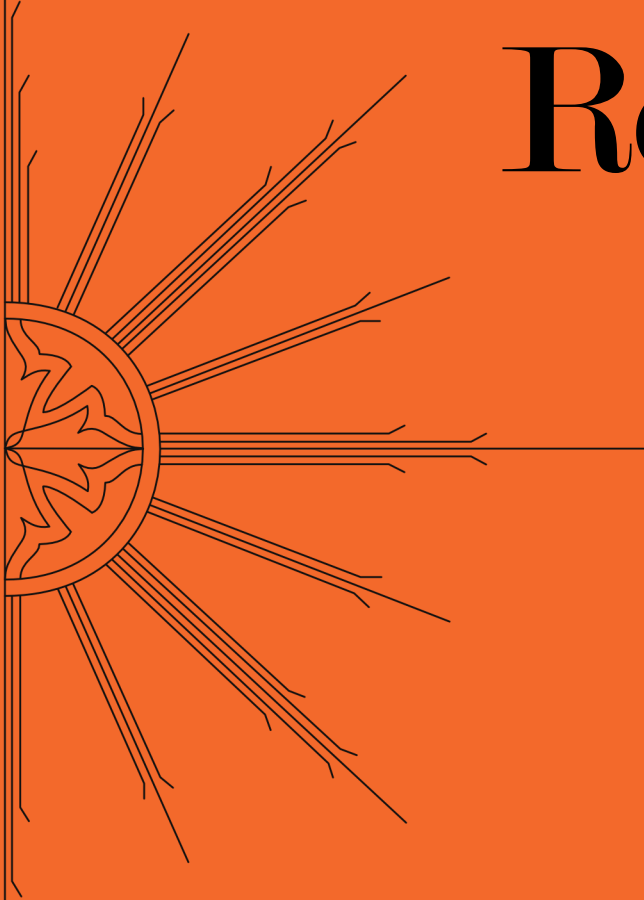


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Dear all,

So here we are at the beginning of another New Year. We've sung 'Auld Lang Syne' and enjoyed the fireworks and now we come to contemplate all that 2023 may hold for us.

Perhaps we need to see the New Year as like a recipe to bake a cake. We need to recognise that some ingredients are extremely important just as much as there are some ingredients that we may like to leave out. I am not too sure I would want to put salt or Worcester sauce into my cake and in the same way, there are certain ingredients that probably would not be useful in creating a Happy New Year.

So for the recipe for a Happy New Year in the Revel area, take twelve long months and ensure that they are free from past regrets, hatred and bitterness and remove any specks of pettiness and irritation until you have created a pure mixture.

Tip into this mixture some healthy dollops of love, hope, kindness and forgiveness and use a little of the oils of tenderness and understanding. To ensure a good and even flavour add in a tablespoon of fun, a tablespoon of laughter and sprinkle liberally with good humour and prayer.

Bake the mixture well and cut the months into roughly 30 to 31 equal parts so that the New Year can be savoured one day at a time rather than rushed into in one big bite. Remember... each person's New Years recipe will be different, but the flavours of diversity are a joy to behold in our Revel communities. May the blessings of Jesus Christ be with each one of you this year.

On behalf of the Revel Revive Churches Together and the Revel Group of Churches I would like to wish all the readers of 'Round The Revel' a Very Happy New Year.

Rev Martin Faulkner



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EDITORIAL

As we return from the Christmas break, we wish our colleague Dick Moss a speedy recovery. Dick is our trusty proof reader, editorial writer and board member.

While we continue to emerge from Covid and a turbulent 2022 there is hope as you will read in the following pages of fete planning and development plans from across the villages.

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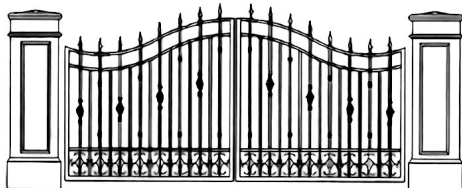
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CHURCHOVER

MARY SHORT

Sadly, Mary Short died just before Christmas. She had been poorly for a while and was in a nursing home. Mary had lived in Churchover for many years and was well known in the village. She will be much missed. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family.

CHURCHOVER CHRISTMAS

Thanks to everyone who made Churchover look fantastic this Christmas with Advent windows and outdoor lights. It really brightened up the very dark nights. Special thanks to Victoria for coordinating and organising everybody and also for organising the grand switch on evening at the community centre.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The church looked wonderful this Christmas. The window decorators and flower arrangers did an amazing job. The church was full for the Christmas Eve carol service and everyone was delighted by the young (and not so young) readers and by Alex's trumpet playing and Albi's solo. The mince pies, hot drinks, juice and mulled wine were a hit also. Thanks to Louisa and Kate for organising such a lovely service and

Martin for printing the service sheets. And no, we didn't set fire to the church this year!

CHURCHOVER VILLAGE HALL

The two Christmas quizzes were well attended, despite one of them being on the same night as the England game. February's quiz will be on the second Friday of the month, as usual. All are welcome.

There was plenty of festive fare at December's drop in and the annual lunch at Bitteswell was a great success. Everyone really enjoyed the meal and the chance to get together after the festive season. Normal service will resume this month. Meet in the Village Hall 2:30pm onwards on the first Monday of the month for refreshments and a chat.

New Year's Eve saw a murder mystery evening at the community centre. Forty people sat down to a three course dinner and during the evening the audience tried to puzzle out who, from some very suspicious characters, had committed murder most foul. Thanks go to the excellent cast and to the catering staff.

Happy New Year to all our readers from Churchover



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Since our last inspection in 2016 there has been a completely new inspection framework which significantly raised the bar meaning that, in the inspector's words, 'a good judgment now is not the same as a good judgment back then.' As a result of this, we are seeing so many schools across the country dropping to a lower judgment grade. Taking all this into account, we are even more thrilled that the hard work of the entire Revel school team has been acknowledged and that the areas for further development had been already identified by us on our school development

The school "...has a strong Christian ethos that permeates all elements of school life".

Children are "polite and respectful to adults. They are proud members of the school community."

"Staff make the most of the school's expansive and idyllic grounds."

"Pupils enjoy a range of opportunities that build their independence and confidence."

"Staff morale is high and there is a joyful spirit in the school."

"Staff arrange many opportunities for pupils to experience learning beyond their academic studies."

plans, highlighted to the Board of Governors and indeed, work was already underway to address those areas.

Of particular note are the following comments:

We would like to convey our warmest thanks and appreciation on behalf of the staff to the entire Revel community for your ongoing support of the school as we continue to progress and strive towards providing the highest quality and most excellent educational provision for your children that is possible.

Invitations to visit the school and see our work in action are always welcome from the community and can be arranged via the school office at 01788 832264 or by emailing office@therevel.co.uk.

Andrew J Edwards (Executive Headteacher)

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SUZANNE MARJORIE LEA

We send our sympathies to John Lea, Chris, Katie, Tilly, Olivia and Thomas, and all the Lea family on their sad loss of Suzanne.

Sue, passed away on 23rd December 2022. Originally back in 1968, Sue, John and baby son Chris, then aged one, moved to Malt Kiln Farm. A further three sons were raised at the farm in Stretton-under-Fosse. They farmed cattle and sheep in the farmyard in what are now some very nice barn conversions.

In 1976 the first strawberries were planted on the same south facing field where they are grown today. Sue, a farmers wife, keen gardener and excellent cook helped establish the pick your own and farm shop. The early days of the farm shop revolved around a delicious array of her home made cakes and jams.

In 1996 Sue and John moved to Streetfields Farm, Watling Street. She took great pride in her home and garden, where her ten grandchildren were frequent visitors. Sadly, her latter years were taken by Alzheimer's and her last months were spent in Town Thorns, where she died.

The Lea family would like to thank everyone for all their kind words at this difficult time.

WELCOME

Welcome to Lottie, Simon, Rowan and Seth who have moved into The Thatch, with Merlin their dog. We hope they will enjoy living and joining in activities in Stretton.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The Village Hall committee is looking forward to hosting events in the revamped hall, starting with an Easter-themed Bingo Evening on 25th March with Easter-themed prizes, tickets are £5 for adults, £2.50 for under 16s (please bring your own drink and nibbles); next is the ever-popular Chick-enfoot on 19th May with a cheese buffet (bring your own drinks), tickets £8 for adults, £4 for under 16s or a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £20; following that will be The Barbecue on 15th July, more information about this later. Tickets available now from Liz, 07889 771694 or any committee member.

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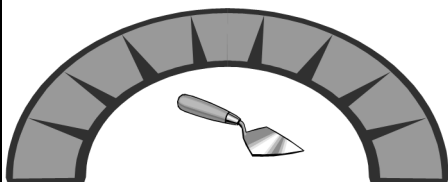


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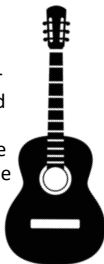
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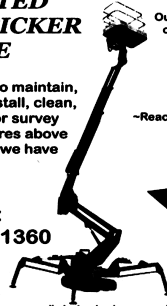
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Our Next Meetings

20th February – Martin Soble from Whitethorn Farm, Carey, will join us to talk about establishing an organic fruit farm in Herefordshire.

20th March – we will hear from Rugby Borough Council's Colin Horton about the council- sponsored Rugby in Bloom competition.

17th April – we welcome back Darren Rudge, who will entertain us with his 'bras, tights and teabags,' talk. Darren, who is a BBC radio presenter, and is also known as 'the laughing gardener', entertained us with his talk on low-maintenance gardens, so this is not to be missed!

On **Saturday 24th June** we are organising a visit to RHS Wisley. The cost of the coach is £20 for members and £25 for non-members. If you would like to join us for the visit, please get in touch with us at therevelgardeningclub@outlook.com. Further details regarding booking, and the arrangements for the day, will be available shortly.

How to make your Garden more Sustainable

Below are a few hints and tips on changes we can make to help our gardens be more sustainable:

- Only use plastic pots and labels until they wear out and then replace with those from a sustainable source
- Use a coarser bark as a mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weeding; this also gives a cleaner surface to walk on, and reduces soil compaction
- Use twigs and small branches from trees as plant supports and corks as cane toppers
- Water using grey water which has been collected from showers, and washing up
- Make a liquid plant feed from nettles and comfrey
- Use materials that could go to landfill as a garden feature

Trees, Shrubs & Flowers

Whilst deciduous trees are free of leaves, a clear view of the branch structure can be seen, allowing the trees to be thinned and pruned.

If snow falls, remember to shake it off branches, to stop them from splitting or breaking. Hedges should be pruned to taper at the top, to minimise any damage from snow.

Preparing Your Tools, Pots & Buildings

Now is an ideal opportunity to prepare your garden tools, for the summer. Tools should be cleaned – if rusted use a paste of bicarbonate of soda and water – and sharpened, using a grinding stone. Don't forget to oil the tools after they have been cleaned and sharpened. Also, clean pots and greenhouses, in readiness for use next summer.

Lemon Trees

Over the winter months, lemon trees should be kept in a fairly cool place, between 10o and 15o C. Keep the compost on the dry side, but provide some humidity around the foliage; perhaps by sitting the tree on damp gravel. It can be difficult to find an ideal spot over winter for citrus plants, as they will lose their leaves if it is too cold, or too warm with central heating.

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Christmas Flowers - Thank you to All the "Flowery Ladies" who decorated St Johns for Christmas, the arrangements were much appreciated by all who used our Church as a visitor or attending a service, thank you all.

Christmas Fayre - Well done to those involved in the successful Christmas Fayre held in December. Our Christmas services were well supported. Thanks to those leading them.

Café - Our next Café Church service continues to be held in the Community Hall on 5th February at 10:30am, all welcome to a warm venue.

We continue, with the URC chapel, to hold our next "Coffee, Cake, Tea and Chats" on January 27th and February 24th, 2:00-4:00pm (Fridays) in the URC chapel room. We look forward to seeing you.

Also, we are hoping to support Lent lunches, look out for details on posters.

Daffodil Sunday is to be held on 16th April this year. Plans are already advanced for this important event.

This month marks the end of our Minister Rev Martin Faulkner and his wife, Kaye's first year in the Revel. Well done Martin and Kaye. Where did that year go? Thank you for your support and guidance.

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5th	Mrs S Brady
12th	Rev. R Maloney (Communion)
19th	Mrs B Haighton
26th	Mr T Baird

There will be a service of Songs of Praise on Wednesday February 8th at 7:00 pm to which everyone is cordially invited.

On the retirement of our minister Rev Robert Maloney at the end of February we wish him a very happy retirement and thank him for his caring and thoughtful ministry toward Brinklow URC members and the wider Revel community.

We are saddened by the death of Mrs Brenda Coleman and will hold her husband Derek, sons Ian and Neil and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Brenda was a very active member of the chapel for many years and will be greatly missed.

BRINKLOW WI

Our members and two visitors got off to a good start last week with a demonstration of Tai Chi and a half hour 'have-a-go' which was thoroughly enjoyed with several members vowing to try it again.

Our next meeting on February 14th will be a Beetle Drive with an opportunity for a good catch up and getting to know new folk. A welcoming glass of wine awaits and refreshments later on. Do come along and find out about other things going on in the group. The Church Room, URC Chapel at 7:30 pm.

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL

We hope that 2023 will be a happy and healthy year for everyone.

Brinklow Parish Council is pleased to welcome two new co-opted councillors; Karen Keene joined us in December 2022 and Dee Forman in January 2023.

Thank you to all who have helped to keep the village clean and tidy this winter by collecting litter from local roads, pavements, paths and verges. This allowed the lengthsman to spend time on other projects to maintain and improve the appearance of the village.

The team of Sunday volunteers who tend the Tump would welcome more help. If you are interested please contact Vince by email:

vince2011@hotmail.co.uk

We also appreciate all the responsible dog owners and walkers who clean up after their dogs. There have been recent reports of dog mess left on the playing field and we remind everyone that Brinklow is an area within a Public Spaces Protection Order which means owners who allow their dogs to foul public spaces could be prosecuted.

We are currently testing CCTV cameras at the junction of Broad Street and Coventry Road. If these become functional we will provide further information about the restricted access to recordings.

In recognition of the current financial challenges the Parish Council chose to limit the increase of the parish precept to 1.25% this year (approximately £1 on a average band D property). Existing funds can be used to finance any additional costs.

There is a useful website available to everyone which provides local and national information related to the current cost of living crisis.

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Please note the date of the next Parish Council meeting has changed to Tuesday 7th February in the Community Hall. All villagers are welcome.

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TWO BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PAILTON

Congratulations to Victoria & George on the birth of Lando.

Congratulations also to Lauren & Jesse on the early arrival of Lilah.

Much love to both families.

ST. DENYS' CHURCH

We held three special Christmas services during December.

On 11th December our Carol Service started the afternoon of village Christmas events. The service was led by Rev'd Martin Faulkner, and the congregation heard children read the joyous retelling of the Christmas Story and joined in singing carols. Reverend Martin's talk featuring the red and white of candy canes was particularly well received!

Our Christingle Service on 18th December was again a special and successful service. Led by Rev'd Martin, the congregation heard the explanation of the meaning of the Christingle and Christingles were distributed. All money from the collection at this service is being sent to the Children's Society to assist with their work.

Our 9:00am Holy Communion Service on Christmas Day, again led by Rev'd Martin, was the perfect start to the day and was enjoyed by all who attended.

To all those who helped in any way to make these services so enjoyable and successful, including those who organised the services, decorated and lit the decorations in the church, provided refreshments, made Christingles, read the Bible Reading, played the organ, provided and erected the Christmas Tree, lit the outside of the church etc., etc. our sincere thanks!

PARISH COUNCIL - PRIORITIES FOR 2023

The Parish Council has been thinking about how we can continue to improve life for Pailton residents and one decision we have taken is not to increase the Parish Precept on your Council Tax this year. Our precept will stay at the same rate as April 2022 until at least the end of March 2024. We really do not want to add any further financial burdens on villagers and so are also critically looking at budgets to ensure everything we do continues to provide value for money and will be trimming costs where we can.

One of the biggest costs to the Parish Council is street lighting and so we are working to see if we can change all our lights to LEDs (we already have two in the village). LED lights are not only more energy efficient, so kinder to the planet, but last longer so we will not have to keep replacing bulbs and critically, they cost far less to run. There is however a steep cost to change the lights and we will be looking to fund this through grants and special energy efficiency funding.

Another way we are looking for improvements is by proactively dealing with issues that are regularly cited as complaints by villagers. One of these complaints is that access to footpaths and bridle ways are at times blocked or inaccessible due to overgrown brambles or foliage.

This is certainly not the case on all footpaths as many landowners take pride in sharing these public rights of way. Nor is it a problem for some parts of the year, but we have recently written to all landowners to remind them of their legal responsibilities.

One priority is the replacement of the broken and cracked wooden bollards around The Green by the War Memorial. We have pencilled in two Saturdays in March to remove the old posts and replace them with new bollards that have been treated with extra wood preservatives as we hope this will make them last longer. Volunteers are being sought to help with this work - if you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, either the 18th or 25th March please drop an email to the Clerk or talk to Kristian Shaw on

kristianpailtonpc@gmail.com.

The Council also has a vacancy for a new councillor following the resignation of Andrew Dunkley - if you are interested in making a long term commitment to our village please contact the clerk or speak to one of our existing councillors.

Finally, we will continue to press the Highways authorities to help to reduce the number of speeding vehicles and the HGVs and vans that use our beautiful village as rat runs to join the motorway network or access the distribution centres in and around Rugby.

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th February 2023 and all villagers will be very welcome - we start promptly at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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VILLAGE HALL TRUST REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone from Pailton Village Hall Trust. Here's to a fun and fruitful one for us all!

Thanks to all those who came to our Live and Local concert in December and despite clashing with England v Senegal in the World Cup it was a great evening, phones were dutifully switched off and most of us had a double bill of great music and then recorded football.

Our Lights Switch-On-Event, a collaboration between St Denis' Church, Parish Council and Village hall Trust was a

truly joyful occasion and very well attended, thanks again to all involved and the hearty singing on the Green. Special thanks to the children and families who took part in the Follow The Star event and joined in activities at the Hall. This has become a very special annual gathering.

Our first SATURDAY CAFÉ of 2023 got off to a lively start with cooks Kristian and Kate and a jolly team. The next one is on SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY and we look forward to seeing you there.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL, Pailton needs to get the FETE up and running again. We have a date, SUNDAY JULY 2nd, we have a venue, we now need a PLANNING GROUP to get the ball rolling for this vital village event. FLYERS will be delivered and a MEETING of those interested will be held at the Village Hall on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7th at 7:00pm. Please come along if you think you can help in any way ...the more the merrier!



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It has been suggested that when ordering our repeat prescriptions either online or via an App, it would be most helpful to the Pharmacy if we could put an expected day of collection in the comments box, remembering to leave 48 hours between ordering and collection.

During our January meeting we also discussed the ongoing issue with some of the Revel Patients not attending appointments & not cancelling appointments they can no longer keep, we have requested more information and data, for further discussion at our next meeting. Thank you to those who responded to our previous request for comments

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WILLEY CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Saturday 26th November Christmas kicked off early in Willey with the village Christmas dinner to get us all in the festive mood. It only works so well because everybody turns up promptly with hot food ready to go and this year was no exception. The food, chat and Christmas jumpers were as lovely as ever and nothing will beat those "most amazing roast potatoes!"

We had the addition of a Jesse's Bakes basket of goodies and her cupcakes as an extra pudding, followed by samples of various flavours of her homemade fudge. This kickstarted her fundraising campaign for her trip to Borneo.

Ruth did a fantastic job organising the dinner, especially as this was her first event for the WVA. Thank you Ruth and Well Done! Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to a great night.

CHRIS'S CHRISTMAS TREE

In true village spirit on a chilly 4th December, the Willeyites turned out to help to plant and decorate our living Christmas tree. Thanks to expert help, advice and digging muscles we now hope to see this tree grow up in strength and stature in happy memory of our old friend Chris Crewe-Smith who we lost in the summer. Willey illuminations were as joyful as always and thanks to James and Linda for lighting them up at night time.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ON 18TH DECEMBER

This year we held this event on Monday instead of the usual Sunday, and although there was not the usual number

of people who could come, there nevertheless was the same amount of jollity - and the village children were as brilliant as ever. Many thanks to Debbie for leading everything, to Stella for musical accompaniment and especially to Jessie for narrating so beautifully throughout. Also thanks to the group of actors and entertainers - Vinnie, Raffie, Bessie, Rose and not forgetting Ben! Also thanks to readers Janet and Jennie and to Richard for preparing the teas and biscuits afterwards.

WELCOME!

We give a warm Willey welcome to Richard and Leanne, and Richard's two daughters, Ellie aged 9 and Freya aged 6, who have moved into the village from Rugby. We hope you'll be very happy here and we all look forward to meeting you properly at our forthcoming village events.

STREET FAIR MEETING 7TH FEBRUARY AT 7:30PM

Yes! - it's that time of year again, and that means thinking about our Street Fair, which will be on Saturday 3rd June. All the various 'tasks' involved have been divided into sections, with the hope that groups of people will take coordinating responsibility for each task. Please come along to the meeting in the Village Hall and offer support to Ruth, who has kindly taken on the roll as coordinator for this year's Street Fair.



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RAY HANDS

We send sympathy to the family and friends of Ray Hands, Brockhurst Lane who passed away recently.

ST EDITH'S CHURCH

On 20th December, the Church was filled for the Memorial Service and thanksgiving for the life of Gerry Baxter. Several members of Gerry and Pam's large family took a part in the service when he was remembered with much love. Gerry and family were regular worshippers at St. Edith's when they lived at Stretton and he was a valued member of the P.C.C. before he suffered from ill health Gerry was involved with many Church and local activities and he will be greatly missed. We send our sympathy to Pam and all the family.

Christmas - The Carols by Candlelight Service with Bilton Silver Band was an atmospheric start to Christmas. Our thanks go to the band, the readers, soloist Liz West, the Villagers' Choir and all who helped to make the service so special.

It was lovely to see so many lights in the village during December bringing some cheer into our lives with all its problems. There were a number of events in Advent leading up to Christmas.

There was a most enjoyable Christingle Service in the Church Trinity Room with so many attending that more tables had to be found. The church was full for Carols by Candlelight and on Christmas Eve there was a delightful Crib Service with lots of children participating. Thanks also go to the bell ringers who rang before the Carol Service, on Christmas morning and on New Years Eve

Church Tower - It is so nice that the scaffolding around the Church Tower has been taken down. The original job was for the NW pinna-

cle to be repaired and the other three to be re-pointed, but the SE and SW pinnacles were found to be in a worse state than anticipated, which extended the timeline. The four weather vanes have been restored and now shine in the sunlight as they would have done when they were new. We are very grateful to Patricia Barnett for successfully applying for grants from the Coventry Diocese, Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust, Trinity College Cambridge and the Heritage Fund.

MONKS KIRBY VILLAGE HALL

The cast of Aladdin put on three sell-out performances in December to much laughter, acclaim and heckling from the audience. In addition to the top notch acting, costumes, props, make-up, lighting and sound, the whole effect was enhanced by the beautifully refurbished hall with its modern décor, sound proofed walls and unrestricted views. The hall was later transformed into Santa's grotto, much to the delight of the younger members of the village.

The Hall is a lovely, airy, welcoming space for social events, clubs, parties and meetings. It would be great to have new clubs set up by and for the villagers of Monks Kirby.

The first event of 2023 will be on Sunday 5th February when the hall is hosting a social evening with games. Bring along your games such as scrabble, chess, backgammon, cards and board games. Meet up with friends young and old and play your favourite games or have a go at learning a new one. Come along between 4pm and 9pm for some fun. If it proves popular, this could become a regular social event for villagers.

Continued overleaf...



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We have arranged three joint "Songs of Praise" type Services as well as a Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The first of these joint Services was a very uplifting Ecumenical "Carols by Candlelight" Service on 18 December at St Edith's, Monks Kirby with Dunchurch Silver Band followed by refreshments. A combined Service was held in Monks Kirby Village Hall on Sunday 15th January in the afternoon to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and on the 8th February 2023 there will be an Ecumenical Songs of Praise at Brinklow URC (The Chapel) at 7pm followed by refreshments. Similarly, on 8th March 2023 at St Joseph's, Monks Kirby there will be a further Ecumenical Songs of Praise (at a time to be confirmed).

The next Revel Revive Churches Together meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Trinity Room at St Edith's Church, Monks Kirby when we will identify further opportunities to work together in our communities.

Written by Robert on behalf of the Revel Churches

Monks Kirby, continued from the previous page...

PARISH COUNCIL

Representatives of the Parish Council attended the appeal meeting for R20/0259, Cross in Hand Farm Service Station.

Still no update on the appeal attended for R20/1062 land at Fosse Corner, Monks Kirby.

Warwickshire County Council have been awarded grant money to improve and create cycle paths throughout the County. County Council web site consultations have gone live on Climate Change and Special Educational Needs, if you would like to contribute.

The original Monks Kirby water pump will be refurbished and mounted ready

to be re-sited and go on display within the village, an old legacy and nice to keep.

FROM OUR MONKS KIRBY CORRESPONDENT

As I write it's lovely to see small birds pecking away at the peanuts. During the very cold spell the fallen apples which we hadn't gathered were devoured by so many far to hungry to chase one another away.

We send best wishes to all who are suffering health problems, Covid, coughs and colds.

Lastly, thanks go to all who deliver Round the Revel in the village. Some of you have been doing it for years and it is appreciated. If you do have items for the magazine please let me know. Jacqui Brown.

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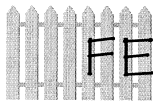
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3. Which of the following four sentences are true?

- a. None of these sentences are correct
- b. Only one sentence is correct
- c. Two sentences are correct
- d. All four are correct

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John Harrison

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MRS MARGARET STAFFORD

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Margaret Stafford from Cord Lane. Margaret's funeral took place on November 25th in Nuneaton where she was born. She was a much-loved wife, mum, grandma, neighbour and friend to many. Our deepest condolences go to husband Ken, daughters Lynn and Gail and all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Liz and Dave Trivett, whose daughter and son-in-law have had a little boy named Nino. Many congratulations to the parents and grandparents of the new arrival.

DECEMBER SOCIALS

December was a busy month in the village. On December 8th, wreath making took place in the Village Hall under the expert eye and tutelage of Norman Clarke. All profits to go to The Friends of St Cross Hospital. Many thanks to Nicky Main for organising this fun and creative evening. Then, on December 17th, the festive season kicked off with the village Christmas party - thank you to those who came or brought contributions of food - before the family Christmas concert on December 18th. Held in Harborough Magna Village Hall, this was a lovely afternoon of carols, music and readings from our very own Easenhall talent pool. Many thanks to Sam Kerr for organising.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK GROUP "EASENHALL VILLAGE"

This is a great place to share info, ask for recommendations of tradespeople or let people know of happenings around the village. Advance Facebook messages about parties, fireworks, late night music are much appreciated by others and make for all-round success-

ful celebrations. Of course, not everyone uses Facebook so speaking to immediate neighbours or dropping a note round also works well. If you're not on Facebook yourself email details to

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and they can be posted on your behalf. Thanks to those who have recently shared messages ahead of celebrations.

DRAMA LESSONS

Drama teacher Nicky Main, based in Easenhall, is launching a Drama club for 5-12 year-olds on a Thursday evening from 5:45pm - 6:45pm and a Friday morning from 10:00 - 11:00am for home schoolers. Both sessions will take place in Easenhall Village Hall and will cost £7.00. Contact Nicky for more details on 07714 694004.

REMINDERS

Defibrillator - this is sited on the village green opposite the Village Hall in the old red BT phone box. Access to the equipment can only be gained by dialling 999 when full instructions will be given by the emergency services.

Village 200 Club - which supports the maintenance of the village including greens, trees and verges. Numbers cost £5 each per year, most participants hold 5 numbers for a donation of £25 per year. There's a monthly draw with the winner receiving a £10 prize. If you'd like to participate, please email davidjdanger@aol.com.

Next Village Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 8:00pm. If you'd like to put anything forward or join the meeting please email

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GERRY BAXTER

Pam Baxter and family would like to thank all their friends in the Revel area and beyond for the kind thoughts and prayers received on the loss of their darling Gerry on the last day of November, just a month before Pam and Gerry's 60th wedding anniversary. The amount of beautiful cards, flowers and plants were quite amazing and much appreciated. Pam continues to live at the Granary where visitors are always welcome.

WELCOME

Welcome to Colin Cox and family who have moved into Cathiron. We hope you will be happy there.

ALL SAINTS

In the run up to Christmas we welcomed parents and children as the venue for the Early Birds' Nativity which was a great occasion with a packed church. We had two different services on Christmas Eve that helped get us into the Christmas spirit. Our Crib Service allowed the children to bring up the relevant characters to the stable as Gina narrated the nativity story. There was no donkey available but we did have a camel. (A donkey has now been sourced in readiness for Christmas 2023!) We were pleased to welcome Rev Martin to lead and join in our hybrid Christmas Reflections, Carols and Communion for his first Christmas with us as Revel Churches Rector. We started 2023 with a New Year Compline taken by our Revel Curate, Rosemary, which reminded us of the destiny of Jesus and his love for us.

We were happy that Alan and Charlotte chose All Saints for their wedding on Friday 13th January which, despite superstition, proved to be a lucky day for the weather. Thanks to Rev. Peter Beresford for conducting the service as Rev. Martin was not sure he would be clear of Covid in time.

A date for your new diaries and calendars is **Sunday April 16th - Daffodil Sunday** when we hope the weather will also be kind for this major fund raising event for the Revel Churches. We can never have too many volunteers to help with setting up and taking down, baking cakes, serving refreshments etc. If you would like to help contact David Holvey on 832193.

Details of the services at All Saints Church, as well as appearing in the back of the Revel Magazine, also are posted on the village Facebook page and the website 'A Church near You'. We really would love to see you at one of our services.

The new year begins with lots of people to thank. Firstly a big thank you to Kat Sephton for again organising the lovely Advent Windows event - meant for children but enjoyed by everyone who saw the beautiful and imaginative advent windows.

OSCR

David Jones, former Chair, and David Holvey have stepped down from being Trustees of OSCR. We send them many thanks for all their hard work and are extremely pleased that they are continuing to support the running of the Village Hall in very practical ways. We welcome Sarah Forman, Grace Chung and Colin Cox as new Trustees.

HARBOROUGH MAGNA VILLAGE HALL

A message from Fenella: 'I'd like to start the year by thanking all the Events Group for their hard work in planning and running events at our new Hall. They give up a lot of their time behind the scenes and it is much appreciated.'

What Was On?

- December began with the Live and Local presentation for children of the Magical Mystery Show. Thanks to David Jones for organising and finding a Christmas production for children.

- We thank Andi and Sarah and friends for yet another fabulous Children's Christmas Party enjoyed by all who came and of course thanks to Norman for being a wonderful Father Christmas.
- The Pensioners' Christmas Lunch was superb and the raffle raised over £200 which was donated to Rugby Food Bank. Many thanks to Sal and Nick, John and Fenella and the 100 Club, David and Lucinda, Andry and Nick, Colin and special thanks to Molly for doing so many jobs and keeping the (projected) fireplace glowing through it all.
- Then there was the traditional Bill's Boxing Day Quiz. Once again there was a great turnout for Bill and Mary to whom we send many thanks for all their hard work. After the prizes were paid out we were able to donate £130 to the Hall.

What's Coming?

- We start the New Year with Yoga on Monday evenings and Friday Mornings. Please email sharoncmabey@gmail.com for details.
- We are also trying out Friday Coffee Mornings 11:00am - 1:00pm once a month. All welcome, details: events@hmvh.org
- On January 27th we have a Rugby Gin Distillery Gin Tasting night. £25 pp includes all four gins, a gin cocktail and food. Email events@hmvh.org for tickets.
- Bingo is back on Thursday 23rd February starting at 7:30pm. It's great fun, for more information please email:
thorpe.rachel@yahoo.co.uk
- Keep your eye out for information about the Kids' Treasure Hunt and The Village Street Party for the King's Coronation on Sunday 7th May. To keep up-to-date with what's on please send an email with subject LET ME

KNOW to events@hmvh.org to be added to our mailing list. Events are also posted on the Village Hall notice board.

100 CLUB

Harborough Magna 100 Club celebrates old and new residents of the village. Novembers Draw was made by Ted Nobbs:

Hello, I had the privilege of drawing the numbers for the November Draw of the 100 Club. Having lived in the village for 40 years it was a pleasure to be part of the procedure for the good of the community. I (we) have always enjoyed living here since moving from Kings Newnham, where my wife and I lived for 27 years. Myself working in farming, plus with Ann rearing poultry mainly for the Christmas trade. In 1988 I made a major change by getting employment at 'Mr Kipling' in their warehouse in Rugby.

The highlight of my last year has been to go to Australia to meet my brother for the first time in 77 years. Some of you may have seen the press coverage. This was something I feared I would never do, but thankfully I did.

As we move into the New Year I wish everyone good tidings and hope to possibly see some of you at 100 Club events. Ted Nobbs.

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2nd	81
3rd	144

December draw numbers

1st	67
2nd	110
3rd	12

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St Joseph's Church, Monks Kirby

We celebrated services during the Christmas Season:

- ◇ Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve
- ◇ Mass of Christmas Day
- ◇ Mass on St Stephen's Day (26th) Altar Servers' Special Mass
 - Steve West received his 10 years service medal during this Mass
- ◇ Mass on The Epiphany

Thanks to those who decorated the church so beautiful and seasonally.

The Crib as usual was displayed in St Joseph's window which brought delight and meaning of Christmas to all who viewed it.

Our annual Christmas Crib donations by request of the Archbishop has been for the friends of The Holy Land.

We were saddened by the news of the tragic death of Evan Crosskey on 26th December at Lutterworth. Evan was the son of Liz and James Crosskey, regular parishioners and friends at St Joseph's. Our heartfelt sympathy, prayers and love are extended to Liz, James and all the Crosskey family.

Sincere thanks were extended to our loyal and committed team of gardeners who retired in December after many years of tending our gardens.

Churches Together Carol Service at St Edith's was very much enjoyed on 18th December.

Peace Sunday Mass 15th January. The meaning of Peace Sunday was explained to us by one of our members of Pax Christi, that it's to encourage us to join Pope Francis in prayer and action for Peace in the world.

Churches Together gathered at Monks Kirby Village Hall on January 15th for a time of worship and fellowship in recognition of Christian Unity.

Revel Revive Dates:

URC Ecumenical Songs of Praise at Brinklow on 8th February at 7:00pm

St Edith's Monks Kirby Revive Meeting on 16th February at 7:30pm

St Joseph's Monks Kirby Songs of Praise on 8th March at 7:00pm

Masses & Liturgy Weekly:

Tuesday - Mass 10:00am

Friday - Mass 7:00pm

Sunday - 9:15am

Exposition - 30 minutes before all mid-week Masses

Confession - During Exposition



DIARY



FEBRUARY 2023

1st February (Wednesday)

10:30am – Monks Kirby (St. Edith's) Holy Communion

5th February

10:30am – Brinklow (St. John the Baptist) Café Church in Community Hall

10:30am – Churchover (Holy Trinity)

10:30am – Pailton (St. Denys') Morning Praise

4:00pm – Harborough Magna (All Saints') Compline

8th February (Wednesday)

10:30am – Brinklow (St. John the Baptist) Holy Communion

12th February

9:00am – Pailton (St. Denys') Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am – Brinklow (St. John the Baptist) Morning Praise

10:30am – Harborough Magna (All Saints') Café Church

10:30am – Monks Kirby (St. Edith's) Fellowship Service

10:30am – Willey (St Leonard's) Morning Praise

15th February (Wednesday)

10:30am – Harborough Magna (All Saints') Holy Communion

19th February

10:30am – Willey (St Leonard's) Group Holy Communion/Healing Service Bishop of Warwick presiding

22nd February (Wednesday)

7:00pm – Churchover (Holy Trinity) Healing & Ashing Service

26th February

9:00am – Harborough Magna (All Saints') Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am – Brinklow (St. John the Baptist) Morning Worship

10:30am – Churchover (Holy Trinity) Morning Praise

10:30am – Monks Kirby (St. Edith's) Morning Praise

10:30am – Pailton (St. Denys') Morning Praise

4:00pm – Willey (St Leonard's) Messy Church

Services every Sunday

09:15am

Mass at St Joseph's RC Church, Monks Kirby

10:30am

Morning Service at the URC Chapel, Main Street, Brinklow

1st March

10:30am Pailton (St. Denys')

5th March

10:30am Brinklow (St. John the Baptist)

Café Church in Community Hall

10:30am Monks Kirby (St Edith's)

10:30am Pailton (St. Denys')

4:00pm Harborough Magna (All Saints')




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