special services which we will be holding, throughout the villages, in November, and how you can be part of the community of people who remember.

Bronwen , Rector of the Wiverton Group of Parishes

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse (Remembering the poor)

Last year, through the generosity of many and the efforts of volunteers, the organisation, "Samaritan's

Purse", was able to distribute over 1.24 million gift-filled shoe boxes from the UK to suffering children across Central and Eastern Europe, Mozambique, Swaziland and Liberia. This year, through your help, we hope to match this or reach even more children.

In the Wiverton group we are planning to be part of this effort again this year but hopefully on a larger scale than before. If you would like to fill a shoe box with small presents for a desperately poor child, then apart from the obvious shoe box you will need a specially printed label which can be obtained from any of our churches – take several to give to your friends. All the instructions about what is, and what is not, suitable to put in the box is printed on the label. Bring your filled box to a church service during October or early November or give it to a friend to bring for you. If all else fails, give me a ring, and I will come and collect it.

On 4th November we will be celebrating All Saints' Day in the 10.00am All-age Group service at Langar church. We will be remembering those men and women whom we call saints and we will see how we can be saints too through the Operation Christmas Child scheme. We shall be showing a DVD of children receiving last year's boxes, and any boxes already donated will be blessed.



Please do fill a box for a child. This is one way of REMEMBERING children in our global community. Those of us who have done it in previous years would probably all say that it is the most rewarding and enjoyable part of our Christmas giving. Vivien Hall 0115 9890250 or 9892475

P.S The older children really appreciate something personal from you, so please include a Christmas card or a photograph of yourself.

Mothers' Union The Wiverton Group's Mothers' Union meets on the second Monday afternoon each month at 2.30 p.m. in Langar church. Visitors are always welcome to join them. The next two meetings will be as follows.

Monday 8th October: The area representative of the **Children's Society**, Sandy Deakin, will be speaking. This is an open meeting – you do not need to be a member of the Mothers' Union, or a mother or even a female to join us! Please come along to hear up-to-date news on the vital work of the Children's Society.

Monday 12th November: Methodist Lay Worker **Liz Jackson** will be speaking on 'My Life – the journey so far'.

Bingham Choral Society How great to be back singing after such a long break! Members were enthusiastic about their first rehearsal at our new venue - Carnarvon School. An especially warm welcome to the new members who have joined us and there's always room for more, particularly tenors! We sang our way through the Requiem by Mozart and the Te Deum Laudamus by Haydn during the 7.15 – 9.30 pm. practice on the first Wednesday of the new term and are looking forward to learning this wonderful Baroque music every week over the next two months before our concert.

The performance will be on Saturday 10th November at St Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets (£8.00) can be obtained from Bingham library and from members of the Society. Anyone needing more information can ring 01949 839991.

**Cropwell Bishop
Heritage Group**

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded us a Project Planning Grant of £9,800. The Heritage Group has to pay at least a further 10% and we are grateful to the Parish Council, who have given us a grant of £1,053 for this purpose. This will enable us to plan in detail for the restoration of the Parish Room as a Heritage Centre. Our architect, Mark Stewart, will now draw up detailed plans for the building based on our needs and instructions. Mark will also act as Project Manager and arrange for all the planning permissions and surveys to take place.

Committee members are going to be very busy over the next few months, liaising with the experts, pricing furnishings and equipment for the Centre, seeking advice on how to promote our Centre and the projects which will take place there and how to bring all our work to the benefit of everyone in the community.

If you or anyone you know has any particular interest or expertise in planning of this kind of project and you would like to help, please get in touch by contacting Ann on 0115 9892770 or any other member of the committee.

There is no absolute guarantee that we will be successful in obtaining the main grant, but we are now very optimistic. Support from the community as a whole will be crucial.

**Langar Primary
School
Walking Bus**

The Walking Bus initiative has been most successful, with 22 children signed up in the first week. The school has received some very positive comments from the residents about the clear roadway outside school. It also makes it a lot easier for children to cross safely. Thanks need to go to Ann Petchell and a group of volunteer parents and staff for managing the bus.

Look out for the yellow jackets and give them your support.

Langar Primary School

A selection of the Autumn Term Calendar from Langar Church of England Primary School:

15th October: Fashion Show

3rd November: Bonfire Night, Church Green

1st December: Christmas Fair, Barnstone Village Hall

Walk to School Week at Cropwell Bishop

8th October. As part of Walk to School Week the school will be collecting unwanted but usable shoes for the "Share a Pair" initiative set up by the County Council. Please place shoes in the collection bins on the infant playground. They will be collected from school on Thursday 11th October. The shoes will then be delivered to children in developing countries.

Tribute Nights for Macmillan Cancer Support

For the last two or three years, Barnstone Bowls Club has staged 'Tribute Nights' each March and November, when top quality acts have been engaged to entertain, and the proceeds sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. People keep coming back and bringing their friends, so that now each event sells over 200 tickets and the events have moved to Cotgrave Institute.

The next one is on 2nd November, when the tributes will be to Roy Orbison, Gene Pitney and the King, Elvis Presley – an act which has appeared at London Palladium and Nottingham's Royal Concert Hall. Book your ticket in advance to avoid disappointment, with Steve on 861353 or John on 860301.

**Historic Churches
Bike Ride**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Historic Churches Bike Ride on Saturday 8th September. There were lots of riders, walkers and sponsors as well as people to sign you in and provide refreshment. On behalf of the Churches and Chapels in our villages, "Thank You". *Bronwen*

**Quakers?
What are they?**

THE ONLY QUAKER most people know is the one on the packet of Quaker Oats. They may be surprised to know that there are still practising Quakers here in the Vale of Belvoir.

Quakers are quiet people worshipping in silence and believing that they should aim to live simple compassionate lives, valuing beauty and integrity. They believe there is a potential for goodness (God) in everyone, and actively strive for justice and peace.

We have our traditions and structures but no clergy or hierarchy – each Friend (Quaker) taking responsibility for the running of the Meeting (or group) and upholding spiritual values.

In this area meetings for worship and study are held in each other's homes – all times and places can be sacred.

All who are seeking for their own truth are welcome to join the silent meetings, whatever their beliefs or non-beliefs, creed or gender.

If you would like to know more about Quakers, please call me on 01949 20500, or look at the national Quaker website www.quaker.org.uk

Dorothy Millíchamp

Little Saints

We are a parent (or carer) and baby/toddler group which meets in Cropwell Bishop Methodist Chapel School Room, Nottingham Road, every Friday run by the Methodist Church in conjunction with the Anglican.

We run two sessions, one between 11am and 12 noon, and the other between 2pm and 3pm.

There are lots of toys to play with, a craft activity, story and songs.

We also have a large selection of children's books available for loan.

Why not pop along one Friday? Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Liz Jackson tel: 01476 570207 or email liz.jack@ntlworld.com.

or the Rector, Bronwen Gamble tel:0115 989 3172 or email brongamble@hotmail.com



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All Souls' Day Remembering those who have died

In the Christian Church Year, November 2nd, is All Souls' Day and many people take the opportunity to think of and remember the people

who they loved or knew who have died. For some the memory is very recent and still painful, for others the passage of time may have brought healing, solace or a sense of peace, something many of us seek.

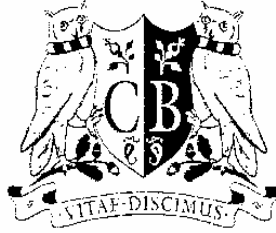
In a service for All Souls' Day we can remember such people before God, with thanksgiving. This year we will be holding a service in St Giles' Cropwell Bishop at 7.00pm on Friday 2nd November. Whilst it is particularly for the bereaved it is not exclusively so, anyone and everyone is welcome.

We all experience loss in different ways, and for some of our children, in particular, that loss may have been a much loved pet, or a best friend who has moved to another village. For this reason the service is open to everyone.

The service will be quiet and thoughtful with opportunities to pray on your own and as a community of people gathered together. There will be music and song, readings and silence. You may wish to light a candle in remembrance of the person for whom you grieve.

In the Last Supper when Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples, he left them a tangible way of remembering him. Every Sunday when we share Holy Communion we remember Jesus' dying. But because Jesus' death was not the end, because he rose again and subsequently returned to be with God in heaven, we also know that God remembers us as we remember the people we have lost.

Please come to this service if you wish, you will be most welcome. *Bronwen*



Colston Bassett School

Independent Preparatory School for Children Aged 4-11

Colston Bassett Preparatory School was blessed with a warm, sunny Monday morning on September 10th when the doors opened to admit the founder children to this new school.

Pupils, parents, staff and guests were welcomed by the Directors, John and Liz Miller and Mark Willmott along with the Headteacher, Jean Wilson.

This beautiful school building has been refurbished and equipped with an outstanding range of books, toys and teaching materials for the benefit of youngsters aged between 4 and 11 years.

After an enthusiastic report from Ofsted regarding the proposed curriculum, the arrangement of the accommodation, and the proposals outlined in the School Development Plan, the Directors and staff are understandably thrilled to have this wonderful project operational as from this term.

The aims of the school are to promote personalized education within small classes, no more than 12, to use a wide variety of teaching methods both traditional and modern and to work in close partnership with parents regarding each child's academic, social and spiritual development.

The school website is being continually updated with interesting features, information and a gallery of photographs which give a clear impression of children and adults enjoying the joy of learning, discovery and sharing.

The school will work in close association with St John's Church, Colston Bassett and is looking forward to sharing events with its neighbours and local community.

A guest remarked after a visit to the school that the building itself "felt happy". There seems to be a distinct feeling that there is a definable joy that the children have returned to this beautiful location and that the seeds of success have been sown.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembering those who gave their lives for us.

Each year at 11.00am on 11th November we stand in silence as we remember the fallen and injured from past conflicts. The Sunday nearest to that day is Remembrance Sunday. Some years ago, the "Royal British Legion", "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland" and the "Joint Liturgical Group" got together to produce a Service of Remembrance which could be used by people of different denominations throughout the country.

This year 11th November is a Sunday and so there will be three Services of Remembrance in our villages: Langar, Tythby and Cropwell Bishop. The service at St Andrew's Langar will involve the local branch of the Royal British Legion. The service in Cropwell Bishop will, for the first time, be a united Service of Remembrance for the village and will be held in the Methodist Church on Nottingham Road. The Tythby service will be held at Holy Trinity. (See pages 12 and 13 for times).

Wreaths will be laid as we remember, some by name, the offering of lives given in war and in peace-keeping initiatives. We will also pray for peace and reconciliation in current conflicts. As usual, the offerings received at all of the services will be given to local branches of the British Legion as they continue to support wounded and injured service personnel and bereaved families.

All are welcome to any of these services and if you would like the name of someone read out in the service please contact Revd Bronwen Gamble or Revd Christine Perry, our phone numbers are on the back page.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.”

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From the Registers

Baptisms

29 July	Langar	Otto Beau Sheppard Asa Bamber Sheppard Tallulah Wren Sheppard
12 August	Langar	Annie Elizabeth Besson
26 August	Cropwell Bishop	William Huw Thomas Caitlin Frances Thomas
9 September	Langar	Callum Ewan Wright
16 September	Tythby	Theo Harris Frankish- Chessman
23 September	Cropwell Bishop	Maximilian Andrew Gerrard

Weddings

18 August	Cropwell Bishop	Calvin William Marrison Kathryn Ann Walker
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Service of Prayer and Dedication after a Civil Marriage

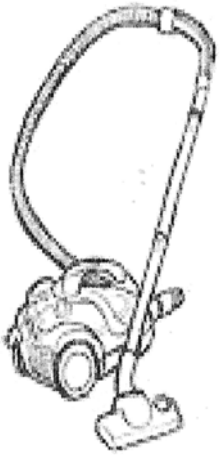
25 August	Langar	Mark James and Stephanie Helen Grooms
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Funerals

17 August	Cropwell Bishop	Dorothy Jean Walker
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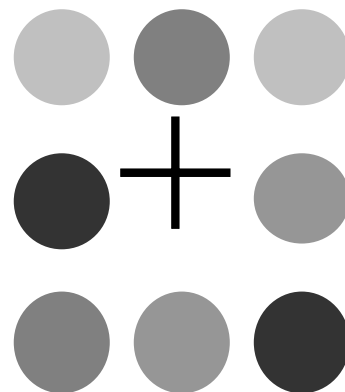
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Mr Roger Winfield 0115 989 2103

Poet's Corner

I was reminded the other day of an old folksong but I have altered the words slightly to demonstrate my purpose:

“Where have all the poets gone,

Long time passing,

Where have all the poets gone,

Long time ago?

Where have all the poets gone?

Gone to graveyards everyone

When will we ever learn,

When will we ever learn!”

So come on budding poets, arise from your slumbers and submit your compositions in time for the next edition. What are your Words-Worth? Will the next poem be By-Ron? Love Frank.