

# HODNET *Parish News*



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## A NATURAL BURIAL SITE NEAR MARKET DRAYTON

Natural or Green Burial is the environmentally friendly option to traditional burials and the trend is towards it being the most favoured mode by mid-century. Over 300 sites have been established throughout the UK since 1991. The planet needs more trees and wildflowers to encourage wildlife. While most natural burial sites cater for cremations provided the coffin or urn are biodegradable, the burning process still adds minimally to the greenhouse effect when compared to conventional cremations causing atmospheric and groundwater pollution from the coffin, its fixtures and fittings, nylon shrouds, glues, metals, hydrogen chloride, carbon dioxide, formaldehyde and furans.

Natural burial grounds are less costly to develop and maintain than crematoria and traditional cemeteries, while the hiring of a funeral director is optional for entire or selected services. Burials organised by grieving family and friends are reportedly quite therapeutic in giving closure and natural burials, by their nature, enable them to take control over practicalities to whatever extent they wish – even digging the grave themselves is not uncommon. Other expenses can also be kept to a minimum by using environmentally friendly coffins and shrouds. Site Management will always provide guidance on options. Stoke-upon-Tern Parish Councillors recently dedicated a section of its Civic Cemetery to natural burials and the intention is that it will be managed as a wildflower meadow. It is expected that this will be an interim measure prior to Shropshire Council approving Stoke-upon-Tern and Sutton-upon-Tern Parish Council's concept of a Community Land Trust (CLT) within their Outline Neighbourhood Plans. These Plans have been submitted to Shropshire Council for evaluation and approval. The intention is for the Parish Councils to hold the public realm holdings - at present in the ownership of the MOD – within the CLT when Clive Barracks is de-commissioned and it is understood that a dialogue with the Land Trust was due to start week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November, having been delayed through illness. The CLT Brief includes a natural burial site. Stoke-upon-Tern Parish domain will be to the west of the A41; Sutton-upon-Tern Parish domain will be to the east of the A41. CLTs are democratic, non-profit organisations that own and develop land for the benefit of the community and act as long-term stewards of the land and assets on it, ensuring they are put to the benefit of the community in perpetuity.

This article is to introduce a campaign to create a strong support group comprising residents of Market Drayton and District who believe in the concept of natural burial and that a long-term site needs to be established in close proximity so that the bereaved can visit more frequently than when inhibited by distance. Following launch at an event at Festival Drayton Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 24 persons put their names and confidential contact details forward, while it is believed that at least 16 have spouses/partners who may well also be interested. Registering your support for the concept of a natural burial site within the CLT Brief will give maximum credence to Stoke-upon-Tern and Sutton-upon-Tern Parish Councillors' efforts in this respect.

To register that support or for more information on natural burial, supportive funeral directors, present and proposed sites, please contact Eric Davis at [ericatriverside@btinternet.com](mailto:ericatriverside@btinternet.com) or on 01630 655778. This will provide the opportunity to receive periodic updates on the situation - also details of relevant services and products available in the event of need.

## EDITORIAL

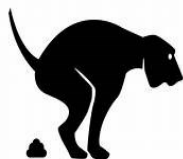
Happy New Year and our very best wishes for 2024. We are constantly grateful for the lovely comments we receive and need to acknowledge again the support that we receive in getting this magazine to print this month, especially to Karen Powell our long-suffering on-demand proofreader.

If you have made new resolutions to meet your neighbours and be more involved in the community, we always welcome offers to deliver this monthly magazine. It is a regular commitment in the last week of the month although we do cover holiday/ absences within the team. If you would like to deliver your road please do contact us on our email address below. We are due a delivery team social so now would be a good time to join us!

Each month we seek inspiration for a recipe that is seasonally appropriate and frequently find ourselves saying, "haven't we done this one before?" If you would like to receive an email 'booklet' of recipes which have been printed please drop us an email and we can forward you a copy.

To contribute an article, please contact us at [editorhodnetparish@gmail.com](mailto:editorhodnetparish@gmail.com) with any offerings! **Our cut off date for February's issue is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

## CHURCHYARD REQUEST



A heartfelt request to all dog walkers - please could you pick up after your dog and place all waste in the bin next to the church lychgate.

**Thank you** *from the graveyard maintenance team*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Quiz Night - Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Charity Chicken Coffee Morning - Wollerton Village Room

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Burlesque Evening (women only) - Marchamley Community Club

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Lyon Hall Quiz with a fish and chip supper. Teams of four. To book a table please contact Glenys on 01630 685661.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Bond 007 Cabaret Evening - Marchamley Community Club

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CHURCH SERVICES

ST LUKE’S CHURCH, HODNET

January

|                         |         |                |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 21 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |

February

|                        |         |                |
|------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
|------------------------|---------|----------------|

CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PEPLOW

January

|                         |         |                |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm  | Evensong       |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Communion |

SAINTS’ AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January  | Epiphany            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January  | Raymond of Penafort |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January | Sava                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> January | Agnes               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January | Thomas Aquinas      |

PRAYER

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of the new year we confess our need of your presence and your guidance as we face the future.

Amen

CHURCH CONTACTS

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptism

We welcome into Christ's church  
Dylan Campbell Forgas  
son of Sarah Marie Balderstone & Cory Forgas

Marriage

Jessica Beardmore and Scott Woodland



Funeral

Entered into eternal rest  
Mary France


THANK YOU



A warm thank you to Sir Algernon and Lady Jane for the beautiful Christmas tree in St Luke's church and also to David Swinnerton for delivering the Christmas tree by the Lychgate. Thanks also go to Reverend Janet Holmes for conducting the Christmas Day service and for everyone who attended the carols under the tree. This raised £110 for Severn Hospice.

Thank you to everybody who donated a filled sock for the homeless. A total of 36 socks were distributed in the lead up to Christmas. The Christmas raffle was drawn after the Carol Service. Thank to all those who bought tickets or donated prizes. Thank you to Chetan and Kiran from Hodnet Village Store and Post Office for allowing this magazine to be available for collection from there.

FLOWER ROLA - ST LUKE'S CHURCH

|                          |                |  |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *****                    |                |  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January  | Sue Lea        |  |                                                                                     |
|                          |                |  |                                                                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> January | Brenda Preston |  |                                                                                     |
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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ST LUKE'S

### Church Choir

We are always looking for new members - if you are interested come along and speak to us after a Sunday Service.



## JOIN THE CHOIR



### Bellringing Practice

Weekly Fridays

7.00pm - 8.00pm.

If you are interested contact Bell Tower Captain John Powell on 01630 685325.



**Due to the cost of heating the church, this group will meet in Wollerton Village Room until the warmer weather returns.**

Bring your craft project to church and enjoy the company, conversation and refreshments.

## CHURCH HUMOUR



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*...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...*

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## LYON HALL, HODNET - REGULAR 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.**

## HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP



Hodnet Footpath Group Committee would like to send New Year's greetings to everyone and especially to all those who have been involved in our activities over the last year.

Our monthly 'First Tuesday' walks have proved to be increasingly popular, with lots of new faces joining us for these informal gatherings, which largely follow the leaflet routes which we publish and distribute.

The work party sessions have been extremely productive with some fairly major projects completed and, again, it's been great to have additional numbers at these repair and maintenance sessions.

Genuinely, we would like to thank our local community for their support and appreciation and look forward to another successful year in 2024.

There will no walk in January as we guess you will be recovering from the seasonal celebrations! Fear not! We will be resuming our walk programme in February. If you would like to get involved in the group in any way, please contact us through our Facebook page.

## HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our members were certainly in festive spirits at our December meeting as it was our Christmas meal at the Fox and Hounds, Shawbury. We had a great turnout and a lovely meal to mark our last meeting of 2023.

We have a fabulous programme arranged for this year so if you are at all curious about Hodnet WI, our next meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Lyon Hall. Please do come along - a very warm welcome awaits you.

Contact either Jeanette - 07958 393731 or Jane - 07772 729764.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## HODNET SOCIAL CLUB

**Prize Bingo - now moved to 8pm on first Wednesday of the month.** See their 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

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY - TIN CAN WIND CHIME

Children and adults find it relaxing watching and listening to wind chimes blowing in the breeze. They look great and add interest to your garden. Wind chimes make an ideal craft activity for children of all ages as they are fun to make and will enjoy seeing them outside on display.



### Equipment:

Old tin cans of various sizes  
 A variety of bright paints  
 Paintbrush  
 Hammer  
 Nail  
 String/Coloured Wool  
 Scissors  
 Old metal hanger

### Method:

- 1 Clean then paint some old tin cans in bright colours and patterns. Leave to dry.
- 2 Form a ring of approximately 20cm diameter using the metal hanger. Wrap coloured wool around the ring to conceal the metal. Cut various lengths of string/wool, one length for each can from

which to suspend the cans at different heights.

- 3 Pierce a hole in the top of each can using a nail and hammer. Through that hole thread a strand of string/wool and knot so that the can hangs. Attach the other end onto the ring.
- 4 Suspend in your garden.

## COOKERY - VEGANUARY

This healthy vegan chilli recipe packs in plenty of vegetables and doesn't fall short on the flavour front. Serve it with rice or in jacket potatoes for a filling supper.

### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp olive oil
  - 2 sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into medium chunks
  - 2 tsp smoked paprika
  - 2 tsp ground cumin
  - 1 onion, chopped
  - 2 carrots, chopped
  - 2 celery sticks, chopped
  - 2 garlic cloves, crushed
  - 1-2 tsp chilli powder (depending on how hot you like it)
  - 1 tsp dried oregano
  - 1 red pepper, cut into chunks
  - 400g can black beans, drained
  - 1 tbsp tomato purée
  - 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
  - 400g can kidney beans, drained
- Lime wedges, guacamole, rice and coriander to serve.



### Method:

**Step 1** Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Put the sweet potato in a roasting tin and drizzle over 1½ tbsp oil, 1 tsp smoked paprika and 1 tsp ground cumin. Give everything a good mix so that all the chunks are coated in spices, season with salt and pepper, then roast for 25 minutes until cooked.

**Step 2** Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook for 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until cooked, then crush in the garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Add the remaining dried spices and tomato purée. Give everything a good mix and cook for 1 minute more.

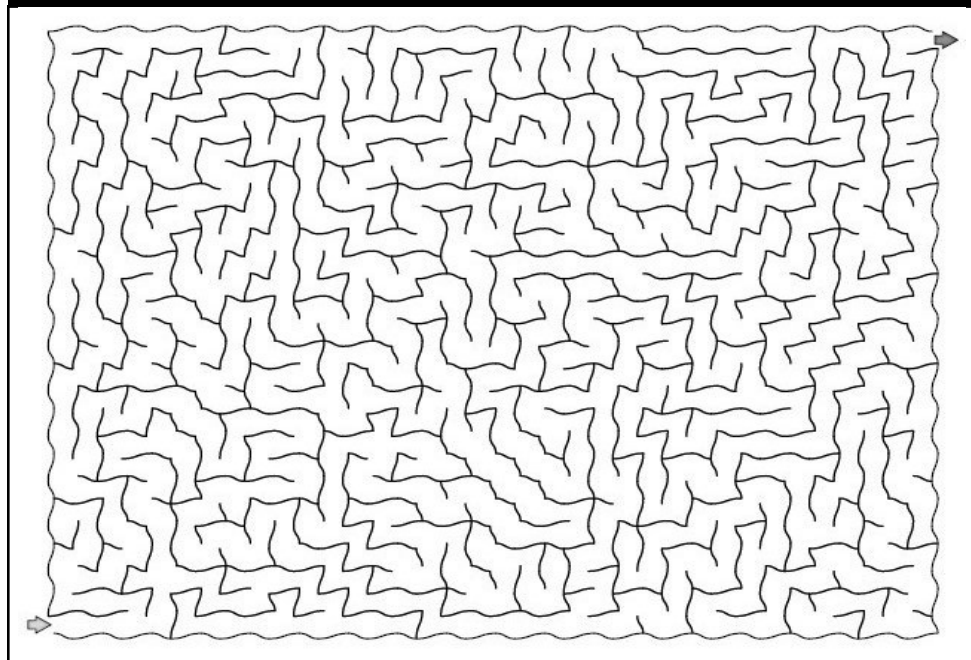
**Step 3** Add the red pepper, chopped tomatoes and 200ml water. Bring the chilli to a boil, then simmer for 20 minutes. Tip in the beans and cook for another 10 minutes before adding the sweet potato. Season to taste then serve with lime wedges, guacamole, rice and coriander.

### To make in a slow cooker

Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until soft, then crush in the garlic, tip in the sweet potato chunks and cook for 1 minute more. Add all the dried spices, oregano and tomato purée, cook for 1 minute, then tip into a slow cooker.

Add the red pepper and chopped tomatoes. Give everything a good stir then cook on low for 5 hours. Stir in the beans and cook for another 30 minutes to 1 hour. Season to taste then serve with lime wedges, guacamole, rice and coriander.

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## PEPLOW NEWS



A great big thank to everyone for making the Christmas Fayre, held in the Lyon Hall at the end of November, such a great success.

All the stall holders did well and we made an amazing £1200.

Pictured are John and Barbara on their wooden toy stall.

## MARCHAMLEY BOOK CLUB

Marchamley Book Club will meet on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Marchamley Community Club. The book chosen for discussion is:

**'Lost Girls' by Angela Marsons**



*Two girls go missing. Only one will return. The couple that offers the highest amount will see their daughter again. The losing couple will not. Make no mistake. One child will die.*

Do come and join us for the book discussion or just a general chat and a drink. Any new book lovers will be warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you!

## MARCHAMLEY COMMUNITY CLUB

We are open every Friday night from 7pm - 11pm. Please come and see what we've done to improve the Club and have a drink.

Membership subs are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January - only £3 for the year.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Burns Night!** Doors open 7pm. Three-course supper and entertainment for £20 pp. Tickets must be pre-booked by 20<sup>th</sup> January latest - call into the club on a Friday night or email [marchamleycommunityclub@yahoo.com](mailto:marchamleycommunityclub@yahoo.com)



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

## WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS



The Village Band will next practise on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 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.

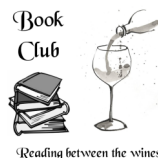
The Village Band played carols at The Tiddly, Ellerdine and raised £44.25 for Severn Hospice. Our thanks to Dr Paul Nevins and Jill Walton-Nevins for making this all happen.

**St Luke's Church Craft Group** will now meet in the Village Room every Wednesday morning 10am - 12 noon. Please do come and join us and enjoy convivial chat and refreshments. Bring your own project or just come for the company.



Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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 *Her by Harriet Lane* on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** and collecting our next book *Four by Andy Jones*.



**Charity Chicken Workshop.** Join us on this free workshop to knit or crochet a small Easter chicken for the Francis House Children's Easter Chick Appeal. **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am - 12.30pm**. We'll supply the materials and refreshments but if you have any size 11 needles, 3.5 crochet hooks or scraps of wool please bring them along. We'll have a follow up coffee morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, details to follow.

To join our mailing list or book any event pop an email to: [wollertonvr@gmail.com](mailto:wollertonvr@gmail.com)

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## KIDS' CORNER

## The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

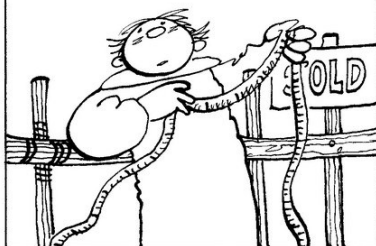


OH!! NO!!



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

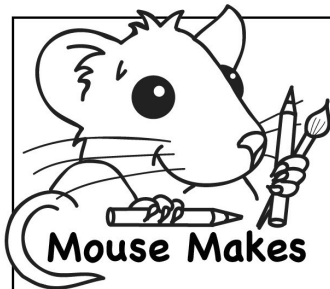
SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

MOUSE MAKES



EPIPHANY is the time in the Church year that we remember when the 'wise men' or 'Magi' followed a star that led them to the Christ child Jesus. They bowed down, worshipped him and left *three* special gifts.



Where was Jesus born?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:1



What three gifts did the wise men give Jesus?



Who was the king?

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:1

and \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:11

Where did the wise men come from?  
the \_\_\_\_\_

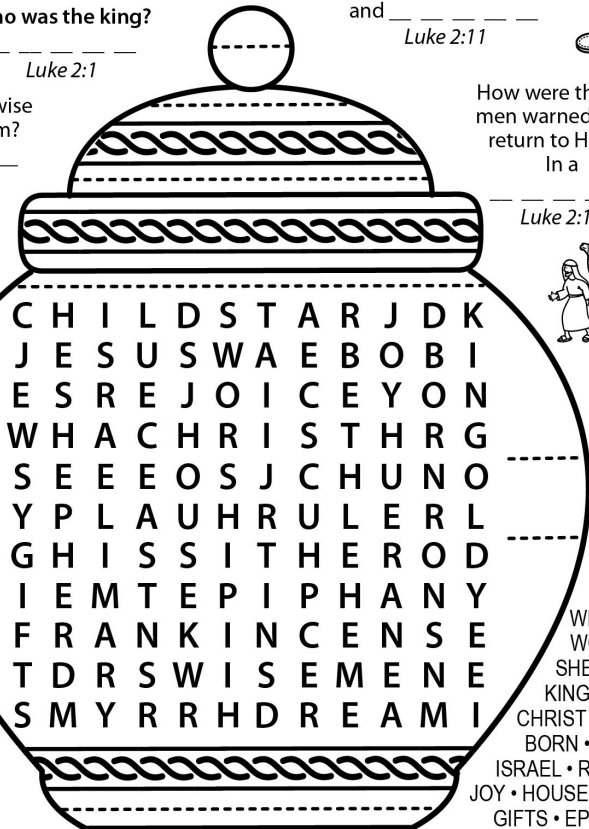
Luke 2:1

How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod?  
In a \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:12

What had the wise men seen?  
a \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:2



Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks, find them in the word search then look for the words opposite.

JESUS  
WISEMEN  
WORSHIP  
SHEPHERD  
KING • JEWS  
CHRIST • CHILD  
BORN • RULER  
ISRAEL • REJOICE  
JOY • HOUSE • MARY  
GIFTS • EPIPHANY

How many other words can you make from the letters in EPIPHANY?





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## WILDLIFE WATCHER

Well that's another year over and a new one just begun. Let's hope it's a good one for us and the wildlife we share our gardens and countryside with. Winter is not over yet, but signs of preparing for spring are already visible.

Deciduous trees, which shed their leaves in autumn, had their new season's leaves in buds last year. If you watch any of them, you'll see these leaf buds gradually increase in size, ready to open when the weather and temperature agree it's spring.

Molehills were appearing in fields and verges towards the end of last year, as the unseen moles moved around, primarily in search of earthworms, but now this year, they're looking for a mate, as the main breeding season starts in February. This is the time of year when the birds are especially glad of our putting out food for them, be that in hanging feeders or on a ground feeder. As ever, fresh, clean water is something they'll search for, to drink and to bathe in. It's imperative they keep their feathers clean to aid their flight from predators and for their general health, so a bird bath or large plant-pot saucer of fresh water will help them and allow you to see them bathing before heading to cover to preen. According to numerous studies, watching the birds is good for us as well as the birds.

The sudden and quite deep snow we experienced towards the beginning of December modified our wildlife's activities. In general, everything not hibernating stayed under cover and sheltered where possible, conserving their body temperature, whether they were birds or other wildlife. The snow gave an excellent opportunity to see the footprint evidence of what had passed that way when no one was watching. Different sized birds obviously left different sized footprints. In general, birds leave prints which are more like arrowheads and, due to their size, it was clear a pheasant had been in our garden, coming close to the house.



FOX

If we're wondering whether it's a cat or fox which has walked along the side of the house, as it heads to fields or a neighbour's garden, the fox has oval-shaped prints, with the tracks being longer than they are wide. They have four equally sized toes on each paw. On each of the four toes, the fox has a claw. These claws show up in tracks, particularly the claws at the top of the two centre toes. The back pads of fox paws are triangular and often spread out from the toes. In ideal snow tracks, you

will also see the ridge in the heel pad. Foxes "direct register" when they walk, which means they place their hind foot in the track made by their front foot, so you'll only see one set of prints for each side.

Although they are a different species, cats produce tracks that are similar to fox tracks in a number of ways. Cat's paw prints also have four equally sized toes on their front and back paws. However, a key difference is that cats retract their claws when they're walking to keep them sharp for killing, so claw marks will not usually be visible in cat tracks. Additionally, their rear pads are not triangle-shaped but instead have three round lobes and their tracks are round, not oval, being only slightly wider than they are long.

Bet you're waiting for more snow now so you can go tracking!



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## SMILE LINES

### Why?

A young couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the mother turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I don't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mummy say," the father answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "O Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

### Windows

A wife texted her husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen."

Her husband texted back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it."

The wife texted back five minutes later: "Computer's completely not working now."

### Friday

Nothing ruins your Friday like realising it's only Wednesday.

### Sunday School Lesson

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

Jenny, a thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd be sick!"

### More Bulletin Bloopers

*The church notices that did not come out quite as they were meant to do!*

We are delighted to announce that the youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.

Correction: The following typo appeared in our last bulletin: 'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.'

Please correct to read '12 noon.'

Any church member over 18 is welcome to join our new lay ministry programme. It requires minimal training and time: just six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.

The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, and a sweet, all in a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gents three-speed bicycle, and also two ladies for sale, in good running order.

Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, will please come early.

Come to our church lunch on Sunday at 12.30pm. Prayer and medication to follow.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Belzer; the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

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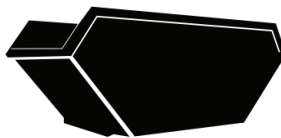
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| 3  | Wollerton Wander - 10.30am - Wollerton Village Room<br>Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - Wollerton Village Room<br>Mobile Library - 45 Wood Lane 11.10 - 11.40am Bus Stop; Marchamley Bus Stop 11.50 - 12.05pm<br>Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church<br>Bingo - 8pm - Hodnet Social Club |
| 4  | Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am.<br>Hodnet Parish Council - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall, Hodnet                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5  | Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6  | Village Band - 10am - 11.15am - Wollerton Village Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7  | Morning Prayer - 11.00am - St Luke's Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 9  | Wollerton Village Room Book Club - 7pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 11 | Hodnet WI - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12 | Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13 | Charity Chicken Workshop - 9.30am - 12.30pm - Wollerton Village Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14 | Holy Communion - 11am - St Luke's Church<br>Evensong - 6.30pm - Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 27 | Burn's Night – 7pm - Marchamley Community Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 28 | Morning Prayer - 11am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet<br>Holy Communion - 11am - Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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## BURN'S NIGHT

### **Marchamley Community Club** **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Burns Night!**

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and entertainment

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