

St Mary's Acton  
St David's Wettenhall &  
St Oswald's Worleston  
May 2023



**The Cross Country Parishes  
of  
Acton, Church Minshull,  
Wettenhall & Worleston.**

## God Save the King!

That will surely be the topic of conversation this month as we celebrate the coronation of King Charles. However as this is written in April, I can only comment on what is happening now and not about the event itself.

Today an article in my paper pours scorn on the standard of memorabilia which is appearing. It was particularly scathing about tins of shortbread with the king's portrait on the lid. 'It's all naff' it said.



Naff or not, I will be looking for a coronation mug to go with some others I have. There is one to celebrate the coronation of Edward the VIII in 1937, which did not actually take place as he stepped down, but my mother must have made an early purchase. For the last coronation, school children in Essex, where I lived then, (and I confess to being one), were given a rather boring little book called 'Royalty in Essex'. I still have it - somewhere.

By now you will have your mug or tea towel or pen or tin of shortbread; you will have decided how and with whom you spend coronation day; and I know some people who will try to ignore the whole thing. By now we will know for certain whether some members of the royal family accepted their invitation or decided to stay away. All we can do is watch the weather forecast with keen interest.

The coronation happened to be mentioned a few days ago, the day when we were singing in church 'Make way for the King of Kings' That was on Palm Sunday when of course we were celebrating King Jesus and I was reminded that although we may be loyal citizens and subjects of King Charles, we are also subjects of the King of Kings. I am sure that like me you are happy to be both.

By the time the coronation comes, we will have celebrated the joyful news of the resurrection at Easter. However, the story of Jesus did not finish then. This month we remember Ascension Day when Jesus finally left his disciples to carry on his work and the work of his Kingdom here on earth. In the 'olden days' children in church schools had the day off, but not anymore.

When Jesus went back to his heavenly father, he didn't leave his disciples to carry on alone, but sent the Holy Spirit to be their helper, friend and guide. We remember this at Pentecost, or Whit Sunday as it used to be called. We are assured that Jesus will never leave us or forsake us, and that nothing can separate us from his love.

**We are certainly going to have a month of celebrations!**

*Isobel*

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# of Sunday Services

### Acton

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Evensong
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 10:00 am Messy Church
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Evensong

### Church Minshull

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 11:00 am Communion
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Messy Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 11:00 am Service of the Word

### Worleston

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am Communion
- 21<sup>st</sup> May No Service
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jun No Service

### Wettenhall

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 am Communion
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 11:00 am All Age
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 6:30 pm Communion
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 11:00 am Morning Prayer

**Please Note: There is a change to the rota published in the April Magazine. The United Service is at Worleston on 30<sup>th</sup> April and not Church Minshull!!!**

St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons		Cleaning & Flowers	
7 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mr M Moss	Mrs A Brooks
14 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs A Hignett & Mrs A Hancock
21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Brownies	
28 <sup>th</sup>	May	Informal	Mrs H Wilson & Family
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Mrs A Brooks	
<i>Visit: <a href="http://www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk">www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk</a></i>			

### Condolences

To Gillian Summers and all her family on the sudden death of her brother **Nicholas Toosey**. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all who mourn at this time. May the resurrection hope sustain them in the weeks and months ahead.

### Thank You

A huge thank you to Mary Drinkall for providing the most colourful posies of flowers for everyone (particularly mums!) attending the Mothering Sunday Service in March. Also to Sarah Edwards who baked a delicious sponge cake to share with our coffee at the end of the service. Mothering Sunday is often known as Refreshment Sunday too! We don't need much excuse to share cake!

### From the Registers

**Baptism & Confirmation**  
**2nd April 2023**  
**Ashleigh Burbidge**  
**at St. Mary's Acton by the**  
**Rt. Revd. Sam Corley,**  
**Bishop of Stockport.**

**We welcome Ashleigh into the family of the Church.**

### Please Note!

The coffee and cake date for June has moved to the second Thursday rather than the first Thursday!!



### Coffee & Cake

The next meetings will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.



## Holy Week

We remembered the dramatic events of the Last Supper in our Agape service on Maundy Thursday. Thank you to everyone who provided a delicious meal of cold meats, salads and desserts. This was followed by a short outdoor service on Good Friday morning. Easter Day dawned bright & sunny as we enjoyed the beautiful decorations of spring flowers in the windows of St. David's once more. The annual distribution of Easter eggs by Audrey was very much enjoyed too! Thank you to everyone who spent so much time during Holy Week in preparing for the greatest festival of the Christian year! On Sunday morning, we could joyfully declare 'Alleluia! He is risen indeed!'



## Congratulations

To **Ceri & Matthew Webb** who were married at Lower Peover church on April 15th. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

## Darnhall Brownies

*The 1st Darnhall Brownies were busy during March making beautiful felt keyrings for Mothering Sunday. We're sure their mothers will have loved receiving these!*



## Darnhall and Wettenhall WI

### Darnhall and Wettenhall WI Meeting April 2023

The April meeting of our WI group, based at Darnhall Village Hall, was opened with Jerusalem as usual, but after the brief business meeting the speakers had a rather unexpected subject – cyber security, the use of the internet and social media. We started off with a few questions about who had a smart phone, mobile phone and internet access at home and moved on to our use of these devices. We discussed Facebook and WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram. Many of those present use the internet to keep in touch with their families, and many of those families provide internet access or advice to the WI members. With so many organisations, such as utilities and government departments, providing much of their information and advice online it can be a significant disadvantage to have no access to the internet at all. We all saw that situation during the Covid Pandemic. Members learned of important ways of protecting their personal data when using IT for communication in business or leisure. All this information was provided in an informal, friendly way by fellow Cheshire Federation WI members, Alia el Asmar and Wendy Morris. It was a really interesting and successful way of keeping us all safer online, and giving members confidence with their IT skills.

### St. David's Comedy Night.

It's always a good night out in Wettenhall when our resident comedian, Don Reid, AKA Adrian Burrows, combines his talents with the catering skills of St. David's congregation. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March was no exception, a comedy quiz night with delicious food, wine, and laughter. It all began with Chris Pope singing that well known ballad – “Ernie, the Fastest Milkman in the West”, the audience providing harmonies in the chorus lines. [Shows our average age!!] With that setting the scene we were into an evening of video clips, catchphrases, pictures of comedians from previous decades and comedy sit-coms. A selection of pies, pickles and drinks started the feast, with beautiful cakes, roulades, pies and gateau rounding it off. The selection of pies for the main course were from Foodcraft in Winsford – many thanks to them for their delicious baking. March has been wet and chilly, the complete opposite of our warm hearted quiz. Don has a history of retiring between St. David's events, his hero is obviously Frank Sinatra, so we don't know if this event will be repeated in the future. Meanwhile the evening raised a fabulous £565 for the work of the church.





*You are invited to*

# A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!



**You're invited:**

Come and join in  
The Big Coronation Lunch  
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Please contact Heather on 0788760930 or  
Roger on 07768881487 to reserve your place.



**Where and When:**

St David's Church, Long Lane Wettenhall CW7 4DN  
12:00 Noon Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Suggested Donation £12.50, Children Under 10 Free  
Buffet Lunch with meats also veggie &  
gluten free options.

Lots of Desserts & Wine, Soft Drinks and Tea  
or Coffee



## St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

7 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00 am Lesley and Peter Latronico, 6:30 pm Philip Percival
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Tracey and Peter Foster
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Sue and Charles Hull
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ena Furber and Miriam Harvey
<i>Visit: <a href="http://www.stmarysacton.org">www.stmarysacton.org</a></i>	

## Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

### The next walks are:

14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at 12:45 pm. Nick organises circular walks varying between 3 to 5 miles, then returning to the church for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake.

The pace of the walks is relaxed, and the routes generally involve canal towpath and lane walking. The footpaths should be good (also hopefully dry?) and only a small number of stiles are negotiated. Stout outdoor shoes or walking shoes / boots are recommended.

### All are welcome including dogs on leads

For further information please phone Nick Harley, Lead Walker, on 01270-620612 or 07710983125.



## Acton and Reaseheath WI

As children we were all told to "Sit up straight!" As we get older our range of movement naturally diminishes and our lifestyles and bad postural habits have taken their toll. But we can do something about it! While we will never regain the perfect posture of a toddler we all felt much better after an hour with Elizabeth Hinton, a retired PE teacher who led us in Chair Pilates at our recent birthday meeting. Beginning with how to sit and stand correctly, she led us through a range of simple purposeful movements using light weights and tennis balls to help us think about how we can increase strength and improve muscle tone and body alignment. A leotard and masses of equipment isn't needed! Many of the exercises can be done while ironing, watching television, even waiting in the supermarket queue. She provided all the information to help us do them at home with a warning that we won't improve overnight but we can make muscles work consciously over time. To keep us motivated we are looking to arrange Pilates sessions; watch this space. We usually meet the second Monday of the month in Acton Parish Hall though because of the Coronation Bank holiday we will be meeting on May 15th at 1.30pm, when we will be discussing the state of our rivers and making bird feeders. If you would like a taste of our WI please get in touch with Fiona Ross 07791 171415.

**You will be very welcome.**

## Nantwich 10k

Runners get up to speed at the Nantwich 10 kilometre road race.

The 2nd annual 'Nantwich 10k' road race took place on the morning of Sunday 2nd April 2023, this year organised by Run Through who are proudly supporting Alzheimer's Research UK. The event was sponsored by local solicitors, Hall Smith Whittingham LLP.

The race took more than 1,000 participants on a 10k (6.2 miles) loop on closed roads, starting and finishing close to Nantwich town square. The route passed St Mary's Acton on Monks Lane twice - on the outward leg and on the return leg back to Nantwich. The route this year was the same as last year, other than starting and finishing closer to the town centre.

Each finisher received a specially designed medal and a goodie bag. Runners also received a chipped time (or Set Time where the time is recorded from crossing the starting line to crossing the finish line, rather than from the race start signal).



## Acton Operatic Society

We're here to Entertain You!

The Acton Operatic Society has been established for over 100 years. During this time, the Society has performed many concerts and musicals. Our early years were mostly concerts and Gilbert & Sullivan shows. We even performed during the war years in a concert at The Old Wyche Theatre in Nantwich (which is now Chatwins bakery!). In later years our productions moved to the fabulous Lyceum Theatre, where we still perform today, but with more up-to-date musicals! Our most recent production is 'The Addams Family'.

Many people have been at the helm of Acton Operatic Society - but our ethos remains the same. Indeed, we aim to bring the community together and provide people with the opportunity to socialise and make new friends (even meet future spouses!). Stage skills help the performers to build confidence and self-worth. Communication skills are developed too. This is so important, particularly during these digital times, when communication is more likely than not to take place via a smart phone! Our performers gain a massive sense of achievement when a concert goes really well. We achieve all this whilst doing something we truly love to do... that is, to perform! About 4 years ago, during a concert that we were performing at the Civic Hall in Nantwich, Stephan Davies came over and introduced himself and suggested that the concert we had just performed (Rogers and Hammerstein) would go down very well at Acton Church. A few meetings later, a date was booked for our first concert in the church. What a night we had! The church was packed and we were made to feel like part of a big family. Since then we have not looked back. In the last few years we have performed a 'Lerner and Lowe' concert and two Christmas concerts. All of them have been packed out and we have absolutely loved every second of performing in such a magnificent venue with such a welcoming friendly crowd of people.

Why, we asked ourselves, did we not do this years ago?!!

I think we wrongly presumed that songs from musicals would not really be the sort of thing that should be performed in a church. How wrong we were! Stephan reached out and made it all happen. A lesson to be learnt; communication makes the world go round!

On the 13th May this year we are so excited to be able to perform again in our Spring Concert. The rehearsals are sounding terrific and the concert will be a whistle stop tour through the best of show music, from 'Phantom of the Opera' to 'Sister Act' and wonderful hits in between, a really uplifting evening awaits you all. Do come if you can!

Tickets are available from Stephan at 'Tea at the Tower' or telephone him on 01270 624135 or Joyce Percival 01270 624158.



*Debbie Cornock*  
Musical Director/  
Chair Person of AOS



# Spring

Evening Concert

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30PM

Tickets - £10

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Tickets are available from **Stephan Davies (01270 624135)** and **Joyce Percival (01270 624158)**  
Alternatively, why not collect yours with tea and cake at our famous **Tea at the Tower** event **every Sunday**



## A Mid-Life Crisis?

A mid-life crisis? Maybe, but a worthwhile one!

Well that's what my family have suggested is going on with me; want to know why? St Luke's Cheshire Hospice is a small hospice based in Winsford. They receive limited support from the government which means that the vast majority of their running costs need to be raised through donations and fundraising. In fact, 84% of their care is funded by donations, fundraising, their lottery and charity shops.

This year the hospice has organised the ultimate sponsored walk; a Saharan trek, to help raise funds. Participants will be trekking in scorching heat, with no running water, so no showers or toilets for 3 days! The challenges for each individual taking on this adventure are very different but all have the same aim; to raise funds for this wonderful Hospice.

I have been working at St Lukes Hospice for 22 years, first on the Inpatient unit and then as Lymphoedema Specialist Practitioner with CCICP. The Lymphoedema service is a fabulous example of collaborative working between the Trust and St Lukes and I am so proud to play my part, serving the people of Central and South Cheshire. I am doing the Saharan trek because this year I have been supported by the bereavement counselling service and it's my way of saying thank you.

If you feel like me that 'Bucket list experiences' shouldn't be paid for by fundraising

you'll be pleased to know I'm paying my own expenses and any money I raise will go straight to St Luke's to continue their vital work. Yes that's right I'm paying for the privilege of walking 50km across the desert in scorching heat without any conveniences (No showers or loos!). If you would like to sponsor me to keep me going through my training and help me to support the fantastic care at St Lukes Hospice, I would be very grateful, but mostly I need your prayers as taking on this challenge will be no walk in the park! You can sponsor me at the link below.

*Carol Thayer*



[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-thayer2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-thayer2)



## Messy Church

“I’ll always love you, no matter what” was our story for Mothering Sunday and with the help of a Mum, her boys and a very long sari (!) we explored the kind of love God has for each one of us, and the children were “dressed” in the love, compassion, gentleness, kindness and patience which we should share with each other. Lots of hearts and flowers were made in the activities while Peter’s group looked at the message from St Paul to the Colossians.

Our Messy Easter service had everyone involved in the drama of Holy Week, from waving palms, to sharing bread and wine, snoozing while Jesus prayed in the garden, standing at the cross and on Easter Sunday discovering with amazement and joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and is alive for all who believe in him. April and Adam led our singing of “When I think about the cross”. Peter’s group discussed Jesus’ resurrection appearances, while we made butterfly cakes, butterflies to take home, a huge butterfly to hang in the Church and then all enjoyed hot cross buns (you can never have too many of those!).

Join us next time, May 21st for a Christian Aid Messy Church

*Messy Church team x*



**Sunday 7 th May**

St. Mary’s Church, Acton

Tea at the Tower Special

**Royal Afternoon Tea**

2.30 to 4.30pm

Live Music, Quiz,

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**Make and enter our crown competition**

No bookings required. For further info.

Contact: Claire 611803

## Cross Country Pages

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Blake Nixon	Olivia Mason
Ethan Adlington	Scarlett Jackson
Henry Barton	Stanley Nicholas
Jack Hopley	Verity Smith

### Ascension Day

## Ascension Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Meet at Acton Church at 6.30 pm to walk across Dorfold Park (accessible, hard surface track, which can be accessed by car), stopping for a Bible Reading and hymns.

Return to church for take away supper (to be decided) at around 7.15 pm

End the evening with a simple informal Communion

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.



### Ladies Lunch

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
The Aqueduct Marina  
Between Worleston & Church  
Minshull  
12:30 pm - Cost: £12.50  
For further details contact:  
Isobel (624521), Ann (528273)  
or Joyce (624158)

### Mobile Library

May		Jun	Jun	Tuesdays	
16 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	Dep	
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45	
Home Farm Park South Lea Green			11:10	11:20	
Home Farm Park North Lea Green			11:30	11:50	
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20	
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55	
Tollemache Arms Alraham			14:05	14:30	
May		Jun	Jun	Thursdays	
11 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Arr	Dep	
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25	
Worleston Station			11:35	11:45	
Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:50	12:10	
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10	
May		Jun	Jun	Thursdays	
18 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	Dep	
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15	
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50	
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20	



Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Diocese Of Chester

Benefice of Acton and Worleston, Church Minshull and Wettenhall

The Parish of Acton and the Parish of St Oswald Worleston.

The consultation period is now open. Anyone wishing to make representations **for or against** all or any part of the draft scheme must do so no later than midnight on Monday 22nd May 2023.

Representations to be made by email to [katie.lowe@churchofengland.org](mailto:katie.lowe@churchofengland.org)

Or by post to Ms Katie Lowe, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3A.

**Email is Preferred**

The commissioners letter and draft scheme can be viewed in full on the noticeboard in the porch at St Oswald's Worleston and on the noticeboard inside at St Mary's Acton. It can also be viewed at:

[www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/draft\\_scheme\\_22052023\\_acton\\_worleston.pdf](http://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/draft_scheme_22052023_acton_worleston.pdf)

***There is a public meeting at Worleston on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May see page 28 for details***

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## Confirmation Service

A packed church welcomed seven young people for a Confirmation and Baptism service on Palm Sunday. The Rt. Revd. Sam Corley presided, assisted by Rev. Anne. It was a joyous occasion at the start of Holy Week.

Those confirmed were;

**Ashleigh Burbidge;**

**Andrew Emerton;**

**Cat Bull;**

**Ellie Emerton;**

**James Emerton;**

**Hugh McMurtrie;**

**Karl McMurtrie**

Ashleigh Burbidge was also baptised



## Modern Martyrs; Wang Zhiming

### Modern Martyrs Westminster Abbey; Wang Zhiming

The Cultural Revolution [1966 – 76] in China led to the martyrdom of many Christians who came into conflict with the Red Army during those years of terror. They are represented at Westminster Abbey with a statue of Wang Zhiming, the only Christian martyr of this period in China to have his grave marked by a statue recognising his sacrifice. He was born in Yunnan in 1907 and attended a church school established by Western Christian evangelists working in Wuding County during this period. Eventually he became a teacher at a church school in the same area. Wuding became a centre for Chinese Christianity,



particularly in its minority populations, and by 1949 there were about 130,000 Protestant converts in Yunnan. This was about 20% of the Chinese total, and half of these lived in Wuding.

By 1944 Wang had been elected as the Chairman of his Church Council and was eventually ordained in 1951. As the cultural and political environment changed in China, he became one of six Miao Christian leaders who agreed to sign the Three Self Manifesto. This recognised some of the demands of the new government and allowed them to continue in the church. However, the day came when they were expected to take part in the public humiliation of local landlords. Wang refused to take part, saying that his hands were for baptism, not condemnation. This led to him being labelled a counter-revolutionary even before the Cultural Revolution was declared.

During the Cultural Revolution 21 Christian leaders in Wuding were arrested, imprisoned and tortured. In 1969 Wang, his wife and sons, were arrested and he was imprisoned. Little is known about his period of imprisonment, but on 29th December 1973 he was taken in front of a crowd of 10,000 people, mainly Christians, and executed. The crowd reacted strongly to his death, refusing to be quelled by local Revolutionary officials.

After the end of the Cultural Revolution Wang's family received compensation for his death of 1,300 yuan [approx. \$250]. His legacy was not to be the statue on his grave, nor even the statue on Westminster Abbey, but the enormous growth of the church in Wuding. By 1980 there were 12,000 Christians in Wuding. This has now reached about 30,000 people and 100 churches despite sporadic persecution of believers, inspired by leaders who were prepared to die for their beliefs.





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## Calveley School

It's been another busy month at Calveley Primary Academy. We were very excited to invite parents in to watch celebration assemblies for Willow, Beech and Sycamore class (Nursery - year 4). Students and staff had clearly spent many hours in preparation and the performances were a really high standard and well received, even with a few happy tears from parents and staff alike!

Before the Easter holiday, each class had the opportunity to prepare for Easter with a visit to St David's Wettenhall. Willow class completed a treasure hunt to learn about objects found in a church and what they mean, as well as what happens at a Baptism service. Members of the class took on roles of Vicar, parents and God parents. Beech class also enjoyed some role play to show Jesus and his donkey riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as part of their exploration of the Easter story with Rev. Anne. Sycamore and Oak class learned about Jesus' miracles and made Easter Gardens. Each session concluded with biscuits and juice to celebrate Easter with their friends.

In school there was much excitement as some baby chicks hatched in the incubator that was in with the younger children in Willow class. They've since been moved into some peace and quiet in a separate room!

Some building work is going on at school to improve the perimeter fence and car park facilities before work begins on a ground source heat pump and garden areas next month. Eco council and the students have been busy planting seeds and researching their ideas - including a pond. It is hoped that the garden project will be as environmentally friendly as possible, reusing items hopefully found in our community. Watch this space for some weird and wonderful requests!





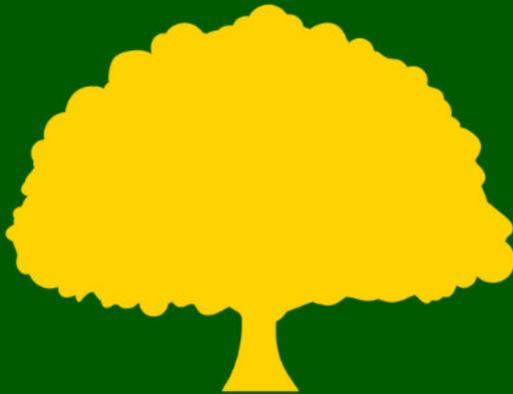
## Worleston School

At St Oswald's Primary School, we finished the Spring Term by looking at different ways to protect and celebrate our planet. In Y1/2 Deers class they delved into the world of mini beasts and how we can create bug hotels to protect them. They worked really hard to plan and make them together as a team. In Y3/4 Hedgehogs, they came to the end of their topic on Chester Zoo by celebrating the Parrot project at the zoo. They created wooden parrot puppets that were both creative and functional.

Perhaps one of the most exciting moments of the half term was when new arrivals joined us. Early Years became home to ten tiny chicks. The children spent time watching them hatch, learning about what they need to survive and even getting to hold them. They were a big hit with children and staff across the school.

Although we are currently on our Easter holidays, we are looking forward to getting back and starting a new term.





# Joseph Clarke Tree Care

All aspects of tree work undertaken

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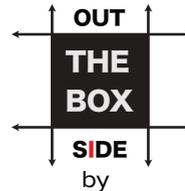
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### Coronation Chicken

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If you search for 'Coronation Chicken' you will find many variations and claims - for instance that sultanas and chutney were not used in the original but that red wine was. Probably cream was used and not creme fraiche in 1953 but we just don't know.

It would seem sensible if you use the ingredients which you and your family like best, and then serve up on a jacket potato or with a green salad or with rice or in any other way which you like.

Perhaps someone will invent a new recipe for the coronation of King Charles.

#### Serves 6

#### Ingredients

- 6 cooked chicken breasts
- 2 tsp mild curry powder
- 150g (5 oz) mayonnaise
- 125g (4oz) creme fraiche
- 2 tbsp mango chutney
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 celery sticks finely chopped
- 75g (3oz) dried ready-to-eat apricots, chopped
- 50g (2oz) sultanas
- 50g (2oz) flaked almonds
- Large handful fresh coriander, chopped

#### Method

- ☞ Heat a small frying pan and toast the curry powder until it smells fragrant - about 30 secs
- ☞ Empty into a large bowl and stir through the next 7 ingredients plus salt and pepper.
- ☞ Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces and add to the mayonnaise mixture, along with most of the flaked almonds and chopped coriander. Stir well and check seasoning.
- ☞ To serve, garnish with the remaining almonds and coriander

#### Note

This can be prepared the day before it's needed but leave the garnish until just before serving



Enjoy

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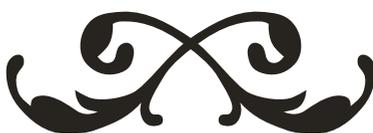
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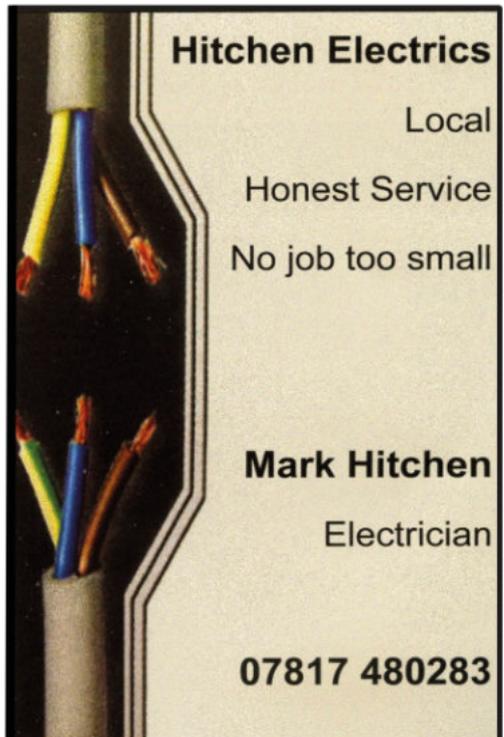
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