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EDITORIAL

It is so lovely to be greeted by our readers while out delivering the parish magazine. Please feel free to pop out and catch any of our deliverers if you wish to donate to the production costs of this magazine.



As you can see from below, it's going to be a busy end of the year! Get your diaries out and start planning. We hope you enjoy the social events planned for us all.

To contribute an article, please contact us at editorhodnetparish@gmail.com with any offerings! **Our cut off date for September's issue is Wednesday 16th August 2023.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th **September** - Shropshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride event
 16th - 10am - 12.30pm - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Wollerton Bowls & Social Club
 16th - 7.30pm - Back to the Sixties - Marchamley Community Club
 19th - 7.30pm - Hodnet & District Garden Club - Talk on 'Autumn Colour' - Lyon Hall
 22nd - Septemberfest - Wollerton Village Room
 30th - 10am - noon - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Marchamley Community Club
 30th - Ginger & Spice Festival - Market Drayton
 30th - 7pm - Quiz Night - Marchamley Community Club
 14th **October** - Cheese & Wine Evening - Lyon Hall
 17th - 7.30pm - Hodnet & District Garden Club - Talk on Sarracenias (carnivorous plants)
 21st - Quiz Night - Wollerton Village Room
 21st - Mexican Night - Marchamley Community Club
 25th - 2 - 4pm - Wollerton Village Room - Painting Freestanding Cats
 28th - Halloween for kids - Marchamley Community Club
 4th **November** - 6.30 - 8.30pm - Christmas card workshop - Wollerton Village Room
 17th - Film Night - Marchamley Community Club
 17th - Quiz Night - Lyon Hall
 27th - 6.30 - 8.30pm - Felt Christmas decoration workshop - Wollerton Village Room
 2nd **December** - 12-2pm & 3-5pm - Wreath Workshop - Wollerton Village Room
 3rd - 2-4pm - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - Wollerton Village Room
 9th - Bingo - Marchamley Community Club
 15th - Christmas Bauble Swap Party - Wollerton Village Room
 16th - Christmas Film Night - Marchamley Community Club

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CHURCH SERVICES

*During the summer holidays we share our services
between our two churches.*

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, HODNET

August

Sunday 13 th	11.00am	Parish Service with Baptism
Sunday 27 th	11.00am	Parish Communion

September

Sunday 3 rd	11.00am	Morning Prayer
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CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PELOW

August

Sunday 6 th	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 20 th	11.00am	Parish Communion

CHURCH CONTACTS

Hodnet Churchwardens:	Janice Parker - 01630 685531
	Tim Preston - 01630 685315

PRAYER

Lord, we ask that you would direct our hearts and minds towards you Lord. Fill us with your spirit, bringing renewal, peace and joy. Remind us Lord that you carry all our burdens. Amen

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriage

Penny Deborah Cheadle & Oliver William Hunt

SAINTS' AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

6 th August	Justus and Pastor	13 th August	Hippolytus
20 th August	Bernard of Clairvaux	27 th August	Monica

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CHURCH HUMOUR



Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody had claimed the monkey

CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PEPLOW



We are holding our Craft and Jam stall at Hodnet Hall Garden Restaurant on Sunday 27th, Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th August. We look forward to seeing you there.

HODNET & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Hodnet and District Garden Club members have enjoyed a full programme throughout the spring and early summer with talks on 'Wildlife Gardening' and 'Gardening in Historic Places' plus a visit to Hodnet Hall Gardens in May. There will be no meeting in August but we will resume in September (19th) when we will be having a talk about 'Autumn Colour' and we will conclude this year's programme on 17th October with a talk about Sarracenias (carnivorous plants).

If you would like to join us for either of the above dates you will be most welcome (it's £3 on the night for visitors and this includes tea/coffee and cakes). Our meetings are at the Lyon Hall in Hodnet and we start at 7.30pm. For further details please phone Dave Smither on 01630 685966.

HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP



Our next 'First Tuesday' walk is on 1st August leaving the Lyon Hall car park at 10am. We will be walking Route 3 'Permissive Path' route, Hodnet to Marchamley and on to Hawkstone Hall where we will take refreshments and walk the gardens at our leisure. The outward route will be via The Hearne and Long Lane to Marchamley and on to Hawkstone, returning via the Permissive Path.

This is an easy walk of 2½ - 3 hours and everyone is welcome including dogs on leads. For any queries or further information please contact Jake Williams on 07474 974477.

HODNET SENIORS' LUNCH CLUB

Hodnet Seniors Lunch Club would like to invite you to come and join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake on Tuesday 22nd August at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet. We usually meet from 2.30pm onwards for an hour/hour and a half for a chat and a laugh together. We would welcome any new members to the club which meets once a month for lunch at regular venues and also again at The Lyon Hall for morning coffee or afternoon tea. The invitation to join us is aimed at those who are over 55 and belong to the community of Hodnet, Peplow, Marchamley and Wollerton and surroundings hamlets. We look forward to seeing you.

HODNET SOCIAL CLUB

Prize Bingo - now moved to 8pm on first Wednesday of the month. See the club Facebook page or contact Angela Heath on 07815 126101.



Opening Times: Monday - Thursday 7.00pm - 11.00pm
 Friday 6.00pm - midnight
 Saturday 5.00pm - 11.00pm
 Sunday 2.00pm - 7.00pm

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At Hodnet Social Club

on

Sunday 20th August 11am - 4pm

Free entry

Food and drinks available at the bar



HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



July's meeting was held on Thursday 13th July at the stunning Hodnet Hall Gardens.

Everyone brought a plate of food to share and a real feast was produced for us all to enjoy – no one was definitely going home hungry!

Jane and Jeanette took a trip out to Oaks Farm Ice cream, who gave us such a lovely talk (and taste!) last month, to purchase some ice

cream for everyone. After much tasting we bought: Lemon Doughnut, Blackcurrant Cheesecake, Raspberry Ripple and a Pimm's Sorbet – all flavours were enjoyed immensely! It was so nice to see some more new ladies who were welcomed with open arms, a true feast and an ice cream! With full tummies



everyone was encouraged to take a wander around the gardens to walk it off, the Kitchen Garden was very popular!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th August – Jake from the Hodnet footpath group is taking us on a summer stroll. We are meeting at the Lyon Hall at 7.15pm, to start the walk at 7.30pm. The walk will cater for

all abilities with pick up points along the way for those who wish to return to The Bear early. All new ladies are most welcome to come and see what Hodnet WI is all about. Please contact either Jeanette – 07958 393721 or Jane – 07772 729764 so we can give you a warm welcome.



LYON HALL, HODNET - EVENTS

Yoga Class - every Monday 6.15pm - 7.15pm and 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Please contact Harriet Devaney on 07908 717337.

Qigong - 10am - 11am on Tuesdays. Contact Sue on sue@suepics.co.uk.

Ring craft dog training - 1pm - 3pm on Thursdays. Contact Anne Mann on 01630 653570 for more information.

Women's Institute - 7.30pm on second Thursday of the month. Contact details: hodnetwi@gmail.com or 07772 729764.

To book the Lyon Hall contact Francis Bennett on 01630 685213.

WOLLERTON TENNIS CLUB



Club night is Tuesday from 6.30pm. All abilities welcome to come and join us for a friendly game of tennis. New members are always welcome and can join at any time. Subs are now due - adult £35, family £50. Courts can be used for private games. Please telephone Gill on 07814 409268 or Linda on 01630 685432.



WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS



The Village Band will next practise on **Saturday 5th August 10am - 11.15am**. Still seeking more players. Aged 16+. Any instruments welcome. If you can play a scale, come along! For further information give Paul a call on 01630 638793.

Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on **Wednesday 2nd August at 10.30am** followed by a cuppa and a chat in the Village Room. Please come along and support the group - no booking required. £1 per person.



Our regular **Book Club** meetings are on the **second Tuesday** of the month starting at 7pm in the Village Room. We look forward to discussing *Exit West* by *Mohsin Hamid* on **Tuesday 8th August**.

Home Produce Sale. To raise funds for the running of the Village Room, a home produce sale with afternoon refreshments will be held on **Sunday 20th August 2023 from 1pm - 4pm**. We would be grateful to receive any surplus garden produce or home-baked items on a bring and buy basis. We look forward to meeting our neighbours once again.



To join our mailing list or book any event pop an email to: wollertonvr@gmail.com

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MARCHAMLEY COMMUNITY CLUB

The Club will be closed for the whole of August while volunteers and tradesmen refurbish parts of the building internally. We will re-open on Friday 1st September and have various events planned for the month, full details of which will be in next month’s Parish News. Marchamley Club is open to members every Friday from 7pm-11pm and for all of our Saturday events. Membership is £3 per year. Why not drop in and see what we offer any Friday evening?

Saturday 16th - 7.30pm - MCC presents ‘Back to the Sixties’

Saturday 30th - 10am - 12noon - Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Saturday 30th - 7pm - Quiz Night.

See our Facebook page: **What’s on At Marchamley Community Club.**

PROMS CONCERT BY FAULS SINGERS

Saturday 23rd September, 7.30pm at St Luke’s Church, Hodnet.

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COOKERY CORNER - RUNNER BEAN & APPLE CHUTNEY

Transform a glut of summer vegetables into Gill Meller's runner bean and apple chutney. This tangy pickle will last you well into winter.

Ingredients:

500g runner beans, destirnged and cut into 1cm lengths

1kg Bramley apples, peeled, quartered, cored and roughly chopped

500g ripe tomatoes, roughly chopped

2 onions, roughly chopped

150g sultanas

2 tsp coriander seeds, bashed

1 tsp caraway seeds, bashed

2 green cardamom pods, bashed

350g light brown soft sugar

500ml cider vinegar

1 tsp fine sea salt



Method:

- Step 1** Put all the ingredients in a preserving pan over a medium heat. Slowly bring the mixture up to a simmer, stirring regularly until the sugar has dissolved.
- Step 2** Reduce the heat and gently simmer the chutney for 1½ - 2 hours, stirring every so often to stop it sticking to the bottom of the pan. The chutney will thicken as it cooks; you'll know it's ready when you can draw a wooden spoon across the bottom of the pan and it leaves a path behind it for a few seconds before the chutney collapses back down and covers the bottom. Be extra careful it doesn't catch and burn at this point.
- Step 3** Remove the chutney from the heat and spoon carefully into jars, still warm from sterilising. Seal with the lids and cool. Store in a cool, dark place for several months before eating - although you can eat it earlier, if you like. Once open, store in the fridge and use within a month.

KIDS' CORNER

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.

ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY

MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME

MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY

BUT MARTHA WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK - NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING

LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!

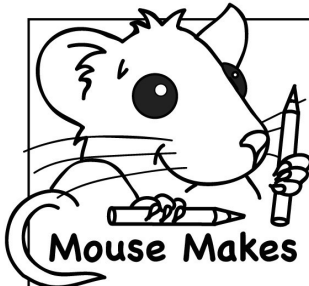
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS

JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.

See Luke 10.38-42

MOUSE MAKES



After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself. Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

Read the story in: *Matthew 14:22-27, Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21*

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

_____ *Matthew 14:23*

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and the _____ *Matthew 14:24*



What did Jesus say to his disciples?
Do not be _____

_____ *Matthew 14:27*

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A _____ *Matthew 14:26*

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

_____ *Matthew 14:29*

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____ why do you _____ *Matthew 14:31*

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Answer the questions then find them in the word search

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY - OUTDOOR TWISTER



Equipment:

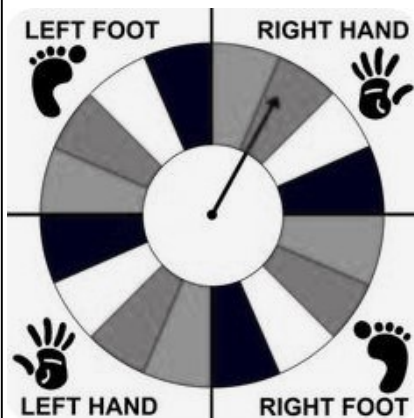
Four different coloured chalks (traditionally blue, green, red and yellow) and a water spray bottle.

A cardboard box with a base big enough to cut an 18cm diameter circle (9cm radius).
String, two pencils

A large piece of card, a ruler, a pair of compasses, colouring pens (the same colour as the chalks).

Method:

Using the two pencils and string, peg out a line on your lawn. In the base of the box, cut out a circular hole with a 9cm radius. Crush chalk by colour and mix into a water solution in the spray bottle. Line up the box to the edge of the string and spray a line of equally spaced circles of one colour (at least 6), the closer together the better. Change the colour in your spray bottle and repeat for the next three rows.



To make the spinner, mark out four equal quarters on the piece of card. Then divide each quarter into four equal segments, colouring each one as shown in the picture. Hands and feet can be traced to illustrate. To create a spinner, pierce one of the pencils through the centre of the card to create a pivot. Either make a cardboard arrow or use a large paper clip which can freely rotate around the pencil.

Start spinning and twisting!



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SMILE LINES

Best position for effective prayer

Three ministers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one minister. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Sorry," he blurted out, "but the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

The perfect diet

What is the best and most infallible way to reduce your waistline? Just move your head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping.

Way ahead

People aren't really so smart. The turtle had a streamlined body for travel, a hard top, retractable landing gear and a mobile home for thousands of years before we did.

Conversation

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Jolly

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have had to wait for them?

Ready

I don't understand why people have to 'get ready for bed'. I'm always ready for bed.

Rainbows

Q: Where do rainbows go when they're bad?

A: Prism, but it's a light sentence.

Prayer request

On a tour of New York City, a family visited St Patrick's Cathedral, and were awed by the soaring beauty of the place.

The children were especially curious about the votive candles. Their mother explained that people generally say a prayer when they light a candle - usually a prayer of petition or thanks. She asked if they'd each like to light one - which they did. As they left, the five-year-old said: "If there's a pony outside, it's mine."

Doctor's appointment

I told my doctor's receptionist I need an appointment. "How about 10 tomorrow?" she asked.

"I don't need that many," I replied.

Some days

Some days I amaze myself with my intelligence. Other days I put my keys in the fridge.

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WATCHING THE WILDLIFE

Well, that worked a treat! Having commented in the last issue on the lack of butterflies, the annual explosion of butterflies promptly happened. This is known amongst lepidopterists as the 'June gap', due to a slight lag in breeding cycles where the number of the first butterflies to appear this year have reduced, the next to take flight haven't yet done so and the latest caterpillars haven't pupated yet. It always seems rather concerning when you realise there aren't many butterflies around and you can't help wondering where they are and what's happened. It's 'situation normal' now and by the time you read this, there's still a few days left to take part in this year's *Big Butterfly Count* which has been running from 14th July and ends on 6th August. Just choose part of your garden and watch it for 15 minutes, noting all the butterflies you see. These *Counts* are proving important for monitoring the numbers of butterfly species seen. Alarmingly, the 2022 survey revealed that 80% of butterfly species found in the UK have declined since the 1970s. Whilst we know the weather has a major impact on all our wildlife, we wonder what this year's *Butterfly Count* will reveal.

At the moment it seems to be a good year for the tiny frogs and toads which have recently metamorphosed from tadpoles to their adult selves of toads and frogs. As they are currently smaller than a human little-finger nail, it's a bit of a nightmare going out of the house after any rain, as they are moving around, heading to different areas of cover and seeking the small insects they eat as they grow quickly.

We know that there are many predators of these new toads and frogs and one reason the females of their species usually lay a lot of spawn is to take into account the predation by birds or other animals and for 'accidents' such as encounters with humans or traffic, so that some will still reach maturity. However, so far this year there does seem to be an encouraging number of them apparently making their home in our garden.

If you're an early riser and enjoy a walk in open countryside where there's grassland and/or woods, keep a look-out for any of the hares which live around here. These animals are easily distinguished from rabbits by their larger size, black tipped ears and way of running. Whilst rabbits hop, hares run and bound, changing direction as they go. Due to living in open grassland, they depend on their fast speed of around 45mph to evade predators such as foxes. You may also see a fox if you're an early walker, before they too generally lay low for the day.

Yes, it's a good time for seeing the year's wildlife. Just looking out of our house windows gives a snapshot of things: whether it's the house martins repeatedly trying and failing to get mud to stick to house eaves and going elsewhere to build this year's nest, or watching a pair of buzzards soaring over nearby fields.

Whilst it's arguably controversial, if you are interested in seeing a species which is being reintroduced in neighbouring Cheshire, you can join one of that county's evening Wildlife Trust tours of part of Hatchmere Nature Reserve on the edge of Delamare Forest. (Booking essential) The release of 2 Eurasian beavers into a securely fenced and padlocked area (it's a bit 'Jurassic Park') is part of a five-year project and the beavers are already creating a new landscape as they settle in and raise their young. <https://www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/2023-07-19-delamere-beaver-project-evening-safari> 'Wildlife Watcher'

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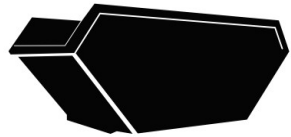
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1	Hodnet Footpath Group - 10am - meet at the Lyon Hall. Route 3	
2	Wollerton Wander - 10.30am - Wollerton Village Room Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church	Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Bingo - 8pm - Hodnet Social Club
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4	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church	
5	Village Band Practice - 10am - 11.15am - Wollerton Village Room Hodnet & Peplow CC v Guilsfield & Llandrinio (Away) - 1 pm	
6	Parish Communion - 11.00am - The Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow Weston under Redcastle Village Show - The Citadel - 12 noon - 5pm.	
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8	Wollerton Village Room Book Club - 7pm	
9	Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Mobile Library - 45 Wood Lane 11.10 - 11.40am Bus Stop; Marchamley Bus Stop 11.50 - 12.05pm	Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
10	Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am. Hodnet WI - Summer Stroll - see page 9 for more details.	
11	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church	
12	Chat and Coffee Stop - 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Hodnet & Peplow CC v Condoover CC (Home) - 1pm	
13	Parish Service with Baptism - 11am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet	
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16	Magazine final submission date Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church	Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
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18	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church	
19	Chat and Coffee Stop - 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Hodnet & Peplow CC v Bishops Castle CC (Away) - 1 pm	
20	Parish Communion - 11am - The Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow Market Drayton Minis Classic Car Show - 11am - 4pm - Hodnet Social Club Produce Sale - 1pm - 4pm - Wollerton Village Room	
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22	Hodnet Seniors Lunch Club - 2.30pm - Lyon Hall - cuppa and a slice of cake	
23	Hodnet & Peplow Cricket Club - 10am - 3pm - Cricket Camp - see page 24 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Mobile Library - 45 Wood Lane 11.10 - 11.40am Bus Stop; Marchamley Bus Stop 11.50 - 12.05pm	Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
24	Hodnet & Peplow Cricket Club - 10am - 3pm - Cricket Camp - see page 24 Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am	
25	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church	
26	Hodnet & Peplow CC v Newport CC (Home) - 1pm	
27	Parish Communion - 11am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet Peplow Crafts & Jams - 11 am - 5 pm - Hodnet Hall Gardens	
28	BANK HOLIDAY Hawkstone Hall - Garden Party - 12pm- 4pm Peplow Crafts & Jams - 11 am - 5 pm - Hodnet Hall Gardens	
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