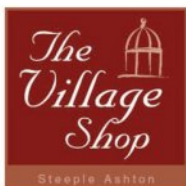


STEEPLE ASHTON
NEWSLETTER
GREAT HINTON
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022



Steeple Ashton Village Shop

Opening Hours - please see page **11** for the current shop opening hours.

Shop telephone: 01380 871 211

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Editorial

Hello everyone - The front cover of this edition is a photograph, by Kathryn Falkner, of the main facade of the organ in our church. This important instrument, made by Bryceson Bros, was paid for by Mrs Charlotte Long and installed in the church in 1876. She also set up an organ fund for the maintenance of it and to pay the salary of an organist. More about the organ and its pipes on page 35.

Really good to see that we have a notable organist coming to play for us on 25th August. There is more music, in the village hall this time, where you can listen to Songs from the Shows while sipping your fruit punch. The Hog Roast is the next event - run by the Preservation Trust - with a real hog this time! Please do try and support these events. **Helen**

Newsletter Deadlines for 2022

September 20th; Oct 25th; November 22nd for December/Jan.

Items for the **next** newsletter should be received by **Tuesday 20th September**. They should be sent to Mrs Helen Montague-Smith, 1A Butts Lane, Steeple Ashton or by email to **helenmontaguesmith8@gmail.com**

All published items solely express **the views of the author** and are the copyright of the author and the newsletter unless otherwise stated.

The Editor would like to remind you that it is up to you, the readers, to supply all news and copy for the newsletter. The sender's name and address need to be received before printing. Telephone 01380 871285.

Inquiries for advertisements in the newsletter should be made to **Sarah Blake** on 01380 502648 email: adverts4steepleashton@gmail.com

Please send your ads by email if possible.

Please note, we do not deliver flyers for advertisers.

STEEPLE ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Response to Wiltshire Local Plan

At its July meeting the Parish Council received a briefing from Wiltshire Council regarding the forthcoming Local Plan. The Local Plan will affect among other things how and what is built in our Parish in the future. The Parish Council discussed the various means available to our community to influence future development arising from what we understand is the housing allocation – meaning how many new houses the Council thinks ought to be built in Steeple Ashton from now until 2036. Currently that allocation stands at 35 new homes. (Notes of the meeting are available to download from the village website).

The Parish Council has resolved to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Steeple Ashton Parish. We have chosen this approach as it is the only way to ensure that the wishes of our community form part of planning policy, rather than just being advisory (as is the case with the existing Village Design Statement).

If we do not take this action, the future development of the village will be decided by Wiltshire Council and those landowners willing to sell to developers.

The process will involve asking questions to people in the village (and we need your answers please) and ultimately any plan for the village proposed must be approved by a referendum. It has to take into account all aspects of the community, its housing needs, its heritage and its environment. To oversee the process a Steering Group will be formed, headed up by the Parish Council and including members of the community.

If you would like to join the Steering Group, please contact the Parish Clerk.

We will also shortly hold a public meeting to discuss the proposal further.

Parish Council comments on Planning Applications

PL/2022/04789 - 8A DARK LANE SOUTH, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6EZ - Cypress tree - Reduce height by 4mtrs because it is close to the house.

PL/2022/04621 - BROOKSIDE, ASHTON COMMON, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6DT - Erection of agricultural shed.

Wiltshire Council Planning Decisions

PL/2022/01502 and PL/2022/02724 - The Manor, Church Street, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6EW - Internal and external alterations to house including new back staircase, relocating kitchen, changes to ceiling and floor heights, removal of 1 existing bathroom, addition of rooflights and general repairs. Alterations to oil tank/bin store area, including removal of modern pier and section of wall - Approve with Conditions.

PL/2022/02742 - 21 Acreshort Lane, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Wilts, BA14 6HD - Single storey side extension - Approve with Conditions.

PL/2021/07804 – 8 Common Hill, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Wilts, BA14 6EB – Conversion of storage and office buildings to form a 2 bed holiday unit – Approve with conditions.

PL/2022/04171 - Orchard End, 5, Dark Lane North, Steeple Ashton, BA14 6EY - Cherry Blossom tree (dead) - fell. Holly tree (dead) – fell - No Objection.

Parish Council meeting dates 2022/23

The Parish Council will meet on the following dates, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall:

Monday 1st August 2022 – Full Council

Monday 5th September 2022 – Full Council

Monday 3rd October 2022 – Planning only (if required)

Parish Council Contact:

The Clerk can be contacted on 01373 864127 / 07971 987806 or email clerk@steeple-ashton.co.uk. All Councillors have live @steeple-ashton.co.uk email addresses which are also posted on the website.

Find us on Social Media! Through the **Parish Council page** and **Steeple Ashton Village Discussion Group**, we cover many topics of interest to our residents. Please be assured that this page is monitored regularly, and we take all requests seriously, actioning where appropriate. We also have a group called ‘**Steeple Sells**’ for those of you that would like to buy and sell things locally – this is not a page that is part of the Parish Council policy or procedure, just a natural extension of social media activities. We would love you to get involved – search for ‘Steeple Ashton’ on Facebook. If you are a village group and need help with your social media or village event promotions, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk at clerk@steeple-ashton.co.uk or 07971 987806.

~~~ **[www.steeple-ashton.co.uk](http://www.steeple-ashton.co.uk)** ~~~

ST MARY'S  
PEOPLE ASHTON  
PRESERVATION TRUST

Village

# Hog Roast

Raffle

Bar



Acreshort Community Park  
Saturday 6th August 2022  
6pm

Tickets: £18 from the Village Shop

Tel: 01380 871211 to reserve

20 of the tickets sold will be 'Rain' tickets costing £15  
in case the event has to move into the Village Hall.

## Are you interested in flower arranging?

The Flower arrangers of St Mary's Church are looking for new members to join our enthusiastic team. No experience needed just a willingness to learn a new skill.

We are preparing our Harvest Festival displays from 10.00 am Saturday 8th October at St Mary's Church Steeple Ashton.

Why not come along and join us?

For further details contact

**Petra Brown**

01380 870696

Petra987@btinternet.com



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## Wiltshire Walks

As a longtime resident of (and walker in) West Wiltshire I recently decided to register a few of the walks I have done in the form of a website - hoping it might be useful to others. At the same time, I noticed that some Parish Newsletters share local material of this kind and I wondered if this site would be of interest to your readers. I should stress that its not commercial - no advertising, no "please subscribe", just an old-fashioned sharing venture.

<https://wiltshirewalks.com>

In any case - long may your fine village prosper (with or without walking visitors!)

**Charles Crook**

### Useful Information

#### Postal Collections:

**Longs Arms** - Weekdays - 4.15pm; Saturday - 10am

**Newleaze** - Weekdays - 12noon; Saturday - 11am

**Mobile Library Visits - Wednesdays;** Longs Arms - 11.00 - 12noon;

Ashton Common Bus Stop - 3.35pm - 4.00pm

August 10th; August 24th; September 7th; September 24th



## Steeple Ashton Village Hall

**BOOKINGS:** Sandra Stevens 07827 291945 or email:  
steepleashtonvh@hotmail.com

**SECRETARY:** Marian Little 01380 871161 or email:  
secretary@steepleashtonvh.org.uk

**Please feel free to contact us at any time with any queries**

## Steeple Ashton Films

### Alison Wilson

I would really like to thank Alison for trying to continue running the films in the Village Hall. It has given a lot of pleasure to many people who have found Saturday television extremely boring! It is sad that it has to stop.

I would also like to thank Alison for doing such a difficult job running the shop rota. This must be, at times, a thankless task

**Johanna Dix Perkin**

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 'Steeple Ashton Newsletter'

#### In August 1977...

From a lengthy article by the newsletter's editor Dennis Hobson – on a July 14 coach trip to London he had enjoyed with around 30 other villagers, arranged by Trowbridge College. His 1,300-word piece was entitled 'To London and the Mother of Parliaments':

last, after various checks, I reached the Strangers' Gallery. From there, me of the Ministers and MPs one sees on TV and reads about in the papers ok on their third dimension. It was rather like a theatre scene, where a

show was being staged which, at Questiontime anyway, was more of a comedy than a drama, particularly in the Prime Minister's fifteen minutes, for some of his replies were worthy of the Morecombe and Wise show. Mr. Callaghan needs of course to put on a show of cheerfulness, in the situation his government is at present in.

Most of the MPs looked sunburnt - evidence of the recent sunny period to which the British have been treated. A conspicuous exception was the face of Enoch Powell: it was pale and set - but with his worries, he must take never to look cheerful. Mr. Heath is portly, white-haired and his face is a

nautical red; but he looked morose. Dr. Owen, our Foreign Secretary, is boyishly handsome. Eric Heffer looked aggressive, which he has to be, the warrior wasp defending the Left Wing hive. Mr. William Hamilton surprised me by his genial appearance; he laughed at all the witty repartees and was happy perhaps because the Queen was out of his immediate scrutiny, away in the north-east on her Jubilee tour. Mrs. Thatcher came into the House just before I left. She is fair-haired and was wearing a subdued blue dress. She looked fresh and attractive and not at all as if she gets only the few hours of sleep she claims to need. One would put her down more as an intellectual vicar's wife than the next Prime Minister.

## In September 1977...

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Each Wednesday evening we have been holding games evenings for all school age children on the school field. I think everybody has enjoyed them - it has certainly been fun running them and I would like to thank everybody who has helped. We have played a variety of games - tip and run, rounders, tenniquoit, throwing the frisbee and have had some general practice at throwing and catching. Unfortunately, we were rained off the third week but hope (at the time of writing) that all will be well for the last two evenings. Several parents have also joined in for a good run round the rounders pitch and helped to increase the score of their team.

Also during the holidays, the Book Group has been holding story-reading sessions in various places in the village. These have been quite well attended and I hope several families will come and join in the story picnic on August 31st. It is an hour's break on a Wednesday afternoon when children (and mums) can sit and listen quietly to old favourites or be introduced perhaps to new stories. Incidentally, the Book Group are having a stall at this year's Country Fayre in Trowbridge, where we will be having a display and running a competition.

This year's sales of books have increased considerably and our activities have broadened. Talks have been given to various Young Wives groups, Town Playgroup Associations and Mother and Baby groups, where questions and general discussion have shown a real need for readily-available books and a wish for a guide on what to look for in a library. The magazine 'Books for Your Children' received by members as part of their subscription is a help in this.

We have also run a painting competition with book prizes and we look forward to a visit to the Library Resources Centre in September. I hope in the winter months to have more talks and discussions and perhaps a workshop morning for children in the New Year. Membership has increased and widened - we now have forty members, living as far apart as Bradford on Avon and Westbury. We have a regular commitment to read in a near-by school and have a regular reading rota of a dozen members.

Pat Brazier (3 The Butts-Keovil 465)

David Berrett



# The Edington Music Festival

A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

## **THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL IS BACK!**

After two decidedly different and unusual festivals due to Covid and Covid restrictions, the Edington Music Festival returns on Sunday August 21st for its 67th outing.

The festival will run for its usual eight days – Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th August, with four services a day, three choirs of top-flight singers under three of the country's leading choral directors, all under the direction of a new Festival Director, Robert Quinney, Director of the Choir at New College Oxford (and former Festival Organist and Director of the Nave Choir.)

Robert has themed the music for this special festival under the heading "Creation and Recreation", a nod both to its re-emergence and to its capacity for promoting relaxation and fulfilment.

The week will follow the traditional form starting each day with Matins (plainchant), followed by Eucharist, then Evensong and ending with Compline by candlelight, also plainchant. Wednesday 24th will be both the return of the BBC recording, (to be broadcast at a later date), and the Festival Supper in the evening; the Friday evening service will be a Requiem Mass (by Michael Haydn, younger brother of Joseph), and the week will also include Vaughan Williams' 'Mass in G Minor', Copland's 'In the beginning', and Dove's 'Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars'.

Leaflets containing the whole programme and other information are widely available and full programme information is on the website, [www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org)

The festival would like to extend huge thanks to everyone who has offered to host singers and other festival participants.

## FORGET-ME-NOTS CLUB

At the time of writing members are looking forward to a Summer Lunch Fish & Chips Special, with delicious desserts, in the Hall on 20th July.

There is no Club meeting in August, we meet again on 21st September, for a get-together afternoon, where we can catch up on each other's news, and learn what kind of a summer holiday we all had, and generally have a good natter! There might be cake!!

A Dutch Auction will be held on 19th October, so there is plenty of time for members to turn out cupboards and drawers to find saleable items that they no longer require to bring along to the auction to raise money for funds.

A happy (not too hot!) summer break to members and their loved ones!

For more info phone Gloria (Chairman) 01380 870593 or Glynnis (Sec) 01225 775681

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### **Friends of Steeple Ashton Oil Scheme**

We are changing arrangements for the oil scheme!

It will take a few months to get acclimatised I'm sure so don't worry about getting it wrong for a month or two.

There is a new email address **sahtonfoil@gmail.com** – the nearest available to S. Ashton oil, I'm afraid. The telephone number is the same 01380 870119 and, of course, a note through the door at 9, Church St gets the same result.

Please can you order the week you receive your newsletter for delivery the following Thursday. This will make it easier for those of us who forget until the last week!

The scheme was begun to reduce lorry deliveries to the village, to be a member of the scheme (£2pa) you must be a member of the Friends of Steeple Ashton – also a gift at £2pa – subs due now.

If you'd like the job of being secretary for the scheme get in touch as above.

**Rosie and Colin**

## **STEEPLE ASHTON VILLAGE SHOP**

**Normal Opening times:**

**Monday – Friday: 7.30am to 4.30pm**

**Saturday: 8.30am – 4pm**

**Sunday: 9am to 12noon**



Having postponed the Steeple Ashton Village Shop Annual General Meeting, originally planned for the 1st July, we have now set a new date, namely Friday 26th August. As usual, all shareholders are invited and we look forward to seeing you there at 6.30pm for drinks and nibbles prior to the 7pm start.

Would you like to play an active part in the running of the shop? Perhaps you would like to stand for nomination to the STASH committee? If so, do let us know and complete the appropriate form which is available from the shop by the till.

For whatever reason, it has been difficult to maintain stock levels during the last weeks and some supplies have been delayed. The situation does seem to be improving, however, and with the rising summer temperatures, you will be pleased to see that Marshfield ice cream is now back in stock!

Have you seen the novel doorstops now on sale? Made by Jack Russett of Crewkerne from reclaimed oak timbers and vintage tools each is unique and would make a quirky but practical addition to any household.

As mentioned last month, we have again been invited to set up shop at Keevil Airfield for the Inter-Forces Gliding Competition between the 20th and 29th of August. If, in addition to your normal shifts in the shop, you would be available to cover shifts at the portacabin on the airfield, the rota is being prepared now so please sign up as soon as possible.

**Caren Felton**

### **STEEPLE ASHTON VILLAGE SHOP**

#### **The Annual General Meeting**

will be held in Steeple Ashton Village Hall

Friday 28th August at 7.00pm

Please join us for refreshments from 6.30pm onwards

Nominations for election to the Shop committee  
are available in the Shop



## **The Friends of Steeple Ashton**

Please note for your diaries - **Friday 30th September 2022, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall, when we will be hosting a Polish Evening - a celebration of the Polish community that first came to Steeple Ashton during World War 2. We will hear about their challenges, their culture and their enduring contribution to the local community, as well as enjoy refreshments including some traditional Polish cake. Entry is £3 per head on the door – please bring cash.

Some of you will have taken the opportunity to attend briefing events concerning the proposed air space change for Keevil airfield to enable wider operation of the Army's Watchkeeper unmanned aerial vehicle. As a 'community stakeholder' The Friends are submitting a supportive collective response to the consultation which ends on 24th August, however individuals are also encouraged to make a submission as the Civil Aviation Authority is influenced by the number of feedback responses. Please see the link below which provides information plus straightforward access to the feedback form; to minimise potential noise impact for local communities, 'Option 2 – Design 1' is considered the best option as it offers greater flexibility concerning altitude and route variations for access between the Salisbury Plain Training Area and the airfield.

<https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/mod-daاتم/keevil-acp>

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2022/23 membership subscriptions. We are starting to plan for The Friends' 50th Anniversary celebration in 2023 and details will follow in due course – we anticipate priority for attendance at the proposed celebration lunch will be afforded to paid-up members, perhaps an incentive for those of us that need some administrative encouragement!

**Mike Beard**

### **The Friends of Steeple Ashton**

Invite you to attend

**A celebration of Steeple Ashton's Polish connections and community**

**7.30pm, Friday 30th September 2022 in the Village Hall**

Refreshments (tea, coffee and soft drinks) plus Polish and other cakes will be served. Entry - £3 at the door, please bring cash

**Ministry Team for the Benefice of  
North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood  
and Steeple Ashton**  
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**Michael Moore**

Tel. 01380 870280

***The Pew News can be downloaded from the Benefice website.  
If you do not have access to the internet, do consider letting us  
have your postal address so that we can post/deliver you a copy.***

**Worship and Prayer in the Benefice  
in the months of August and September**

*All services scheduled below include a sermon or homily.*

**Wednesday, 3rd August**

**Feria**

10 am Said Holy Communion (CW) St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL)

**Sunday, 7th August THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL)

11am Family Service St Thomas', Southwick (RH)

11am Lammastide Holy Communion (CW)

St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)

6.30pm Evensong (BCP) St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)

**Sunday, 14th August THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)

10.30am Family Service St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (RH)

11am Holy Communion (CW) St Thomas', Southwick (OL)

**Sunday, 21st August THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL)

11am Holy Communion (CW) St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)

**Sunday, 28th August THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

|      |                      |                                  |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)   |
| 10am | Family Service       | St Nicholas', North Bradley (RH) |
| 11am | Holy Communion (CW)  | St Thomas', Southwick (OL)       |

**Sunday, 4th September THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/ The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*(transferred from 8th September)*

|         |                              |                                  |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9.15am  | Holy Communion (CW)          | St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL) |
| 10.30am | Family Service               | St Thomas', Southwick (RH)       |
| 11am    | Patronal Holy Communion (CW) |                                  |

St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)

|        |                |                                |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL) |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|

**Wednesday, 7th September FERIA**

|      |                          |                                  |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10am | Said Holy Communion (CW) | St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL) |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|

**Sunday, 11th September THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

|         |                      |                                |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8am     | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL) |
| 10.30am | Family Service       | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (RH) |
| 11am    | Holy Communion (CW)  | St Thomas', Southwick (OL)     |

**Sunday, 18th September THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

|        |                     |                                  |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9.15am | Holy Communion (CW) | St Nicholas', North Bradley (OL) |
| 11am   | Holy Communion (CW) | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)   |

**Sunday, 25th September THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

|      |                      |                                  |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary's, Steeple Ashton (OL)   |
| 10am | Family Service       | St Nicholas', North Bradley (RH) |
| 11am | Holy Communion (CW)  | St Thomas', Southwick (OL)       |

CW - Common Worship, Order 1 (contemporary language);

BCP - Common Worship, Order 2 (traditional language).

OL - Fr Oliver; TL - Fr Tony; RH - Richard Havergal

\* Please note the variation of service times on Sunday 22nd May.

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On account of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in consideration of those around you, you are strongly encouraged to **maintain physical distancing; use hand sanitisers; and wear a face covering** - unless you are exempt from doing so.

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**Morning Prayer** is normally said at St Nicholas', North  
Bradley,  
**Monday - Wednesday. Further details are posted weekly  
in the Pew News and on the Benefice website.**

*"We lift up in prayer the people of our Benefice each morning; please  
let us know if you would like us to include in our prayers any  
particular person or cause." All are welcome!*

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**St Mary's is open for individual prayer during the day.**

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*Please visit the Benefice website **www.threeinonebenefice.org** for  
details of services, which may be subject to change - and for a range of  
information about the Parish and the Benefice.  
And note that the Blog is now up and running !*

### **Other Notices**

#### **Headstones in the churchyard, St Mary's, Steeple Ashton**

A list of headstones that have been laid flat in St Mary's churchyard,  
was first published in July, 2021, together with the request for anyone  
responsible for the maintenance of a headstone (heir-at-law) to notify  
us that a headstone should remain as it is, or to offer to fund its  
refixing. It has been decided that sufficient time has now elapsed for  
the receipt of any responses to this request; and permission (by way of  
Faculty) is being sought for the work already carried out.

Please also note that any repair or refixing of a headstone may only  
take place *after prior consultation with the Vicar, churchwarden and  
PCC.*      **The Vicar, churchwarden and PCC.**

#### **Occasional offices**

For baptisms, marriage services and funeral services in church, please  
*contact Fr Oliver.*

#### **Vacancies for church officers at St Mary's**

There are currently vacancies at St Mary's for the role of

churchwarden and PCC treasurer and PCC secretary.  
*If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Fr Oliver.*

**Concerts and other cultural events at St Mary's**

We welcome such occasions. If you are interested in using St Mary's as a venue, *please direct your initial enquiries to The Vicar.*

**Dear All,**

Living much of my youth only fifty or so miles by road north of the Border, I had the opportunity regularly to head south to Northumberland to discover the riches of this relatively unknown part of England. Not so long ago I fell into conversation with a parishioner who told me how he and his wife had hugely enjoyed discovering this great county. We shared impressions of the castle ruins at Dunstanburgh and Warkworth, of the splendid coastline, and of memories of the puffins and seals on the Farne Islands. We spoke too about the tidal island of Lindisfarne with its castle perched on a rock above the lime kilns on the shore, and remodelled early last century as a habitable and very romantic dwelling by Lutyens. Also known as Holy Island, this magical place, with the remains of its priory and strong association with St Aidan and St Cuthbert, is a popular place of pilgrimage.

The name of Cuthbert often eclipses that of Aidan, but it is appropriate that in these days of late summer we should focus on Aidan whose Christian witness we mark in the Church calendar on 31st August.

Of Aidan's early life, nothing is known, except that his origins were Irish. He came to England in 635, sent from the monastic community at Iona by King Oswald who had been exiled to that place, and who now, having regained the throne of Northumbria from Mercian invaders, wanted to do what he could to convert his people to Christianity. That same year Aidan was consecrated Bishop of Lindisfarne, which was well suited as a base for evangelising Bernicia, the northern part of Northumbria where Oswald's power was concentrated. He worked closely with Oswald, who, in the early days, acted as his interpreter; and he became involved in the training of priests. Aidan developed a reputation for discretion and prudence, and with the popular support that he won, he strengthened the Church beyond the boundaries of Northumbria.

Aidan founded churches and monasteries, liberated Anglo-Saxon slave-boys, and encouraged monastic practices amongst the laity, including fasting and meditation on the Scriptures. Much of what we know about Aidan's life comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, who showed perhaps greater affection for him than he did for any other saint. He praised him eloquently for his love of prayer, study, peace, purity and humility, as well as for his care of the sick and the poor. Living a life of poverty and detachment himself, Aidan was able to reprove the powerful and wealthy.

Aidan died at Bamburgh, a short distance from Lindisfarne, in 651. Some of his bones were laid to rest ultimately in the parish church which is the only ancient church in England dedicated to him; his remaining bones were returned to Ireland.

### **Collect for St Aidan**

Everlasting God,  
you sent the gentle bishop Aidan  
to proclaim the gospel in this land:  
grant us to live as he taught  
in simplicity, humility and  
love for the poor;  
through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**With my prayers and good wishes,  
Fr Oliver**

The Family Service at St Mary's

### **David the King**

Sun. Aug 14th -10:30 a.m

Making crowns

### **David the Popstar?**

Sun. Sept 11th - 10:30 a.m

Music making with  
a hurdy-gurdy



*The duty of children is fun!  
In the churchyard of fine*

Refreshments

Join us - even for just some of  
the time!



# **STEEPLE ASHTON WI**

## **COFFEE MORNING**



**Wednesday 10th August 2022**

**10.30 till 12.00**

in the garden

at

**3 The Butts  
Steeple Ashton**

**Entrance: £2.00**

**(to include tea/coffee & biscuit)**

**Bring & Buy  
Produce/Cakes  
Raffle - £1 a ticket**

**COVID:** Although there are no legal requirements, there will be sanitiser at the entrance and please feel free to wear a mask if you feel more comfortable doing so.

## **Quite a journey!**

The speaker at the July meeting of the WI had quite a journey to share with the members. She was first booked in 2019 but the pandemic got in the way. She nobly stepped up to the mark to fill the bill when July's plan went failed. The committee members kept their fingers crossed that all would be well. There was no cause for alarm. Sara Bottomley's talk entitled 'My Quilting Journey' was superb and declared by one member as the best talk she had ever heard. Sarah showed an array of beautiful quilts she had made from her earliest attempts grabbing a few minutes during her breaks on night duty as a young nurse to the present day. Her journey had also taken her around the world so that we saw influences from the USA and Africa and many other places. She spoke lightly and with much relish and enthusiasm so that even non stitchers were inspired and many of us went home to delve in the scrap book to revive a hobby.

Each August the WI holds a coffee morning, our only fund raising event of the year to fill the coffers for speakers of Sara's standard. This year is no exception and once more it will be in the garden of 3, The Butts, by kind permission of Val and Ken Latch. So join us on our traditional WI day, the second Wednesday, August 10th between 10:30am and noon. There will be 'bring and buy' and 'produce stalls and a super raffle.

In September members will be enlightened on the history of Lacock Abbey and the people who have lived there. Despite the name of this ancient house be prepared for some scandalous revelations!

As ever we are always glad to welcome others along – just to try us out or to join our pleasant company. Meet us in the Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday September 14th.

Oh and 'The Queen's Hats' talk is coming in June next year the week after Coronation day – put it in your diary.

**Rosie Brett Green**

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## **Steeple Ashton September Spectacular**

The idea for this event was originally conceived in 2018 when Sam Cork's company, Mulberry Live in Care, was looking after Guy Bagnall's wife Jill, who was suffering from Motor Neurone Disease. Sam and Jill talked about the fact that little was known about the disease, and that as a result there was so little funding for its Association compared with other national charities. Shortly before Jill died, Sam promised her that she would do something about this.

Inspiration came from a Dinner Dance put on as long ago as 1974, by Guy and the Village Hall Entertainments Committee, to provide the remaining funds to rebuild the Village Hall, which was then a pretty basic corrugated iron structure.

The event was held in a hangar on the airfield, with Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen (who required a case of vodka, which they consumed during the evening, as part of their fee) and attracted 3,500 people.

Our current event, postponed twice due to covid, is more modest in ambition, but we do hope that you will join us at 7.00pm on the 10th September this year in the marquee on the paddock beside the Church.

We think that we have come up with a fun and entertaining evening for the Community, and we very much hope that you will buy tickets to eat delicious multi-cultural cuisine provided by ‘Eat the Street’, visit the casino, bid for a host of wonderful auction lots and dance the night away to the Abba tribute band ‘Angels’ to raise as much money as possible for our deserving charities, who need our support – now, more than ever.

### **The Motor Neurone Disease Association**

This charity focuses on improving care and support, funding for vital research, and raising awareness for all those people living with or affected by this fatal disease. MND is a rapidly progressive disease that affects the brain and spinal chord. It leaves sufferers locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk, swallow and eventually breathe. It kills a third of people within a year, more than half within two years of diagnosis, and at the present time there is no cure.

**Evie’s Gift** was set up after Bryan and Patsy Clover’s daughter Evie, tragically died aged 13 with an aggressive brain tumour. During the weeks that she was in hospital they saw tired and anxious parents of very sick children sleeping on chairs in waiting areas – some even in their cars - as they couldn’t afford to stay in local hotels. This charity pays for accommodation and help with travel and food costs for parents so that they can get some rest and reduce their financial worries at such a stressful time in their lives.

**Wiltshire Air Ambulance** is well known to you all, I’m sure but what you may not know, is that it is entirely dependent on charity to continue its vital, life-saving work.

**Guy Bagnall & Francis Ash**

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**Longs Legends**



**Barton Boys**



**The Legends v  
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**The Barton Boys v  
The Bell Ringers**

Many thanks to all the teams who took part and played with such good humour and sportsmanship; and to the fans, who braved the inclement weather and helped to make it such a successful event.

**Francis Ash**



**Robert Woodland in front of completed pipes in York Minster.**

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## **St Mary's Church Organ Pipes – Restoration of the original decoration**

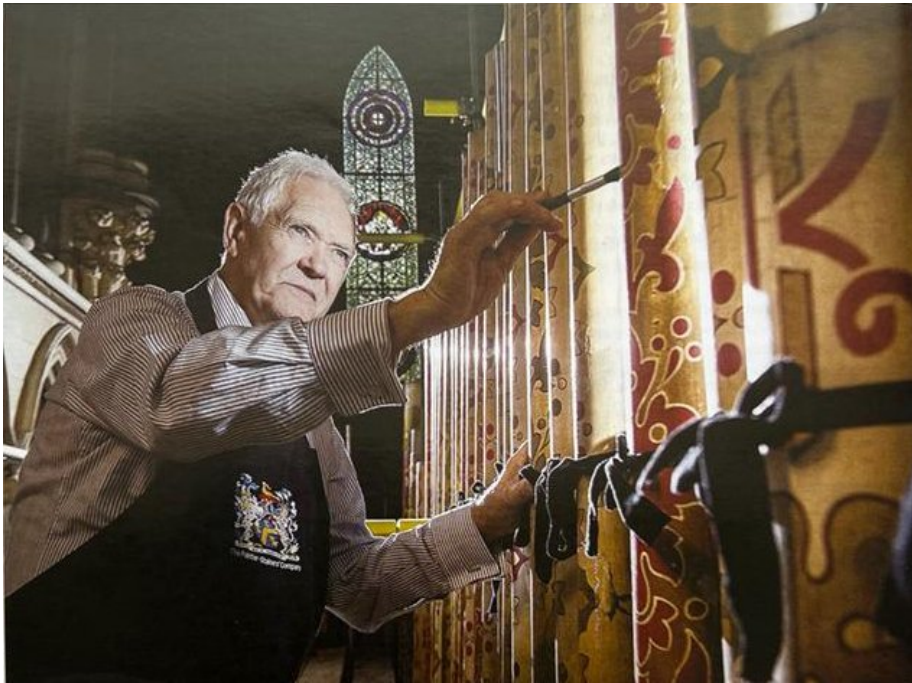
### **Helen writes:**

When the organ was restored in 2008/11, by the St Mary's Preservation Trust (the Trust), it was noted by the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) that it would be good if the organ pipes could be restored but they understood that there was not the money available to do this. The main restoration had cost £62,000. This project was masterminded for the Trust by the late Declan Walton and he was very keen to see the pipes restored to their original Victorian decoration. In his memory, his widow Jeannette has recently offered a donation to the Trust specifically to help carry out this work. The Trust has agreed to support the project and in view of her age, we all would like to see it completed as soon as possible.



**Black and white photo  
of the organ and its  
pipes with their  
original decoration.**

David Little, on behalf of the donor and the PCC, has been working to carry out her wishes. He asked me to assist him as I am a member of the Trust committee, and we have been seeking specialist help for the past few months. We found Robert Woodland from Robert Woodland & Son of London who has just completed the re-decoration of the pipes in York Minster. He has an amazing record of work on painting organ pipes – on over 28 organs – and has worked over the years in many important buildings including the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, no 10 Downing Street and many of the London Livery Halls. He is a liveryman of the Painter Stainers’ of London and has City & Guilds qualifications.



**Robert Woodland at work re-painting the organ pipes in York minster**

The pipes in St Mary’s are currently painted silver and this was applied in 1956 when the original paint on the pipes was said to be in a poor condition. There is a black and white photograph, taken at this time probably by Peter Yerborough, which gives some idea of the painted decoration on the pipes. This would have been colourful and probably included some gilding. It is still possible to see the outlines of the painted shapes on the pipes, through the silver coating, which is useful.

Robert came to Steeple Ashton back in March and was totally impressed with our church and its historic organ but was distressed to see the silver paint which was hiding its decoration. He would be very happy to come and work on our pipes to restore them to their original colours, patterns and gilding. Initially, he would test two or three of the pipes to discover the best way to remove the silver paint and to establish the colours and pigments used by the original painters. The designs can be traced and hand cut stencils produced to re-paint the original designs. Robert is known internationally for his skills in this field and at the present time, we have found no one else with his qualifications and expertise.



**Designs copied, stencils hand cut and then applied to the pipes to be painted.**

The DAC have been consulted to determine if a Faculty is needed for this restoration work. The organ is normally considered as ‘furniture’ and is not part of the fabric of the building. It seems that we may not need this to carry out test work but would need permission to carry out the complete restoration. The PCC and our vicar would need to commission the work to be carried out and paid for by the Trust – the PCC does not have the funds

to do this restoration. The church architect has also been involved and the organist and the vicar has asked two specialist paint conservators to inspect and test the pipes to determine colours and pigments. This would obviously incur extra costs and neither of these specialists have actually worked on the re-painting of organ pipes. We have tried to involve as many people as possible in the search for information.

I felt that as this newsletter reaches so many local people, you also ought to know what is happening. The church clock restoration, funded by the Trust, was a great success and is now admired by everyone. Hopefully, the same can be said of the organ after its restoration. **Helen**



**Robert and his partner Debra Miller working on the pipes in York Minster. To see this image and the following ones, in colour, please go to the newsletter link on the village website.**

**On the opposite page, more images of the skilled work carried out by the Upright Gilders - a name they often use to describe their work.**





**Robert and his partner Debra taking a well earned rest.**



## **WELCOME BACK TO THE MARICI SAXOPHONE QUARTET**

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### **C A M E O**

It is hoped to restart the CAMEO sessions on a Thursday afternoon from September.

In order to run these afternoons we need volunteers to join a rota to help prepare the room and to make the refreshments. If you are willing to help please contact Alison on 01380 870623 or Pauline 01830 870833.

## METHODIST CHURCH

How many times as a Parent or leader of a group of excited children have we said “I can only listen to one of you at a time”? Our current world is a bit like that group of children, all the problems around us demanding our attention, or our donation to their causes. There are voices of concern and despair, asylum seekers wanting homes and shelter, those who are hungry wanting food, and those who are suffering wanting our comfort.

We cannot hope to solve all the problems of the world ourselves. Our part in responding to these needs is, at heart, a work of faith; faith that God still hears, still notices. Faith reminds us that even though issues threaten to overwhelm our world, it is still God’s world and God still holds it in his hands. It is this faith that allows us to believe that even the smallest of responses we make, is to share with God in his work of renewing creation and making people whole.

*Pray that every prayer may be an action and every action a prayer.*

(Taken from Fresh from the Word)

### CHURCH DIARY

Our services are normally at 9.15, followed by refreshments; we welcome everyone; why not come and join us. If you are new to the village come and see who we are.

#### August

|        |      |        |                                     |
|--------|------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 7th  | 9.15am | Pauline Tiller                      |
| Sunday | 14th | 9.15am | Rev. Peggy Kabonde – Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 21st | 9.15am | Rev. Mary Teed                      |
| Sunday | 28th | 9.15am | Songs of Praise                     |

#### September

|        |      |        |               |
|--------|------|--------|---------------|
| Sunday | 4th  | 9.15am | To be advised |
| Sunday | 11th | 9.15am | To be advised |
| Sunday | 18th | 9.15am | To be advised |
| Sunday | 25th | 9.15am | To be advised |

Unfortunately we cannot give the names of preachers for September as the preaching plan has not yet been drawn up. We hope that we will still be able to cover services every week, either with a visiting preacher or one of our own members, but circumstances are beginning to take their toll! We welcome all visitors and offer refreshments to all at the close of the service.

## **CATHOLIC NEWS**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST TROWBRIDGE & ST BERNADETTE'S  
WESTBURY (incl VILLAGES).**

**PARISH PRIEST FR TOM FINNEGAN**

TELEPHONE: 01225 752152

[www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk](http://www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk)

Diocese of Clifton Registered Charity No 1170168

**Please see below the usual weekly  
timings of our Masses: but please  
check newsletter for changes.  
St John the Baptist - Trowbridge**

### ***Sunday & Weekday Masses:***

Saturdays 12noon & 6pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays 10.30am & 12noon

Monday/Weds/Friday 9am (First Friday  
of the Month 6pm) Tuesday 6pm

### **St Bernadette's - Westbury.**

Mass times will be:

Sunday 9am

Thursday 10am

Fr Tom has informed our  
community  
that the Bishop has appointed  
him to the position of Canon  
as from October this year.  
We offer him our  
congratulations & prayers  
on this occasion.

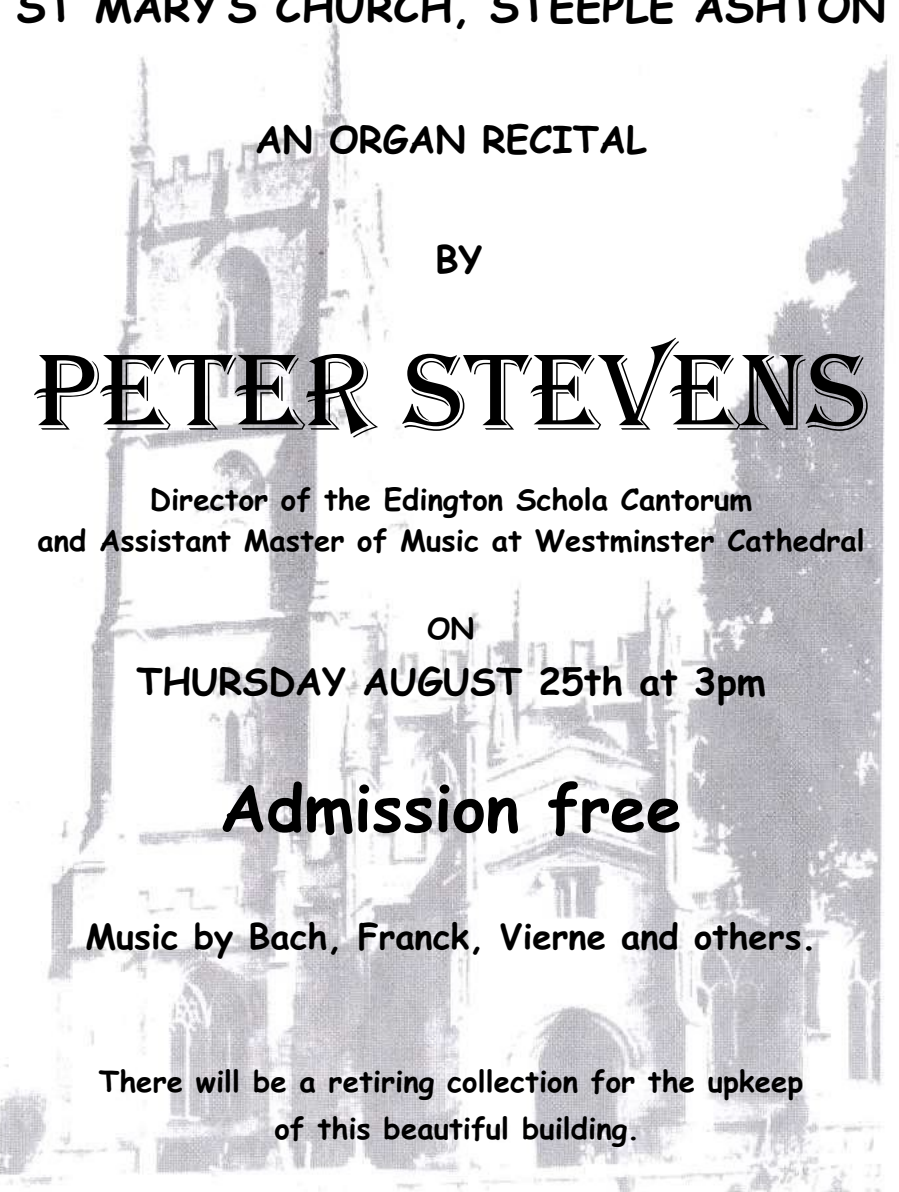
Pope Francis has invited the whole Universal Church  
to walk with him towards a Church Synod in 2023.  
Resources to help engage with this process can be found at  
[www.cliftondiocese.com/synod](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/synod)

### **Live streaming:**

All masses are streamed live on  
[www.Churchservices.tv](http://www.Churchservices.tv) or on  
You Tube 'Mass in Trowbridge'

### **Parish Newsletter:**

This is available weekly on the Parish website  
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**ST MARY'S CHURCH, STEEPLE ASHTON**

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