

The Cidder Press

April 2019 Edition

Topping Out Stoke Lacy Style



Not even Storm Freya could blow the smiles off these faces at Stoke Lacy's Church's Topping Out ceremony in March. Parishioners donned their warmest layers to celebrate at the ceremony for the renovation work on the spire of St Peter's and St Paul's Church.

Vernon Amor, MD of Wye Valley Brewery, was the guest of honour thanks to the brewery's generous donation towards the regilding of the weathervane. Vernon toured the site to inspect the great work on the new beautifully shingled spire and to see the improvements inside the bell tower.

While only the Reverend Clive Evans and Stoke Lacy Heritage Lead, John Davies, were brave/foolhardy enough to go all the way up, parishioners joined them on the first stage of the scaffolding. Among the brave first base mountaineers were Janet Parker (83 years) and Colin Simmonds (78 years). Previously the village's own Daphne Montandon (80 years) went all the way up with a couple of very impressed builders.

Clive and John were well supported by Mike Gammon and his building team to ensure the camera, the bird and the extra, but essential, step ladder got to the top safely. Not

sure if it was the weather conditions but some very special glue was needed to ensure the bird didn't get blown away before the final important photograph.

It was an amazing moment for the SLHP team. Twelve months ago a broken church. Now, one HLF grant and a hugely successful fund-raising effort later, a brand-new refurbished spire and tower. John Davies said "We are ecstatic that this first phase of the project has gone so smoothly and so quickly". Reverend Clive praised Mike Gammon and his team for being so efficient and for being such great fun to work with. He said, "The getting up was fine, it was the staying upright which was the problem! Cold Mad March gales were blowing but four of us, Mike and Malcolm our builders, John Davies and I managed to do the biz. The cockerel looks fantastic and not surprisingly, once in position, immediately swung into action: Strong winds from the SW! It was a fitting way to crown all the excellent work which Mike and his team have been doing: a wonderful job! Well done and thank you."

After this great achievement, the project team are looking forward to the next stage of the project on their "to-do" list as work begins on the nave roof. Look out for details of the next big fundraiser the Morgan 110th festival on 6th July.

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Village Hall News from Janet Ivison

BURNS NIGHT

Our Burns Night held on Saturday 26th January was another great success and made a profit of £413.00 for the Hall funds. Everyone sat down to a three-course meal after which Sheila's Reels Ceilidh Band prepared to entertain us. Sheila soon had people on the dance floor trying to make some formation of a dance. This proved very entertaining at several points in the evening! but by and large she did get them all going in one direction and looking like they knew what they were doing. The dancers were given a rest now and again when we all joined in for a good old sing song. The evening ended with a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

MYSTERY EVENING

Our Mystery Evening 'A Write Rumpus down the Rat and Rooster' on Friday 15th March played to a full house. The cast were well rehearsed and caused confusion amongst the audience, out of 50 people only four got the answer correct. Even Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple who had joined us for the evening got it wrong! During the interval everyone had to make the decision of who the two thieves were whilst they tucked into a Ploughman's Supper. Thank you to the cast for giving time up for the rehearsals, it obviously paid off. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us again allowing us to make £445.00 for the Hall funds.

SPRING BREAKFAST

Our Spring Breakfast will be held on Saturday 6th April from 9.30 – 12 noon. We will be serving a Full English Breakfast with unlimited Toast, Juice, Tea or Coffee all for £7 per person. We look forward to welcoming back our regulars and hopefully some more new faces too. It's a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat and to be cooked for, waited on and no washing up either.

NEW TREASURER

At our January Meeting we welcomed Vicki Buick to join the Committee and become a Trustee of the Hall. Vicki and her husband Adam live at the Farthings Bungalow in Stoke Lacy. Vicki will be taking over the post of Treasurer from Hugh Nicklin at our next meeting in March. We would like to thank Hugh for looking after the books for the last fourteen months we and now look forward to working with Vicki.

Our AGM is on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Stoke Lacy Hundred Club Results

FEBRUARY 2019

1st Bridget Mackereth £20
2nd Sally Godsall £10
3rd Olive Riley £5

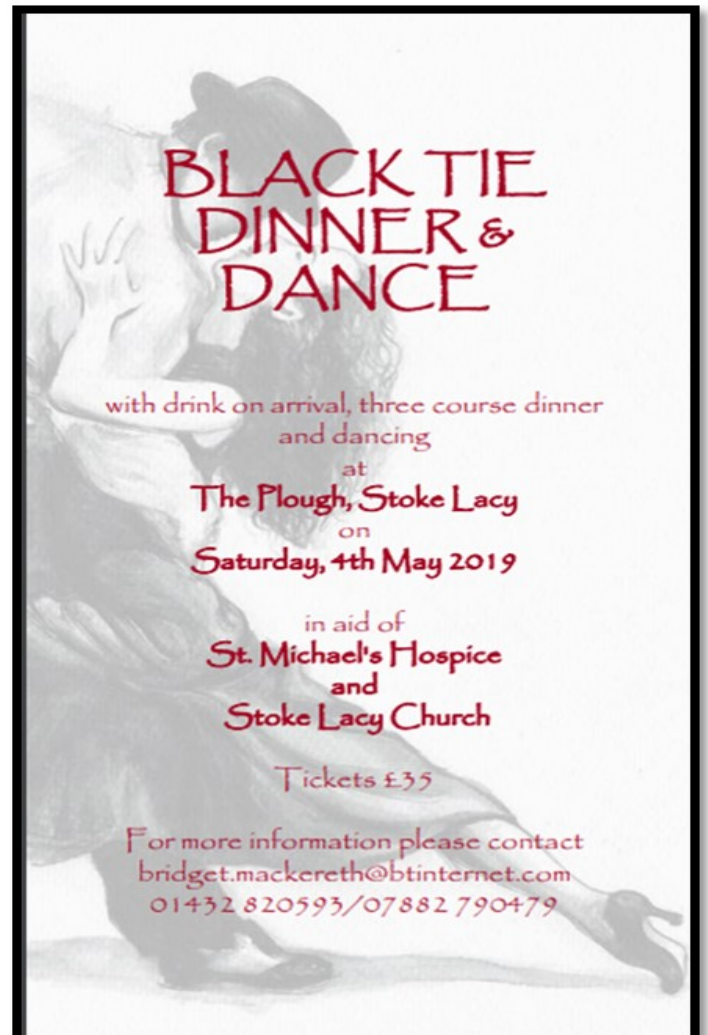
MARCH 2019

1st Janet Watson £20
2nd David Boddington £10
3rd Nigel Montandon £5

Any enquiries, ring
Tina Lively 01432 820154

STOKE LACY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

Stoke Lacy Book Group hosted the Church coffee morning in February with a raffle, bring and buy and book stall. March's get together was hosted by the PCC. It's an excellent chance to meet up with your friends and neighbours for a coffee and chat and an opportunity to come and introduce yourself to the community if you're new to the village. These events take place between 10.30am and noon on the second Saturday of the month.





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STOKE LACY PARISH COUNCIL

An extra-ordinary meeting took place on Wednesday 27th February about the Newlands Development, on which building began in January.

Present: Councillor Janet Ivison (Chairman); Councillors Anne Reece, Helen Bufton and John Westwood. In attendance were: - Mrs Alma Westwood (Clerk) Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester; CSO Susan Berrett, PCSO Jack Davies, 29 members of the public

Questions raised regarding the Newlands Development with Mr Mark Battin, Assistant Development Manager, and Mr Jonathan Mullins, Head of Land & Planning, of Sanctuary Housing.

- i. Speed was the main issue. Highways had approved Sanctuary Housing's plans; unlikely the 30mph limit would be extended (the Chairman said it was hoped it would be extended to Stoke Lane). A reduction to the Cricks Green speed limit would have a beneficial effect on reducing overall speed in the area.
- ii There had been no co-ordination between the Newlands and Orchard development sites; the County Council did not usually do this between smaller developments.
- iii Jonathan Mullins would come back to the Clerk over the question of working hours; inconsiderate hours had been noted by residents.
- iv Sewage disposal, and possible contamination of storm water drainage: concerns were raised by members of the public that the arrangements agreed with Welsh Water would not be adequate. There was no mains sewage system through Stoke Lacy. Messrs Battin and Mullins assured the meeting that 104 Drainage Approval had been granted, but the Clerk was instructed to contact Welsh Water requesting a spokesperson attend the next Parish Council meeting to clarify the situation
- v Jonathan Mullins would speak to the contractors about the maintenance of the ditches on Newlands, between the development and Crossfield House, and along the private drive, and would liaise with Ms Horsnett
- vi Mr Battin and Mr Mullins were asked to ensure that checks were in place so that residents could be reassured that agreed levels for gardens and housing were correct.
- vii No street lighting would be installed
- viii Heating to be by air source heat pumps
- ix The original hedge line would be re-planted and the site landscaped (see plans)
- x The first homes would be ready in June
- xi The name of the development will be Newlands
- xii There were no plans for a shop or more buses. There would be a footpath to the The Plough and village hall
- xiii Samples of proposed bricks were shown, which met with approval
- xiv Internet: yes; broadband, contact Fastershire

b Mrs Tina Wood, Housing Development Officer for Herefordshire Council, then answered questions as to how to register for the affordable housing

i Register an interest: a Help to Buy booklet was given out which gave advice on how to register, minimum percentage which could be purchased on a shared ownership property. Sanctuary Housing would also advertise.

ii No prices available yet

iii Preference would be given to local people

iii May/June Show Home open

iv 2 Rented flats at a social rent

Mr Battin and Mr Mullins were thanked for attending and maintaining the line of communication. Ms Wood was also thanked.

Matters requiring attention: Clarify working hours; building site levels; maintenance of ditch on Newlands site; Welsh Water: drainage, contamination of brook, mains sewerage system. Clerk to contact for a representative to attend 13th March PC meeting.

More Help to Buy booklets available in Stoke Lacy church

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in Stoke Lacy Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Janet Ivison (Chairman); Councillors Helen Bufton, Anne Reece and John Westwood.

In attendance

Mrs Alma Westwood (Clerk)

Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester; CSO Susan Berrett and CSO Jack Davies

Mr Reece Evans (Welsh Water); 7 members of the public.

19.13 To receive and accept APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Sally Horsnett.

19.14 To receive DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST on Agenda items and written dispensation requests for disclosable pecuniary interests

No interests or declarations were declared or made.

19.15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 9th January 2019 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019

Mrs Ivison read out a letter from Mr Mark Battin which answered some outstanding queries from the Extra-Ordinary meeting.

Members of the public said work was still commencing before 7am on some days and contractors were parking on the private road. The Clerk would take these matters up with Mr Battin. Questions were raised over site levels.

Levels: Councillor Lester said it was imperative that Mr Battin and the Planning Department met to ensure levels

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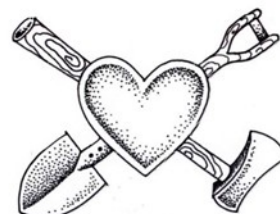
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were correct from the outset. He would be following this up.

Both sets of Minutes were approved and signed

19.16 Representative from Welsh Water

Mr Rhys Evans, Planning Manager from Welsh Water, was welcomed and invited to speak.

Mr Evans explained that the sewerage network and capacity of the system and treatment works having been looked at, Welsh Water was confident that there was capacity to take foul (not surface) water. Surface water was the concern of Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beattie. He showed a map of the sewerage system and where new pipework would connect to it, in the main road

(CSO Berrett and CSO Davies left the meeting at 7.50pm)

Following many questions, Mr Evans re-iterated that whilst he appreciated everyone's concerns Welsh Water would not allow further connections unless it was completely satisfied that there was sufficient capacity to cope. The Company would be heavily fined if there was pollution. An up-to-date review of the system had been carried out on site as a requirement, whilst investment in infrastructure was carried out every 5 years.

He asked that anyone with concerns about smell or other issues report it to Head Office. If necessary, an upgrade would be carried out then. He would email the Clerk with a map of the system and some contact Welsh Water details.

The Chairman thanked Mr Evans for attending

19.17 Public Participation

See 19.16 above

19.18 WARD COUNCILLOR'S AND POLICE REPORTS

19.18 i Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester reported on Herefordshire Council's budget and Climate Change meetings, Royal National College for the Blind (RNCB) had sold its campus to Herefordshire Council, who would be using it as part of the university campus and to provide student accommodation. Councillor Lester also spoke about the proposed by-pass and various other matters.

19.18 ii No Police report

19.19 FINANCE

Current Account balance as at 1st March 2019: **£5,935.30**

19.19i Draft accounts from 1st January to 28th February 2019 as distributed: **APPROVED.**

19.19ii The following payments were approved:

- HALC Subs for 2019/20: **£394.75 (inc. £65.79 VAT)**
- A grant of **£200** to The Cider Press as per their request
- Clerk's half-year salary and PAYE,

Appointment of Auditor: Mr Ian Pardoe.

19.20 Planning Applications

190135: Retrospective planning permission for new vehicular access and driveway: Stokes Hill, Stoke Lacy: The Parish Council OBJECTED

Newlands and Orchard Developments and road safety issues discussed

New application for 2 camping pods in Stoke Lane (Avenbury Parish) to be dealt with under Minor Planning Applications

19.21 To discuss drawing up a Village Welcome leaflet with PCC

Councillors thought that the best, and least costly, way of producing and delivering a Welcome message to new residents would be to publish it in the Cider Press and maybe on the website.

19.22 Hosting a Coffee Morning in church

Councillors **AGREED** to do this: Saturday 13th April

19.23 To note INFORMATION SHEET

18/23 i HALC courses and emails from Anthony Bush and others as already emailed

18/23 ii New Parish Councillors

18/24 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT AGENDA

i Speed van in Stoke Lacy & speeding through Crick's Green

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

DATES FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS to May 2019 in the Village Hall.

Annual Meetings:

***Thursday 16th May 2019**

Parish Meeting at 7.30pm;

New Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm

Other Planning Applications

Planning application P184176/F - Proposed change of use agricultural land to house two temporary mobile homes for holiday let accommodation. The Mill Farm, Little Cowarne, with vehicular access on to Woodend Lane, Stoke Lacy. Comments by 4th April 2019.

NEWS

Hugh Nicklin of Stoke Lacy has been adopted as the parliamentary candidate of the For Britain Party at the Newport West by election taking place on Thursday 4th April.

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Local residents and visitors will soon see a number of specially made bird boxes on trees around Stoke Lacy Churchyard. It is hoped that these new homes will attract a variety of birds into the churchyard and surrounds. This Wild Life Conservation initiative forms part of the Heritage Lottery Project for refurbishment of the church steeple and roof of St Peter and St Paul Church, Stoke Lacy.

Alma Westwood and Richard Combe, church wardens, are showing off samples of the different types and sizes of nest boxes, which include homes for blue tits, coal tits, great tits, robins, fly catchers and a massive box for a tawny owl. Richard, who made the prototypes, is hoping that some keen handyman (or indeed a team of people!) will come forward to help him make more. They will need a minimum of 20 boxes to attract enough birds into their new “housing development” in time for spring nesting. If you would like to help Richard, please ring him on 01885 482384.

Richard Combe—Church Warden

FREE HEREFORDSHIRE SOIL

Stephen Sellers of WCMA at Woodend Business Park in Stoke Lacy has written to say they will be shifting a large quantity of clay soil later in March / early April. They are looking for local people who would be interested in receiving some (delivered). They will probably have several hundred tonnes available.

If you are interested please get in touch with Stephen by email to stephen@wcma.co.uk or 07977 111428.

STOKE LACY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We trust you are all well and looking forward to our next gathering.

Hope everyone enjoyed the journey to the Victory Falls plus all the animals and scenery and also in complete contrast to hot and steamy Africa. Our trip through beautiful Herefordshire with a talk given by Mr. Peter Garnet on Herefordshire Wild Life.

Our next meeting is on **16th April** - Felt and Fashion

and on **21st May** we will be going on our outing to Aberystwyth (sunny weather already ordered) and don't forget the early start.

We are always ready to welcome new members, the only qualification is to be over fifty. We meet every third Tuesday at 10.30 am at Stoke Lacy Village Hall HR7 4HG. Most members retreat to The Plough Inn where a very reasonably priced lunch is served

Look forward to seeing you all and DON'T FORGET to bring your decorated Easter Egg to the April meeting.

Please contact Margaret Woodley 01432 820270 or Daphne Montandon on n.d.montandon@gmail.com or 01432 820605

Ann de la Torre

A big heart felt thank you for all your kind messages of love and support following the death of Ann de la Torre. They have been a great comfort to us during this sad time. I should also like to thank you for having made my Mum feel so very much at home in Stoke Lacy.

Yours, Mark, Clare, Luis, Esta and Simon de la Torre. x

Photographed by Ruth Hickmott, the mystery rainbow heart flag which appeared on top of the church spire on Valentine's Day.



Stoke Lacy and District Gardening Club

22nd January 2019 "Gardening for Wildlife" - a talk by Rosemary Winnall

On a cold winter's evening there was a good turn out to hear Rosemary talk on the subject which is her passion. She told us how her garden developed, using photographs to illustrate the balance between formal and wild areas and the way the different parts of the garden flowed into each other. Using keen observation and photography she records the creatures that visit. A wide and diverse range from badgers to tiny insects. This information she shares with local and national organisations, adding to the scientific knowledge of the delicate balance in the world for which we have a responsibility. Her passion and curiosity was inspiring and I for one will in future pay more attention to what goes on right under my nose.

26th February 2019 "The Bumblebee" - a talk by Claire Piper from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Most people think of the honeybee as the most important pollinator but in fact it is the bumblebee. There are 24 different species of bumblebee in this county, 8 of which are still common. Each species is specially adapted to collect nectar from different shaped flowers and their furry bodies are good for collecting pollen. With the changes in agriculture and the decline of wildflowers in our countryside, gardens are now vital for bee's survival. Bumblebee queens hibernate over winter and emerge in early spring, they need to rebuild their strength and prepare to start a new colony so will be looking for flowers rich in pollen and nectar at this time of year. Bumblebees are not aggressive and male bees cannot sting. As gardeners we can help the bumblebees by providing them with flowers rich in nectar and pollen especially in Autumn and early spring. Claire gave a fascinating, fact-filled talk which cannot be covered in these few words so find out more by visiting www.bumblebeeconservation.org.

Forthcoming events:

23rd April 7.30pm. "Hidden Gardens of Herefordshire"
a talk by Alun Whitehead

28th May 2.30pm. Garden Visit – Thruxton Old Rectory.

Do come and join us, you would be made very welcome.

Talks will be in the Village Hall, Stoke Lacy
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The fee for guests is £5 and for members £3 (including new members);

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Trumpet and District Agricultural Society

Trumpet and District Agricultural Society are holding their charity tractor run on April 19th, leaving from Lower Eggleton at 10 am. They are also holding a Coffee Morning in Support of St Michael's Hospice and My 35 Campaign on Saturday 11th May at Frogend Farm Bishops Frome next to the Hop Pocket 10 30am until noon. Cake Stall .Raffle . Bring and Buy . All Welcome.

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St Peter's & St Paul's Church : From the Vicar:

An Easter tale about a whale: what a whoppa! What has Easter got to do with Jonah and the Whale? We all know the Bible story of Jonah the prophet who ran away from God, went on a boat trip, hit a big storm, got thrown overboard and, in the process of sinking, ended up being swallowed by a great fish. (The fish finally vomited him out on to dry land whereupon he got on with the business God had planned for him in the first place: but that's another story!)

Along with Noah and the Ark, and Joseph and his coat of many colours, Jonah is great material for a children's pop-up story book. But it has many other dimensions and lessons for all ages: some of them very dark. In chapter 2 Jonah describes his ordeal: thrown overboard, then sinking, sinking; deeper and deeper into the abyss. It reminds me of the horror of the watery death of drowning portrayed so powerfully in films like *Titanic*. Jonah puts it like this: 'all your waves and breakers swept over me...the deep surrounded me...I sank down.' Maybe you can relate to this kind of experience, either in your own life or in the life of someone close to you. It could be the experience of some kind of tragedy, or loss, a bereavement, accident or coming to terms with bad news. Or death. We're just overwhelmed. Whether it's something we've faced ourselves or something we've shared in, darkness can seem like our closest friend, as one of the Psalms has it.

Jesus experienced this darkness. Just before he was crucified, he said to his friends, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death'. And, according to the gospels, as he was dying, darkness covered the land for three hours. Words are wholly inadequate to describe such moments. And things just seemed to get worse.

It was at this point beyond despair that something extraordinary happened. Jesus was raised from death. Darkness was shattered by blazing light. The end became a completely unexpected beginning. Bad news was turned into good news. It was nothing short of a miracle! Funny old Jonah had a foretaste of resurrection: he's 'saved' by the fish. From inside the fish, he praises God for his mighty deliverance (somewhat bizarrely, you might think!). He understands that he has passed from death to life and so he points forward to the moment when God would do the ultimate work of resurrection in the person of Jesus.

Not so much about bunnies and chocolate but about real-life issues, things we all face sooner or later, more or less. Easter answers the question: Can there be any hope?

Simply: yes.

Whether it's Jesus or Jonah, in short God is in the business of transformation, of restoration. His purpose, always, is to bring life out of death and we can confidently put our trust in him not to give us a pass out of the hard things of life but to lead us through them, to a better place. Ultimately, that is supremely going to be heaven: where we will enjoy his company forever.

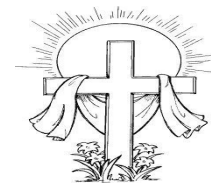
But it is also about the here and now. Maybe you are in that dark place right now where all your hope has gone. Don't despair: put your hope in God who raised Jesus from the grave. Saving people is what God does best, using whales if necessary.

Wishing you a very happy Easter. Clive Evans

Easter Services at Stoke Lacy

14th April Palm Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion

21st April Easter Day: 10.30am Holy Communion



Other Diary Dates

Saturday 6th April Spring Breakfast at the village hall 9.30am until noon.

Saturday 13th April Coffee Morning hosted by the Parish Council. 10.30am until noon.

Tuesday 16th April Friendship Club 'Felt and Fashion' at the village hall.

Tuesday 23rd April Stoke Lacy Gardening Club 'Hidden Gardens of Herefordshire'.

Thursday 2nd May Local Council Elections village hall.

Saturday 4th May Black Tie Dinner in aid of St Michael's Hospice and the church at The Plough Inn.

Thursday 16th May (New Date) Parish Council Parish Meeting and AGM at the village hall.

Wednesday 22nd May Village Hall AGM 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st May Friendship Club visit to Aberystwyth.

Tuesday 28th May Stoke Lacy Gardening Club garden visit 'Great Thruxton Hall' 2.30pm.

Saturday 6th July 2019 Stoke Lacy Church : Fete and Morgan 110th Festival.

Sunday 8th September 2019 (New Date) : Stoke Lacy Flower Show and Open Garden at Dovecote Barn.



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Letter to the editor

Transport Consultation January 29th to March 11th

As has been the case for any number of years, our rural bus services are yet again under threat. The local council seems to cut subsidies every year and we who rely on them to get to work have the same situation and worry annually. Some of us do not drive and a bus is a necessity. We hear much of 'the needs of school children' and 'Pensioners stranded' and such like. But what of the likes of me, who needs to work, and cannot get there any other way? Trains are expensive – prohibitively so – and would eat up about a third of my income if I used this transport method.

In 2015, First Midland Red saw fit to close the Hereford bus station, sacking all their drivers and leaving it to the local privately-run bus companies to fill the gap. DRM Buses seems to have the most cover locally and by and large do a reasonable job; except when arbitrarily cutting a route without consultation and very little warning. Every July we have to wait to find out what buses are still running in August.

For example, both First Bus and DRM both used to run an early route into and from Hereford, coming from Hereford it would pass my house and I could catch it to work in Worcester. Either bus. And the same coming home.

Now, neither DRM or First Bus operate an early service from / to Hereford.

In order to get to Worcester in time for work my partner has to drive me in to Bromyard to catch the 7.22 First Bus. There is no DRM service until about 10:00, again from Bromyard. We passengers have little or no say in which routes remain or are cut and often only find out about them through hearsay and rumour.

We are encouraged to use public transport. How do we do this when the service is consistently slashed through council budgets cuts? And what of all the new builds going up around Herefordshire and Worcestershire? Will all the people occupying these drive, I wonder? Villages and Towns without Neighbourhood Plans are being forced to accept large numbers of housing. Often whole estates, without any consideration given to the travel needs of those who will occupy them. Local infrastructure, such as it is, is groaning at the seams already.

It seems to me that buses should be a *service* and not something subject to the whims of councillors who have no idea about the rigours of everyday life and rarely, if ever, need to catch a bus. The rural economy is such that there are few jobs, unless one is prepared to pick

strawberries or shovel muck for a pittance. I would not choose to travel for work for more than 3 hours every day if there were more choices open to me.

I would very much like to see regular and reliable buses between Hereford and Worcester (starting early), which run at sensible times for individuals such as myself to get to work and back, without all the unnecessary stress currently endured. I would also like to see proper and regular maintenance of the roads – and the buses – since potholes make for uncomfortable travel (a whole other subject being the costs involved).

I am unhappy we seem to be a third world country in terms of public transport, one half expects to find the buses full of chickens with suitcases strapped to the roof - Berlin and Athens are shining examples of what can be done with a little thought and effort by those who make these lazy decisions and spend our money.

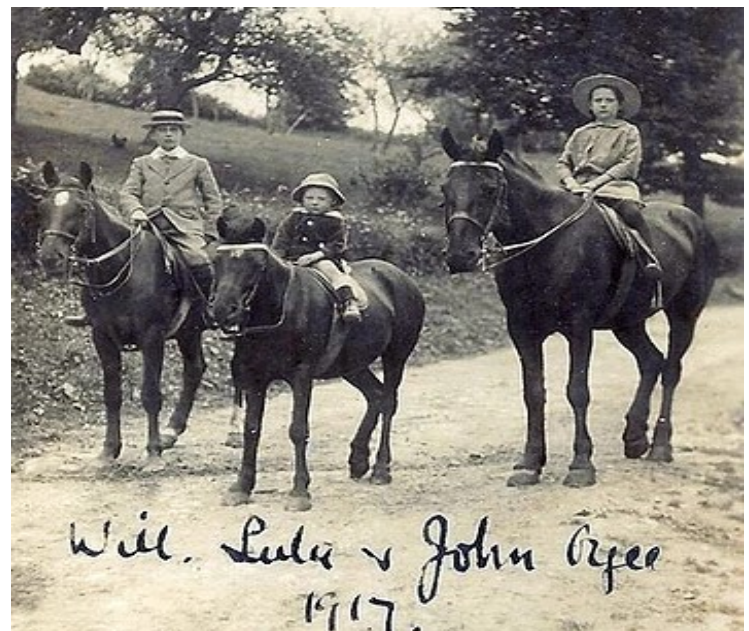
I trust this will all be taken into consideration, though a public consultation does not give me great confidence that anything positive will result. I have been trying to get comments and improvements.

Deb Banks, Stoke Lacy

Photographs wanted

Below is a photograph sent by Liz Bateson of Will, Lulu and John Orgee on horseback in Hopton Lane in 1917— The Orgees lived at Lower Hopton .

The Stoke Lacy HLF History group would love to see more photographs of local life through the ages that we can use to help illustrate our exhibition on History research. Please contact Jo Davies or www.stokelacyheritage.co.uk





Live on stage

April 4 The Devil's Violin - Stolen 7.30 pm (Supported by Arts Alive)
April 12 Folk in the Foyer - Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer 7.30 pm
April 27 Orchestra of the Swan - Romantic Perfection (Supported by Arts Alive) 7.30 pm
May 10 Folk in the Foyer - Wildwood Jack & Viv Bell & Huw Knight 7.30 pm
May 11 Our Star Theatre Co - 39 Steps 7.30 pm
May 18 Dean Friedman Live on stage 7.30 pm
May 25 Audacious Mr Astley 7.30 pm
May 24 Remi Harris 7.30 pm

Films@conquest

April 3 Film: Herefordshire Life Through a Lens 7.30 pm
April 5 Film: Bohemian Rhapsody 7.30 pm 12A
April 19 Film: The Children Act 7.30 pm 12
May 3 Film: First Man 12A 7.30 pm
May 17 Film: Widows 15 7.30 pm

Screenings

April 9 Yuli (the life of Carlos Acosta) 7.00 pm
April 11 NT Live - All About Eve 7 pm
April 16 Exhibition on Screen Rembrandt 7 pm
April 17 RSC As You Like It 7 pm
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The clue is in the title. Together with a lot of support from our friends in Malvern, we are planning a day of celebration and festivities to mark 110 years of the village’s connection with the Morgan Motor Company. Why? Because we want to put Stoke Lacy firmly back on the map with the worldwide Morgan Owners’ Club. Why? Because, over time, visiting Morgan drivers will help to develop our Heritage and, in so doing, help to support the Church and the businesses within the village.

So what’s the order of the day on **Saturday July 6th**? The fete itself will be opened at 2pm by Morgan Managing Director, Steve Morris (who is absolutely smashing J) after we have all been summoned by a peal of bells rung by a Morgan Owners bell-ringing troop. Yes our rather cleaner bells will be ringing in our newly shingled spire. Steve’s main role is to launch the “Morgan Heritage Trail” which hire car drivers will be encouraged to follow. Starting at the factory hire drivers will be given a route marking out important heritage items in Bromyard and Stoke Lacy finishing up at the little church in Moreton Jeffries.

The Vintage fete will centre on a classic car meet next to the Church and will also offer a range of interesting stalls and a whole array of Vintage games such as egg and spoon racing and tug o’ war. Morgan passenger rides will be on offer from the church gate.

For those of a more creative disposition there will be an Art Exhibition at Stoke House featuring works by Nigel Montandon and Colin Simmonds. And once again Nigel

has kindly offered us a go on his potter’s wheel!

And if this wasn’t enough the village hall will be running their burger and bacon roll stall all day! NSA Events will be very kindly providing a bar (Yes!) And there will be live music all afternoon too! Worcester Ukelele Band will start us off, followed by our own Village Minstrels! (That’s you Betty)

In the evening (if you are still standing) we are thrilled to be introducing Almeley’s very own Springfield Jazz Band. This will be in the marquee in the Churchyard and will be a ticketed event with tickets available on the door. They make a great sound and, given the bright hot sunshine we have also organised, the evening will be great fun! What could be better than listening to jazz, whilst eating a burger and sharing a pint with your neighbours?

So did I mention we need help? That this is a D-I-Y festival? We really need your help – with everything. We need you to act as stewards to direct traffic and parking, to organise Morgan rides, to bake, to make or find yards and yards of bunting, to help put up the marquee, to sell stuff, to organise a welly wang (really?), to run the sports events, to lead tours into the bell tower, to take photos of Morgan cars outside the Rectory and to ensure that visitors to the Art Exhibition behave themselves. We also need help in advance with designing advertising, putting out flyers, making cream teas in the Church and generally making sure everything is ready for the big day. Please, Please help make this a brilliant Big Day Out.

If John Davies hasn’t already been in contact with you please contact him at cottageold@gmail.com or Ruth Hickmott at ruth.hickmott@btinternet.com to offer your services. We need you to do anything and everything you can. This is going to be a right Big Do! For the full schedule look at the Stoke Lacy Heritage website <https://www.stokelacyheritage.co.uk/morgan-110-stoke-lacy>

Revival of the Stoke Lacy Flower and Produce Show...and Open Garden.

Sunday 8th September 2019.

(Please note the date has been moved to the Sunday)

Now is the time to sow your seeds and dig for victory! As part of the community's successful Heritage Lottery Fund application Stoke Lacy is reviving the former Stoke Lacy Flower and Produce Show which was held regularly in Morgan times. It will be staged in the "Morgan Church". The event will be complemented by a stroll through the exceptional gardens of Dovecote Barn, Stoke Lacy beside the church by kind permission of Gill Pinkerton and Adrian Yeeles.

There will be a good variety of interesting stalls and tasty refreshments.

The following is the outline of the classes. More details to follow in the press but are also available from cottageold@gmail.com .

Horticulture.

Vegetables: shallots, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, runner beans, tomatoes, leeks, marrow, cabbage, cucumber.

Fruit: soft fruit, stoned fruit.

Flowers: roses, sweet peas, dahlias, pot plant (fuchsia and pelargonium), flower arrangement, vase of cut flowers.

Foliage arrangement.

Selection of Herbs.

Country garden on a plate (60 x 60 cms)

Curious vegetable/fruit shape.

Drinks and Cookery Section:

Bottle of homemade red wine.

Bottle of homemade white wine.

Tomato Chutney

Strawberry Jam

Victoria sandwich cake.

Jam Tarts.

Art:

Photograph of a plant, flower or produce.

For under 16s a painting of "Wildlife in your garden".

All classes will be divided in to children of "16 and under" and "17 and over".

**For more information contact John Davies:
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Thank you for all contributions received for this edition of the Cider Press. Any opinions expressed are those views of the individual contributors. Please send all contributions for the June edition to **jjpw.davies@gmail.com by 15th of May 2019.**

Many thanks to the parish council and the tax payers of Stoke Lacy for their generous grant of £200 which helps to keep the Cider Press going.

Final Thoughts

In February you may remember that we offered the community the exciting opportunity to take over the role as editor of this publication. Now, don't be shy out there, we know there is someone more than capable of taking on the task. Who wouldn't want to spread the word about all the exciting news and activities that take place here in this small, but growing community?

So much goes on here, just since the last Cider Press went out we've had a 'Topping Out Ceremony' as part of our project to fix the 'blessed' church (which let's face it does seem to have been going on longer than Brexit (Don't mention Brexit!). One day we even hope that less than 90% of the Cider Press content will be about fixing the church and related matters! We also had the extra ordinary parish council meeting to discuss the Newlands Development, which was so well attended, I don't think the clerk or the parish councillors could quite believe it! To even 'top' the 'topping out ceremony' though, on Friday we had 'A Write Rumpus Down the Rat and Rooster'. Our troop of amateur thespians thrilled the sell-out audience as they performed not a 'murder' mystery (This isn't Midsomer, you know? - more like Dibley? Yes) but a crime mystery. It turned out that Candi Bar (Vicki Buick) and Colin Sick (Adam Buick) had conspired to steel famous novelist Beth Sellers' (Averelle Nicklin) laptop. Walter Melon (Bill Morgan) had the audience in stitches as his 'comedy eyebrows and moustache(s)' stole the show. Sam Anella (John Davies) steered the audience through the plot as the narrator/detective. Talent scouts from as far away as Bromyard were in the audience with the Conquest Theatre's legendary Marg Dallow and Nikki Ivison fresh from her directorial debut in 'Beauty and the Beast'. Great entertainment in our wonderful village hall—20 years old this year!

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