

# **HODNET *Parish News*** ***April 2024***



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## EDITORIAL

Spring has sprung but the rain has not departed! We hope you are managing to mow your grass in between the showers.

All our regular contributors seem to be very busy, however we have heard of other groups, such as a running group, which has not taken advantage of this free editorial space. We were delighted to be contacted to raise awareness of the upcoming village extravaganza - see back page. Such events cannot be organised overnight and getting the word out to generate support and interest is what this magazine can offer.

Should you wish to set up a club or community group and find out if there would be any interest in it, please do contact us to publish an article. (We think there might be interest in a caravan club!)

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

**If you like receiving this magazine are you able to contribute towards the production costs? Each issue costs approximately 50p to produce but if you are able to contribute more this would help the church stay open.**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Meeting of the Council - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall, Hodnet

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Film Night – film tbc. – Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Greek Foodie Night - Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Family Quiz Night – Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – D-Day Cabaret with afternoon tea – Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Family Disco with Barbecue – Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Race Night – Marchamley Community Club

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Village Extravaganza - Hodnet Recreation Ground

## CHURCH CONTACTS

**Hodnet Churchwardens:** Janice Parker - 01630 685531

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## ST LUKE'S CHURCH, HODNET

### April

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer with baptism

### May

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
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## CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PELOW

### April

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

## SAINTS' AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

7 <sup>th</sup> April	John-Baptist de la Salle
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tiburtius and Valerian Caradoc
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Anselm
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Vitalis Peter Chanel

## FLOWER ROIA - ST LUKE'S CHURCH

14 <sup>th</sup> April	Christine Apperley	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Brenda Preston	

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Baptism



We welcome to Christ's church Olivia May Parker  
Daughter of Tom and Rosie Parker and  
great granddaughter of John and Janice Parker

## Funeral

Entered into eternal rest

Bill Heath

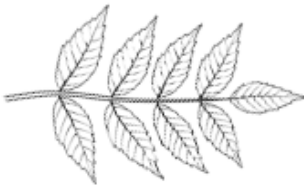
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# PRAYER

Eternal God,  
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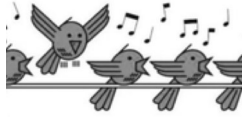
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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ST LUKE'S

## 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



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## HODNET AND PELOW CRICKET CLUB

This year we are hosting All Starts (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (9-11 years) on Friday evening starting 17<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks. Registration opens 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 and further information will be sent out closer to the date. The club will require assistance to run the sessions - no cricket experience is required. Please let Kevin George know on 07944 502196 if you are able to assist on any of the weeks.

## HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP



Our next 'First Tuesday' organised walk on 2<sup>nd</sup> April will be The Tern Valley - Hodnet Walk 9. It's a there and back walk from Peplow to Stoke on Tern and back. At about 5 miles, it's a fairly flat route with a few stiles and an ideal introductory walk. Starting at 10am at the Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow we follow the River Tern Valley up to Petsey and on to St Peter's Church, Stoke on Tern where we will stop for refreshments in the Millennium Garden. You could, if you wish, leave a car at Stoke on Tern and walk just one way. Everyone is welcome including dogs on leads. You can find the Walk 9 guide on our webpage <https://hodnet.org.uk/main/index.php/tourism/local-walk-leaflets/>. Any queries please contact Steve Alden on 07774 969339. We hope to see you then.

## HODNET AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Hodnet and District Garden Club held their first meeting of 2024 in the Lyon Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> March. It was a social evening with a couple of gardening related quizzes and it gave members the chance for a catch up over a cup of tea and a piece of cake after the long wet winter. We welcomed returning and four new members which was a great start to our new season.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April when Ross Underwood, head gardener at Goldstone Hall, will be hosting a Gardeners' Question Time for us.

If you would like any further information about Hodnet and District Garden Club please contact Dave Smither on 01630 685966.

## 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



## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Hodnet Parish Council has a new website - [www.hodnet-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hodnet-pc.gov.uk). To contact the council or to report faulty streetlighting, please email [clerk@hodnet-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hodnet-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07946 112161.

The next meeting of Hodnet Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Lyon Hall, Hodnet. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Hodnet Parish Council has been in existence since January 1895. It consists of 11 councillors who are all unpaid volunteers and 1 parish clerk who is a paid employee of the council.

The council meets approximately every six weeks to discuss issues within the parish, such as street lighting, litter bins, the Hodnet Recreation Ground, bus shelters, local groups, planning applications and many other local matters. There are many issues affecting Hodnet which are not in the parish council's direct remit. In these cases we make representations where possible to those who do have responsibility for it. For example, by submitting our comments to Shropshire Council for planning matters, raising concerns regarding speeding to the Police and maintaining regular contact with our local Shropshire Councillor, Paul Gill.



## HODNET PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We have been busy at Playgroup since Christmas. We welcomed some new starters and they have settled in really well and have been making new friends.

On the last day of half term we had a pancake party. The children chose the toppings, so we had raspberries, honey, banana, Nutella and sausages! Parents and families of our Friday children stayed and joined in with devouring the delicious pancakes.

We embraced World Book Day last month and dressed as the favourite word from our favourite book....we had a cat, a crocodile, a couple of dinosaurs, Zog, Paddington, Lightning McQueen, two superheroes and a beautiful Snow White. Even the grown-ups joined in with the fun - we had a 'tired' Emer, Where's Wally (Amy), Hungry Caterpillar (Cindy), and Vicki was 'water'.



We are starting to take bookings for children wishing to join in September 2024. We would be delighted to show you round our lovely setting. Please give us a call on 01630 685812 or email [hodnetpreschoolplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:hodnetpreschoolplaygroup@gmail.com) to arrange a visit.

## HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



March's meeting was our AGM.....once the formalities had taken place and the offices had been voted on, we all enjoyed a traditional Beetle Drive. It was a roaring success and a chance for members to socialise as they moved tables for each game. Who knew so much fun could be had with just a dice and a pen! We also enjoyed an Easter themed raffle and some delicious tea and cake.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April and we have the fabulous speaker Claire Tatler, who is Wollerton Old Hall Garden's new Head Gardener, coming to talk to us about Climate Planting. This is a subject that we think a lot of people will be interested in so we would like to open the evening up to everyone (no membership required) - men also very welcome). Entry will be £5 on the door. Tea will be available for £1 and there will also be a raffle. Please contact either Jane Jones 07772 729764 or Jeanette Miller 07958 393721 if you are interested in coming along.

## HODNET GUIDES

1<sup>st</sup> Hodnet Guides are pleased to say that the building where we hold our weekly meetings at the Hodnet Joint Headquarters is safe for the near future with a new Committee being recently formed. Thanks must go to the officers who have stepped down after several years in their posts and have kept the building running for all the uniformed groups that use it.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Hodnet Guide Unit has three uniformed leaders and offers a girl-only space for girls aged between 10yrs and 14yrs old with a range of outdoor and indoor activities on offer.



Meetings are held on a Monday during termtime from 7.15pm – 8.45pm.

For further details on what Guides is all about or to register your interest see: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or contact the leaders via [annehodnet@supanet.com](mailto:annehodnet@supanet.com)

## 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** - Every Tuesday 10am - 11am. Contact Sue on [sue@suepics.co.uk](mailto:sue@suepics.co.uk).

**Tern Valley Vintage Machinery Trust** - First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm for 8pm.

**Over 55s Hodnet Seniors' Lunch Club** - Fourth Tuesday of the month 2.30pm - Chat, cuppa and cake.

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

**Women's Institute** - Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm. Contact details: [hodnetwi@gmail.com](mailto:hodnetwi@gmail.com) or 07772 729764.

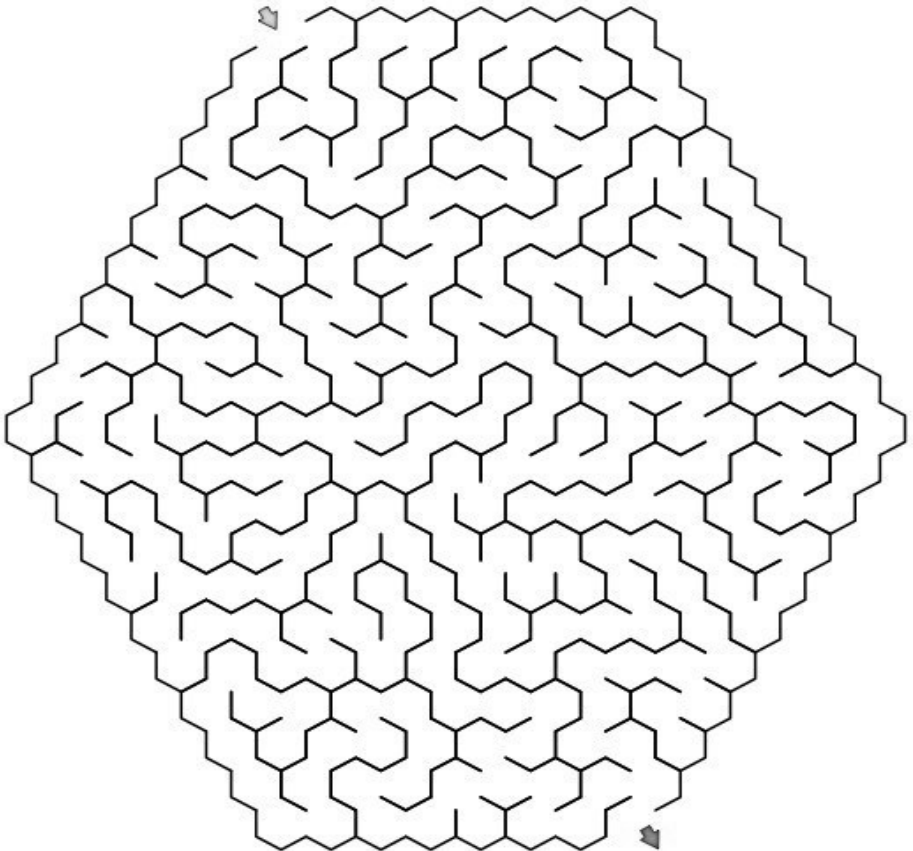
**To book the Lyon Hall contact Francis Bennett on 01630 685213.**

## HODNET SENIORS' LUNCH CLUB

Hodnet Seniors' Lunch Club is always looking to welcome new members. We are a group of over 55s who all live in or have connections with the parish of Hodnet and surrounding villages. We enjoy the company of friends and neighbours and we also enjoy eating out in the company of others. The group began over 40 years ago, originally under the umbrella of Age UK in a different format.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month to eat out and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for coffee at the Lyon Hall from 2.30pm. We are non profit making and rely very much on the generosity of our local charities and Parish Council. If you would like more details please ring Margaret Taylor on 01630 654994.

## PUZZLE PAGE - MAZE



## TERN VALLEY VINTAGE MACHINERY TRUST



Tern Valley Machinery Trust was originally formed by a group of enthusiasts back in 1979 as the Tern Valley Vintage Machinery Club, mainly as a means of uniting all the like minded vintage enthusiasts in the area to display their machinery as a group at various shows.

We have moved our base from Stoke on Tern to the Lyon Hall, Hodnet and meet on the first Tuesday of each month for talks,

videos and presentations. Our guest speaker for April is Nick Batelle of 20 Parts. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April we will be taking part in a Tractor / Land Rover / 4x4 Road Run from Sydney House Farm at Kynnersley. For more information contact Gerry on 07970 833126. For further details on our membership please phone Charlie Buchan on 07828 984138 (members secretary) or Roger Hulme on 07804 603551 (treasurer).

Alternatively please visit our website: [www.tvvmt.vistramrm.co.uk](http://www.tvvmt.vistramrm.co.uk)

## MARCHAMLEY BOOK CLUB



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

**'The Lost Bookshop' by Evie Woods**

*"The thing about books," she said, "is that they help you to imagine a life bigger and better than you could ever dream of."*

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. Do drop in for a drink and have a look round - membership is just £3 per year.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Live Music with 'Small Horse and the Plan'.**

Doors open 7.30pm. £10pp. This multi-instrumental duo place captivating vocals and rhythmical guitar into a classic and contemporary set - along with a few songs you may have forgotten you loved!



**See page 3 for our Dates for your Diary.**

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



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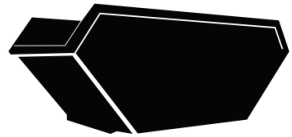
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# COOKERY - RHUBARB CRUMBLE CAKE

**Preparation: 25 minutes**

**Cook: 1 hour 15 minutes**

Pretty pink fruit ripples through this light sponge cake with crunchy crumble topping - a spin on classic comfort baking.

## Ingredients:

250g pack of butter, softened  
250g golden caster sugar, plus 1 tbsp  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
5 large eggs  
300g plain flour, plus 7 tbsp  
2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
300g rhubarb, washed, trimmed and finely sliced.



## Method:

- Step 1** Heat the oven to 160°C/140°C fan/Gas 3. Grease and line the base and sides of a deep 20cm round cake tin with a little of the butter and baking parchment. Put the butter, 250g of sugar and vanilla into a mixing bowl. Beat until light and fluffy with an electric whisk.
- Step 2** Beat in the eggs, one by one, then fold in 300g flour and baking powder. Spoon out 85g of the batter and stir the extra 7 tbsp flour and cinnamon into this with a cutlery knife so it becomes crumbly.
- Step 3** Fold the rhubarb into the rest of the cake batter and scrape into the prepared tin. Scatter over the crumble mix followed by 1 tbsp sugar. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes, until a skewer poked in comes out clean - you will need to lay a sheet of foil on top after an hour if the cake is browning too much. Cool for 15 minutes in the tin, then finish on a wire rack.

## WILDLIFE WATCHER

'The early bird catches the worm' is a phrase used to mean that an advantage can be gained by doing something early, before anyone else does it. This proverbial saying was first recorded in English in 1605 and is so familiar that these days it is often shortened to 'early bird' and used in offers for bargains.

The actual, familiar and vital invertebrate that burrows in soil and feeds on organic matter, the earthworm, is part of a species of over 5,000 different types worldwide, with 31 in the UK alone. Different species of earthworms of course have different needs, some living in compost, others living deep down in the soil, whilst others prefer to live closer to the surface. The Earthworm Society of Britain (ESB), with its strapline "digging into the world of earthworms" provides an online guide and runs earthworm identification workshops where you can learn how to identify British earthworms using a microscope and identification key. Interestingly, Shrewsbury-born Charles Darwin (1809-1882) the naturalist, biologist and geologist who proposed the idea of evolution by natural selection, was one of the first earthworm biologists.



Certainly, judging by the number of molehills which have appeared recently in fields and on verges, the fertile soil around us provides plenty of worms and other invertebrates for the moles to eat, raise their young, and satisfy this year's offspring. Whilst we can learn to tell different species of worms apart, the birds do not discriminate between worms and this time of year, when they're busy nesting, raising their brood and keeping them fed, for many, worms are their food of preference. Not all birds feed on worms of course, and the greater the variety of bird food we have in our gardens, with a wide range of feeders, the greater the number of varieties of birds we can potentially attract. However, just because we put out certain food, doesn't mean those birds will come! If they are in the area, they will notice the food available but they'll decide whether they feel safe to alight and feed. The proverb about leading a horse to water but not being able to make it drink is appropriate here! If you can offer one or more hanging feeders containing peanuts, no-mess bird seed, niger seed and at least one of the various shaped fat feeders with some food on the ground or a 'ground feeder' you'll be giving a variety of birds in your area a comprehensive selection of food. Such feeders can attract chaffinches, sparrows, blackbirds, thrushes and goldfinches as well as blue tits, coal tits, great spotted woodpeckers, robins and others.

One of the joys of spring is the birds' nesting. However, it's not just the birds which are nesting and raising a family at this time of year. Watching a squirrel trying to reach one of our hanging feeders, it became obvious that she was feeding youngsters back in her drey - no wonder she was keen to get to the peanuts just out of her reach. It was difficult not to be impressed by her dexterity and perseverance, even though the food was really meant for the birds.

Whatever you see, enjoy your wildlife watching.

'Wildlife Watcher'

## WEST MERCIA POLICE - TELEPHONE FRAUD



The number of “Nuisance” calls has risen in recent years from 21% to 40% and according to OFGEN, nearly 40% of Scams start with a phone call.

These scams involve fraudsters trying to gain your personal and financial information and are often referred to as “*Vishing*” – an amalgamation of “*Voice*” and “*Phishing*”.

Very often the fraudster has disguised their call identity by using an apparently legitimate number so appearing genuine; this is known as “*Spoofing*”. If you do receive a call from a company which is not expected than just hang up, wait for 10 minutes or so, or use another phone, and then call the real company back on a listed number from their website or letterhead.

### Common Phone Call Scams

- Technical Support scams - They may impersonate a company such as Microsoft or BT , and tell you there is a fault on your computer or Broadband. They then probably will ask you to download remote access software to gain access to your computer, or else install Malware on your computer.
- Impersonation Scams - Typically these may claim to come from your “Bank Fraud Department” telling you that your account or bank cards have been compromised and you need to transfer money to another so-called Safe Account, from where it vanishes. Similarly calls may come from fraudsters masquerading as a Police Officer, Utility Provider, HMRC or DVLA.
- Prize Draw Scams – “You have won the Lottery or a Prize Draw!” Sounds good, but is it? You may think you never entered the competition, but they will convince you that you have, then ask for your bank details so you can “receive” the prize.
- Financial Scams – you are called with tempting offers for investing your money in funds, schemes or perhaps in Bitcoins with the promise of huge returns. Since 2019, it has been illegal to make cold calls to sell Pension schemes, so any calls about Pension Schemes will be scams. This scheme may be extended in the future to ban an unsolicited financial cold call

### How can you stay safe?

- Never give out your financial information over the phone, and just hang up if you are unsure about the caller’s identity.
- Register for “TPS” - Telephone Preference Service - this prevents bona fide companies calling you so you will then know that any cold call is a fake.
- Scammers will often keep the phone line open after the call so even when you think you are calling a legitimate number you are still speaking to the fraudster. Wait for up to 15 minutes or make the call using a different phone line or mobile

**IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED OR DO NOT RECOGNISE THE CONTACT****Take Five To Stop Fraud:**

**STOP:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**CHALLENGE:** Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**PROTECT:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk).

**Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726** to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks.

Forward **Fake Emails** received to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number - **159** - to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks.

**WOLLERTON BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

The new bowling season is upon us and we are looking for new bowling and non-bowling/social members to join our friendly Club.

**OPEN DAY:**

We have an Open Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April between 11am and 3pm. We supply free equipment so you can try your hand at bowling but please wear flat-soled shoes on the green. In addition, the Club offers a 6 week "Free Trial Membership" to give you an opportunity to see if you enjoy the game and/or the Club.

We currently have league teams playing Monday, Thursday and some Friday evenings and Senior's teams playing on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. However, if playing league bowls isn't for you, we still have a lot to offer. You can try out your skills in the internal leagues, Club competitions (normally Friday evenings) or just enjoy social bowling within the Club. During the Winter months we have indoor Short-mat bowls, snooker, pool, darts and other social activities.

**SUMMER FAYRE:**

The Summer Fayre will be between 10am and 3pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024. There will be a range of craft/gift stalls plus a BBQ and Cake stall. If you would like to be a stallholder (cost £15), please contact Carol on 07791 543296.

To find out more about the Open Day and the Club in general please call Bob on 07906 661520 or Sarah on 07447 949795. Alternatively visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/164752369693109/>



# WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS



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

**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.

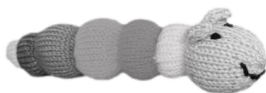


Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am** followed by a cuppa and a chat in the Village Room. Please come along and support the group - no booking required. £1 per person.

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 *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** and collecting our next book *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo.



**Knitted Caterpillar Workshop - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12pm.** These 'Charlie Caterpillars' are for the Allergy team at the Children's Outpatients department at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The children have to have a caterpillar drawn on their arms before having solutions added for each product for testing. The hospital thought it would be a nice idea to give the children their own caterpillar to take home. Materials provided to get you started. No cost.



**Craft & sewing evening** - Our next session will be on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 6.30 - 8.30pm**. Come and craft in our friendly social environment - £1. Bring your own project or simply come for the company.



## WOLLERTON TENNIS CLUB

### NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

**Please support your local tennis club.**

Annual membership is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023: Adults £35, Family £50. (Juniors must be accompanied by an adult member with no extra charge). New members are always welcome. Courts can be used for private games. Club night is Tuesday from 6.30pm.

Please telephone Gill on 07814 409268 or Linda on 01630 685432.



## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY - ST GEORGE'S DAY DRAGON

Have fun crafting a cute dragon using just a wooden spoon, some paint and wiggle eyes! It's a simple and fun St George's Day project that sparks creativity.

Adult supervision needed.

Time to make: 15 minutes

### What you will need:

Sheet of card

Green, red and yellow glitter

Glue

Wooden spoon

Green paint

Wiggle eyes

Black marker

Scissors



### How to make:

**Step 1** Cut two sets of wings, tail pieces and four head spikes out of the cardboard.

**Step 2** Paint one side of the cardboard pieces with glue and sprinkle with green glitter for the wings, yellow glitter for the large tail sections and head spikes, and red glitter for the small fiery tail pieces and allow to dry.

**Step 3** Paint the spoon with the green paint and allow to dry.

**Step 4** Place one set of wings glitter side down and lay the spoon on top. Stick on the second set of wings (back to back with the spoon handle in between). Do the same for the tail pieces, laying the smaller yellow pieces on top.

**Step 5** Glue on the wiggle eyes and stick the head pieces above.

**Step 6** Using the black marker pen, add some nostrils.



# KIDS' CORNER

## The Tale of the TWO BUILDERS



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

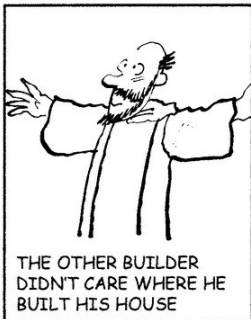


THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

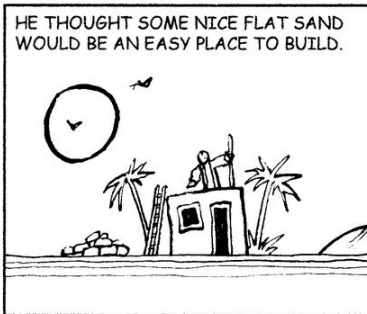
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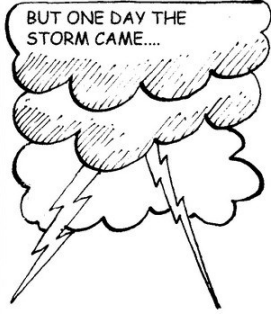
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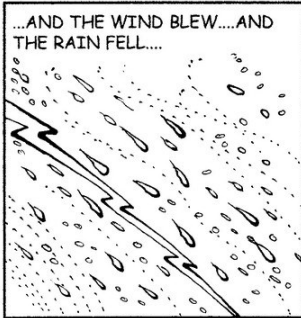
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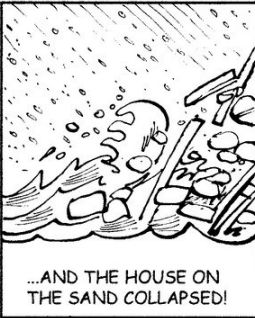
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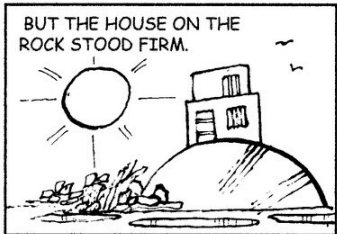
BUT ONE DAY THE STORM CAME...



...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND THE RAIN FELL...



...AND THE HOUSE ON THE SAND COLLAPSED!

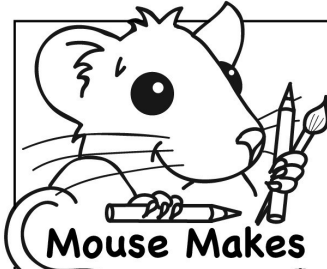


BUT THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK STOOD FIRM.

JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION!



# MOUSE MAKES



Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



**READ**  
the story in  
**John 21**



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

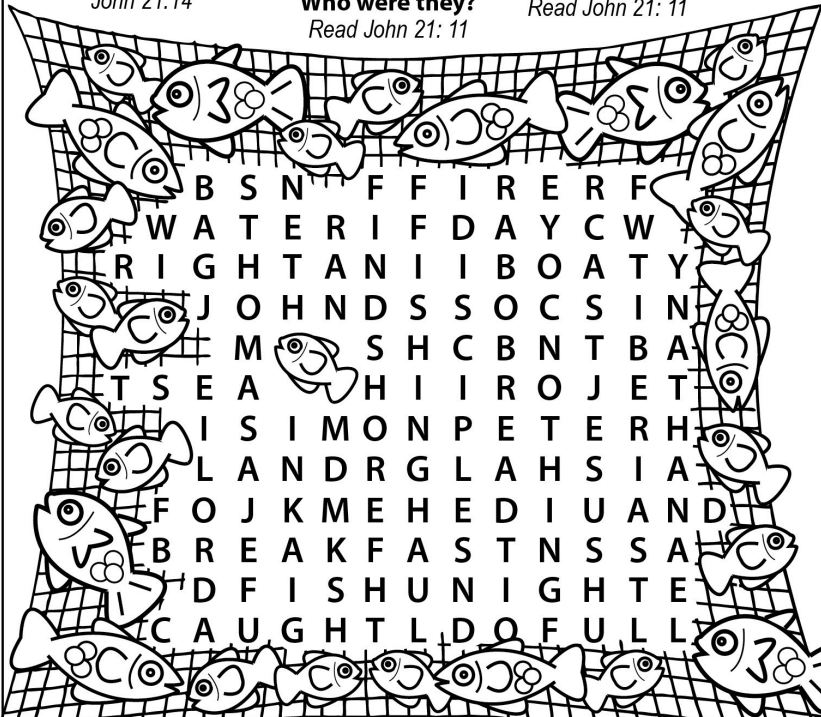
Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11



DISCIPLES • TIBERIAS • SEA • SIMON PETER • THOMAS • NATHANAEL • JOHN • DAY FISHING • BOAT • NIGHT • CAUGHT • NOTHING • WATER • SHORE • FISH • CAST • NET RIGHT • FIND • HAUL • LORD • FULL • LAND • FIRE • BREAD • BREAKFAST • JESUS

Colour in all the fish

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## SMILE LINES

### Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

### Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

### Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

### Problem

I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

### Rolled

From a church magazine: "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the resurfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel."

### Violets?

When my husband was six years old, he thought the creed included the line: "He suffered under a bunch of violets." It took him years before he realised that he should have been saying: "under Pontius Pilate."

### The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment

In reply to a question in Sunday school, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'

### Warning

Sign seen in a store: Unattended children will be given espresso and a puppy.

### Those typos in the church newsheet...

The church's AGM will be hell on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

While the pastor is on holiday, massages can be given to the church secretary.

More sinners wanted for the choir.

### Mothers and teenagers

A woman was confiding in her neighbour just how hard it was for her to get her teenagers out of bed in the morning. The neighbour replied that she never had any trouble at all with her son. "I just open the door and throw the cat on the bed," she explained. The woman was puzzled, and asked how that might help. "Easy. My son sleeps with the dog."



# VILLAGE EXTRAVAGANZA



Tern Valley Vintage Machinery Trust is organising a village extravaganza on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024



Stalls and Activities at Hodnet Recreation Ground from 10am–4pm.



Please contact Roger Hulme on 07804 603551 if you wish to showcase your club, society or activity group and make this a fun family day out.



Hodnet Social Club will be open to purchase drinks.

