St Mary's Acton St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston June 2024



The Cross Country Parishes
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Dear Friends

A Beginning, not an end



Have you ever noticed that all the major Church Festivals come in just 6 months of the year? Since the beginning of December we have marked Advent, 40 days of Christmas, followed very quickly this year by 40 days of Lent, Holy Week, 40 days of Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Now we have entered what is known as 'Ordinary time' in the Church year, it is tempting to think that we can sit back and take life easier until we go round again...

Yet the great feasts of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost remind us that the end has not come once they are over. Come the beginning of June (this year) Jesus will still have risen from the dead. Jesus' commandment at the Ascension to take the good news of Jesus to all nations still stands, and the Holy Spirit, given for the first time at Pentecost around 2000 years ago is still active. Ordinary time is not the end of the great festivals. It is just the beginning. We have 6 months to consider what it all means for us here and now.

When I'm taking a baptism, almost always I say to the parents and the congregation that baptism is just the beginning. The journey of the Christian life lasts a lifetime. There are stopping off points on the way, most significantly Confirmation, when candidates confirm the baptism promises made on their behalf at their baptism. Sometimes people renew their baptism vows if they've moved away from the journey of faith and want to mark a return to it. For all of us, there are times when we find ourselves being called to different ministries or tasks within the Church.

The walk of faith is the journey of a lifetime. It will never end until our lives in this world come to an end, and we see God face to face. The challenge of 'Ordinary Time' is to spend time asking where we are on the journey of faith, and to discover if there is a next step we need to take.

Your fellow traveller on the way,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services

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2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation at Church Minshull

9th Jun 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer

16th Jun 10:00 am Messy Church, 6:30 pm Christ in Quiet

23rd Jun 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer

30th Jun 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston

7th Jul 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation

9th Jun 11:00 am Cafe Church

16th Jun 11:00 am Communion

23rd Jun 11:00 am Messy Church
30th Jun 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston

7th Jul 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

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9th Jun 9:30 am Communion

16th Jun No Service

23rd Jun 9:30 am Morning Prayer

30th Jun 11:00 am United Communion

7th Jul No Service

Wettenhall

2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation at Church Minshull

9th Jun 11:00 am Communion

16th Jun 11:00 am All Age

23rd Jun 6:30 pm Communion

30th Jun 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston

7th Jul 11:00 am Morning Prayer

St David's Church Wettenhall				
		Sidespersons	Cleaning and Flowers	
2 nd	Jun	United at Church Minshull	Mrs A Hignort and Mrs A Hangook	
9 th	Jun	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs A Hignett and Mrs A Hancock	
16 th	Jun	Brownies	Mrs H Wilson and Esmily	
23 rd	Jun	Informal	Mrs H Wilson and Family	
30 th	Jun	Mr A Burrows	Mrs S Ward and Mrs I Drinkall	
7 th	Jul	United at Church Minshull		
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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to Susan & Jeremy on the death of Susan's mother Gladys Heppell.

Gladys celebrated her 100th birthday in January and we were thrilled to share her birthday photo in this parish magazine in March.

Along with her family, Gladys has been part of the history of St. David's, particularly as her uncle was Corporal John Rathbone. His WW1 Memorial plaque has been the focus of our Remembrance Service for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this sad time.

Rogation Service

On a beautiful evening at the end of April we gathered at Milford House Farm to hold our Rogation Service. Thanks to Brenda Brockbank for arranging to fit the service around the garden, the pond, the fields and the crops as we asked for God's blessing on all areas of His creation. The event was rounded off with a delicious assortment of refreshments which were enjoyed late into the evening. Thanks to Chris and Heather for their generous hospitality.

Photographs on next page





Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on 6th June and 4th July from 10-12 noon in Church.

Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.











Darnhall Brownies

On Wednesday at 1st Darnhall Brownies the girls planted potatoes and weeded our gardening area. They also enjoyed some parachute games.

On Wednesday 24th April the Brownies continued with their gardening. They planted violas and strawberries as well as flower and vegetable seeds. They also planted sunflower seeds to take home and grow.

We would like to welcome Mollie, Missy & Summer to 1st Darnhall Brownies. They took their Brownie promise on the 1st May 2024.

















Darnhall And Wettenhall WI

The WI arrange and attend an amazing number of activities each year, not just the monthly meetings in the Darnhall Village Hall. On 20th April members went up to the Gauntlet Birds of Prey Eagle and Vulture Park at Knutsford.

The park has birds from every continent, except Antarctica, including eagles, owls, vultures, falcons, and hawks. These beautiful birds can be seen flying with their handlers and perching [and posing] for photographs. There was much for members to learn. For example, vultures alerted wild animal rangers of poaching activity by flying above the carcasses of animals killed by the poachers. This enabled the prevention of further poaching. Now the poachers poison the meat to kill the vultures, although this also results in the killing of any animal also eating the meat. Funds are being raised to break this cycle of poisoning of increasingly rare animals. On a happier note, the members were able to photograph kestrels, tawny owls, and vultures. The weather was lovely, allowing for flying demonstrations and full enjoyment of the bird park. Everyone thought that the park was well worth a visit this









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23 rd Jun	Lesley and Peter Latronico		
30 th Jun	United Communion at Worleston		
2 nd Jul	Ena Furber and Gill Evans		
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Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

 9^{th} June 2024

21st July 2024

There is no Walk in August

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.

Rogation Sunday Service

Rogation and celebration of 100 years of the Percival family at Henhull Hall. On Sunday 5th May the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Acton, together with family and friends of the Percival family, were invited to Henhull Hall where Rev. Anne led a delightful service. Traditionally, at this time, we 'ask for God's blessing to protect us against calamities, especially in agriculture and industry'.

The service was held in a large barn, with seating for the eighty guests. The service involved a walk around the farm where prayers, readings and hymns were performed at various stations of interest. The woodwind and string ensemble, ably led by Mr Peter Foster (music director and organist at St Mary's), accompanied the congregation and the visitors enjoyed views of the duck pond, countryside, gardens and entrance area. The music was amplified through speakers expertly transported by Adam Hitchen on the rear of his electric tractor.

After the blessings, the congregation returned to the barn where Mr Philip Percival gave a potted history of Henhull since the Civil War. This culminated in the Robinson family (Philip's grandparents) purchasing the farm in 1924 from Cheshire County

Council after its previous role as an educational establishment. It was here that farming and the making of cheese was taught prior to the establishment of Reaseheath College of Agriculture. The congregation, many of whom had links to the farm over the years, either through living close by, having been employed there, or being related to family members, all found this insight into local social history, fascinating – truly a story of our time and one we were grateful to celebrate with the Percival family, celebrating 100 years of their ownership of the farm. The talk was followed by beef and pork baps provided by the Percival family and cakes and teas by the church social committee, ably led by Kath Edwards. A big thank you to all involved especially Joyce and Phillip who made this special Sunday morning a success. The sun shone, the congregation and friends enjoyed sitting on the grass in the farmyard and even 'Snowy' the Shetland pony, under April's guidance, made an appearance – a delightful time was had by all. Thank you to the Percival and Hitchen families for hosting this event.





















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Living at the Hay Bays, Dorfold Estate From 1947 - 1966

I grew up at the 'Hay Bays' in Dorfold Park, Acton - a brick cottage with a thatched roof. Originally it was the groom's cottage. The outbuildings formed an 'L' shape and were constructed from brick and timber. The timber beams were held in place with wooden pegs. There were stables, a hay loft and poultry pens. There was an archway which joined the carriage-house to the poultry buildings.

In 1947, when my parents first went to live in the cottage, there was a kitchen with a brick-built boiler in one corner under, which was a fire place which was lit on wash days to heat the water above. There was only one brass tap on a pipe above the red stone sink which rested on a wooden base just above floor level. Up a step from the kitchen was a walk-in pantry with shelves and a cold slab.

Next was the living room which had an old iron fireplace. This was replaced by a Yorkist grate, providing heat and ovens for baking (and hot water!). There was no electricity supply across Dorfold Park until the early 1960s when the oil lamps, which we had been using, were replaced by electric lighting. Sometime earlier than that, the water supply had changed. Two taps and a Belfast sink were added and the water was heated by the back boiler in the grate. We also had a Calor Gas cooker replacing the Primus stove which had been used previously. We were kept snug and warm at night with flannelette sheets, woollen blankets and a feather eiderdown. Mum used to slide one of the oven shelves into a pillow case and slip it up and down our mattresses to warm our beds as we climbed in - so there was a warm spot on the coldest Winter nights.

There was quite a lot of land around the cottage and there were pear, apple, plum and damson trees growing. We also had raspberries, gooseberries and blackcurrants. Mum spent many hours bottling fruits in Kilner jars to preserve them for fruit pies throughout the winter. She also made jam.

There were lawns and flower beds too and a tall privet hedge, which Dad planted to enclose part of the garden. The hedge was so tall that Dad had to balance on a board across the dolly tub to cut it! The vegetable garden was really big and I can remember the horse and plough being brought from the village farm to plough it ready for planting. Dad let us have a ride on the horse as it ploughed one furrowareal treat for me!

We used to have a patch of garden each as children and we would grow produce which we would then sell to Mum when it was ready to eat. I think that is where my love of gardening began. One of my pocket money jobs was cutting the lawns.

We had chickens and ducks at various times, and I can remember the newly hatched chicks being kept warm in a cardboard box in front of the fire until they dried out. The produce from the vegetable garden - carrots, beetroot, onions and potatoes - were stored in what Dad called a hog. It was made from a layer of soil topped with straw. The vegetables were placed on that, then more straw, and finally covered with more soil to keep the frost out. That way the vegetables kept

us well fed throughout the winter months. I guess Dad had learned that way of storing vegetables when he worked on a farm in Canada as a young man.

Occasionally the thatched roof needed to be patched and I can remember thinking I was helping the thatcher by peeling the bark from the twigs which were the pegs that held the straw in place.

We used to have milk from the farm in the village. We went each day to collect it in a metal milk can. During the hot summer weather Mum used to scald the milk to stop it curdling. This was before the electricity supply reached us.

Although it could be considered a primitive home it was a happy one for my family. However, in 1966 plans were made to modernise the cottage. Sadly the proposed rent increase to cover the modernisation would have been unaffordable when my Dad retired, so we had to leave and my parents bought a property in Crewe.

There were advantages to living in a town house with all the mod cons but I can clearly remember being very wary of the shadows caused by street lighting after dark - a dramatic change from moonlight and starry skies to which we had been accustomed!

Joyce Newland (née Smith)



Acton Church Welcomes You

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, black, white, straight, gay, transitioning, questioning. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome those wearing their 'Sunday best' to those in ripped jeans or shorts.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Alfie Boe or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome the wealthy or those struggling to make ends meet. We welcome you if you're having problems, are feeling low or don't like 'organised' religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids, need a warm place to sit or got lost looking for the Co-op and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters...

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Daniel Mason Lauren Drinkall
Edward Whalley Sophie Burrows
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Emily Powell Warren Nixon

Special Wishes

Special Birthday wishes to **Lauren Drinkall** who celebrates her 18th Birthday this month.

Also

Ann Nicholas has a special "0" birthday on the 1st June. Many Happy Returns from all your many friends in our parishes.

Also

Audrey Howard who has a special "0" birthday in June, Many Happy Returns.



18th and 19th June 2024 Tues 8am - 10pm Weds 8am - 6pm

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Annual Visitation

The annual Archdeacons Visitation service for Nantwich Deanery takes place on Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Sandbach. All sidespeople and churchwardens are invited to attend.

This is a legal requirement for all churchwardens to be sworn into their post for the next year.

Alternative dates are available on the Diocese of Chester website.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday 25th June Glebe House, Monks Lane, Acton

12:30 pm - Cost: £12.00 For further details contact: Heather (528755), Isobel (624521), Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158) Please book with Joyce

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The Apostles; St Matthew

We all know St. Matthew from the Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John order of the Gospels in the New Testament, one of the four Evangelists following the death of Jesus. However, much of what we think we know was disputed within the first two centuries following the death of Jesus and the establishment of the Christian Church. Matthew was reported to be a tax collector, receiving taxes in Capernaum, when he was called to Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew reports this, although the Gospels of Luke and Mark mention the calling of a tax collector known as Levi, the son of Alphaeus. They do not explicitly mention Matthew.

Whatever his life before Jesus, Matthew remained around Jerusalem with the other disciples after Jesus was crucified. He preached to the Jews, telling them that Jesus was the Messiah. According to tradition, in Christian and Muslim theology, he then travelled to Ethiopia. There he converted the voung daughter of King Egippus to Christianity, Ephigenia then becoming a nun. When her father was succeeded by King Hirtaus, the new King asked Matthew to persuade her to marry him and become his Queen. The new King was invited to prayer, where Matthew rebuked him for wanting to marry Ephigenia, a nun, a bride of Christ, The King ordered his guards to kill Matthew immediately and he was martyred at the altar.

The tradition that Matthew was the author of the Gospel bearing his name was disputed as early as the 1st Century AD. He is reported to be collecting the Greek oracles, written in Hebrew, about the life of Jesus, translating them as well as he could. Other writers of this first century after Jesus maintain that Matthew wrote the Gospel for Hebrew Christians and they were translated into Greek. The Hebrew originals were said to be held in the library at Caesarea. In the 5th Century this Gospel was transcribed and called the Gospel of the Hebrews or Apostles. However, Matthew is widely disputed to be it's author, rather it was recorded as 'according to Matthew'.

Whatever the truth of Matthew's life and writings, he was martyred in Ethiopia and in

954 AD his body was moved to a crypt in Salerno in Southern Italy. Its beautiful basilica is covered in scenes from his Gospel and life in Salerno. Each year he is remembered in Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox churches with a feast day on 21st September, in the West and 16th November in the Eastern churches. Most of all he is remembered as the first Gospel in the New Testament.



Malbank WI Group Spring Meeting

Rosalind Lea opened the meeting of the eleven WI's local to Nantwich, and welcomed members and guests.

Rosalind then went on to introduce the talk for the evening 'Monday is Wash Day': presented by The History Wardrobe Company for the Malbank Group, at Nantwich Football Club on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Two women burst into the room, one wearing a costume of clothes worn by a Victorian lady to do her washing, and another wearing clothes from the 1940's. They began by going through all the jobs needed to complete the task, so one would begin by sorting through the items to be washed, putting coloured items to one side. Marking the clothes as to whom they belonged to, repairing them if required before washing, pumping the water into the tub and grating the soap.

A lot of heavy labour was involved by the washing being churned forcefully in the water by hand, possibly for about 30 minutes before using a mangle to wring the clothes. After drying, the flat irons were then heated up in the fire to do the ironing.

By the 1940's there was some improvement, but elbow grease was still required when using the washboard, although a mangle was still used, The talk and demonstrations were very amusing and delivered in a hilarious way. Thank goodness for our up to date automatic washing machines and tumble dryers!

The competition for the best handmade peg bag was won by Tooran Patterson of the Bridgemere WI.

A very successful and enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.













April Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch at The Little Man

The Ladies Lunch meet every month for a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches with tea and coffee for a set price of around £10 - £12. We move around the Cross Country Parishes and choose local pubs and eating places, the friendship, conversation and sharing of news being the most important thing.

For the April meeting we tried a new place for the group, but a long-established place for the community – The Little Man at Wettenhall. On a very wet and windy Tuesday we gathered together with a lovely roaring fire and tables clustered around the hearth.

We enjoyed a lunch of soup, a selection of sandwiches and a choice of dessert. The dessert was unexpected because we don't usually receive desserts with the set lunch. However, very few ladies missed out on the creamy desserts, and the tea and coffee rounded off a good lunch.

The weather was poor, so everyone was happy to sit and share conversation and laughter in front of the fire before braving the carpark again.

Why not join the group in the future? You will be most welcome.

The Archbishop of York

An Evening with the Archbishop of York in St Mary's Nantwich.

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Ingredients

Wild Garlic Spring Veggies

- small handful wild garlic leaves, very finely chopped (or 1 crushed garlic clove)
- ∆ 1 tbsp mint leaves
- drizzle olive oil, for frying
- A bunch of asparagus spears

Parmesan Chicken

- 1 egg white
- 5 tbsp finely grated parmesan
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts



On many of my walks at this time of year the unmistakable scent of wild garlic lingers in the air – this year has been particularly good, so I have sent in a favourite Spring recipe in our family. We often have the meal without chicken and just sprinkle feta cheese on top of the veggies. And when time is short a delicious supper can be made by wilting fresh wild garlic leaves in hot cooked pasta of any size or shape, add olive oil and pine nuts and sprinkle with parmesan.

Method

Wild Garlic Spring Veggies

- Bring a large pan of water to the boil and cook the potatoes for 8-10 mins or until tender. Drain.
- Toast the slivered almonds in a dry frying pan until golden. Set aside (or buy ready toasted almonds).
- Mix together the butter, wild garlic leaves and mint (you can blitz in a food processor, if you like). Set aside.
- Cover the peas with boiling water for 30 seconds, then drain and immediately plunge into cold water.
- Heat the olive oil in a large lidded saucepan over a medium heat. Add the asparagus spears and a good pinch of sea salt and shake to coat in the oil. Put the lid on and cook the asparagus over a low to medium heat, shaking the pan to move the spears around, about 4 mins. Remove the spears from the pan and immediately plunge into iced water.
- Melt the garlic butter in the pan and squeeze in the juice of the lemon. Stir the potatoes, asparagus and peas into the butter until warm. Tip everything onto a serving dish and grate over some lemon zest. Top with the toasted almonds.

Parmesan Chicken

- Heat grill to medium and line the grill pan with foil.
- Beat the egg white on a plate with a little salt and pepper.
- Tip the parmesan onto another plate.

 Dip the chicken first in egg white, then in the cheese.
- Grill the coated chicken for 10-12 mins, turning once until browned and crisp.

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Double Whammy Concert

A late photograph from the Double Whammy Concert held in St Oswald's on 12^{th} April . Stephan Davies presents Chrissie Black with flowers and thanks her for Coordinating the event.



Coffee and Cake

Saturday 1st June from 10-12 noon in Church. Come along and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.





Worleston Music School

Student Spotlight!

My name is Justin, I am a violinist, and I have been playing stringed instruments for 7 years.



I was born in South Africa, where my father taught me to play the guitar; I've been playing it since I was 11. Upon moving to the UK at the age of 16, I decided to pick up a second instrument. Although I had never listened to much classical music before, one day I heard Navarra by Pablo de Sarasate, which intrigued me to explore more of the genre. It was then that I discovered my love for classical music and the violin. Shortly after, my mother bought me my first violin. Despite spending a few months trying to learn it, I found myself

struggling with the new techniques. Realizing that I needed guidance, I sought out Mr. Bassey, the best-reviewed violin teacher in the area. Within mere weeks, he taught me violin technique, intonation, note reading, and much more that I wouldn't have been able to grasp on my own. I am now preparing for my first ABRSM exam.



At Worleston Music School adults and children can learn any orchestral instrument, singing, and piano. Free introductory lesson given!

Worleston Community Orchestra is open to all grade 3 and above orchestral players and meets at Worleston Village Hall Fridays 7pm during term time. Please contact Andrew if you would like more information and join the fun. 079 857 820 85 WmusicS.com

Calveley School

We have been making the most of the sunny weather! Willow class and Little Acorns have made bug houses and explored the local area on a geography walk. The children remembered everything they saw en route, visited the cows at a local farm and even got to play in the farmhouse garden and enjoy juice and biscuits. When they returned to school they produced maps to show everything they'd seen. The class caterpillars have also been busy, emerging as butterflies - to great excitement!

The Fun Food Chef visited school to help the children make Challah, Jewish bread, to learn about Shabbat, as well as a delicious roast vegetable dish.

Oak class enjoyed a trip to Safety Central, helping them to learn to be responsible citizens. Activities were on road and home safety, as well as train travel and healthy eating and shopping. The younger children spent a morning at St David's in Wettenhall treasure-hunting features of a church and learning about Baptism from Rev. Anne.



















St Oswald's School, Worleston

St Oswald's Primary School has had a very busy time bringing learning to life outside the classroom. Hedgehogs and Foxes enjoyed a two-night residential to CMC Adventure in Pensarn, Llanbedr. The children had the chance to participate in archery, rock climbing, gorge walking, orienteering and to learn some wilderness skills. On the final day they all enjoyed a walk to the beach, before eating our picnic and heading back to Cheshire. The children had an amazing time and their perseverance, teamwork and resilience was incredible. Thank you to CMC for a wonderful experience.

We've been incredibly lucky to have been visited in school by GB Mountain biker Danny Butler. All of the children took part in a sponsored circuit before Danny hosted a Q&A session and did a jaw dropping demonstration. We learnt about the importance of fitness and dedication and that 'hard work beats talent if talent is hardly working!'.

Owls class has been on a trip to The Social Farm at Lakemore. The children were taught about all of the different animals and they had the opportunity to feed the animals too. The children also planted seeds and learnt about what plants need to grow. The children all had an amazing day.

We had a successful family Bingo event in the school hall. The event was run by our dedicated PTA and was very well attended by our families, whilst raising some valuable money for school fund. Special thanks to Sam our bingo caller.

Mrs Robinson, who has been working with all pupils across the school since September, has had her baby. He arrived quite a bit early, but both Mrs Robinson and her new little boy Charlie are doing really well. We know you will join us in congratulating them and praying for them to be able to come home soon!























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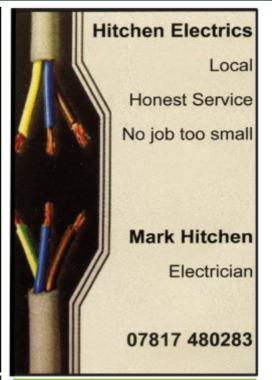
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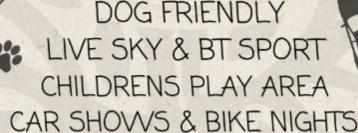








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