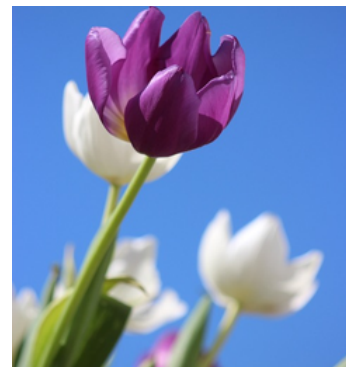


THE TRIANGLE

THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FOR
THE VILLAGES OF COXLEY, GODNEY,
HENTON AND WOOCKEY



APRIL/MAY 2024

KINGFISHER COMMON - WOOCKEY



At the eastern edge of Wookey village are three beautiful Somerset fields closely entwined with the River Axe. Perhaps you use the footpath that crosses them towards Haybridge? The fields are taking a rest from a long cycle of cattle grazing. Going forward we hope to encourage new habitats for wildlife to increase biodiversity, aiming to create a meaningful, nature-rich space within the community.

We have had some fantastic local volunteers helping with tree planting recently but there is more to be done! So if you would like to find out more and get involved visit www.kingfishercommon.co.uk where you can sign up for news, offer help and share ideas.



Yet another rip-roaring success for the Wookey Theatre Group. For a full review of this wonderful production see page 3





HENTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

4th and 5th May 2024

10am-4pm

Henton Church

Tea, coffee and cake available

GWS RADIO



**GWS Radio for
Glastonbury, Wells &
Street** (Previously known as Gfm)

Radio, Training & Education. A radio station run by the community for the community.

The Community Radio Station

www.gws-radio.org.uk

has regular listeners across the local community including

Coxley, Polsham,
Wookey and
Henton.

The number of
listeners is
increasing - why
not give them a
listen!



AN EVENING OF ITALIAN LOVE SONGS

Saturday 13th April 2024

at 6pm Christ Church, Henton

Music from the 17th and 18th centuries including Scarlatti, Lotti, Handel and Mancini.

Tickets by donation on the door
All proceeds in aid of the church re-ordering fund.

Wine and soft drinks by donation available before and after the concert.

Performed by Sarah Davies (soprano), Hilary Wickham (flute), Tricia Rees-Jones (keyboard/organ). If possible, please let jennycrossley@mbzonline.net know you will be attending.



PENTECOST

After his death, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his followers to help them. With the Holy Spirit they became courageous at speaking to others and lived generously. We remember this at Pentecost. Join us to celebrate at **Henton Church on Sunday 19th May at 10:30am.**



THE WEDDING - THE REVIEW

Wookey Theatre Group love to make audiences laugh and their latest production certainly delivered, creating absolute chaos in the best way possible.



The two-act farcical comedy centres around three escaped criminals who, trying to lay low in a luxury hotel, find themselves in a catastrophic society wedding and they hatch a plot to steal a priceless painting.

It's old-school, silly nonsense at its best; full of great one-liners and brought to life by a brilliant ensemble cast who have honed their comic timing to perfection.

The escaped criminals (Andy Childs, Lyn Hinde and Pete Tincknell) were hysterical in their roles, delivering lines with bewildering straight faces and giving a masterclass in how just a look can be hilarious.

The wedding party were all exceptional and the cast delivered their lines back and forth with rapid ease. Special mention to Mark Parry as the charming, kilt-clad Sir Forsythe Cumberland and Imogen Crees who made a dramatic entrance as his boat-rocking ex-wife, Lady Anastasia. Liz Owen is a hoot with her high-brow, old-lady persona, and Rosie Winstone's drunken moments are wonderful.

Controlling the nuptials were ever-optimistic wedding planners, Doreen Grant and Steve French; the latter delighted the audience with his superbly camp Frenchman, Sebastian Dupont. And as the police finally arrived to restore law and order to the hilarious havoc - Di Harris was dryly fabulous in her role as Detective Quips - the audience is left reeling with laughter along with some confusion. Did we know what was happening in the story? Not really. Did it matter? Absolutely not - we were having a ball!

As ever, the Wookey Theatre Group, under the leadership of Polly Carroll and Ann Gouldney, worked so cleverly with their small stage. The creative team used wonderful scenic design and costumes to add to the laughs, with lighting and sound adding to the quick-paced utter joy of this play.

'BABY GOAT' OPEN FARM DAY

Sunday 7th April 2024

10am - 3pm

Baby goats, "meet the animals", forage walks, stalls, art workshops, drinks and hot food available. Free entry

Wookey Farm

www.wookeyfarm.com

Wookey Farm, Monks Ford, Wookey BA5 1DT - 07779 145441



Future Event at Wookey Farm:

Somerset Day on **Saturday 11th May**. More details to follow but will include music and food

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Grand Auction for the Revitalising of Christ Church Henton will take place on **Tuesday 9th July 2024 in Cedars Hall, Wells**.

Auction Lots include a Mulberry bag, lessons in how to make gravadlax, dinner at The Worshipful Company of Grocers in London, babysitting and many, many more...

For more information, contact rosie.inge@gmail.com



APCMS

Every year each church has an annual meeting of its church council and local people (**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**). Everyone who is connected to the church is invited to attend these meetings. You are welcome to come along to the services beforehand:

Wookey: 11:30am Sunday 14th April, after 10:30am "Inspire"

Coxley: 7:30pm Sunday 14th April, after Evensong

Henton: 7:30pm Sunday 28th April, after 6:30pm Evensong

PRODUCING THE TRIANGLE

If you would like to make a donation to our costs it would be very much appreciated - either by leaving an envelope marked "Triangle" in one of the churches or by BACS transfer to:

Account name: CHW Benefice

Account number: 751 627 25

Sort code: 60 23 06

Reference: Triangle. Thank you for your support!

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE? GET IN TOUCH

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Henton Editor: yarbletonnews@outlook.com

Wookey/Triangle Editor: hazelandpeter07@gmail.com

or phone Peter on 674758

Deadline for the next issue is the 18th of May 2024.

FISH 'N' CHIPS



A Great British Tradition

**Take Away Fish & Chips
@ Coxley Holt
With The Big Chipper Mobile Van
Friday 5th April 5pm to 8pm**

Parking available

COXLEY HOLT FISH 'N' CHIPS

Please note that this service will be available each month. Details of date and times for future months will be advertised locally or you can contact Graham on grahamseers@outlook.com

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY THANK YOU

This year a total of £208.74 was received from donations and loose change collected in house boxes around the benefice.

On behalf of the Children's Society I would like to thank all those who contributed to this total.

The charity carries out amazing work with the most vulnerable children in the UK. Find out more at childrenssociety.org.uk

If anyone would like to have a house box to collect their change or make a donation each January, please contact **Julie Moore on 01749 671933**

HENTON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On **Wednesday 17th April** we welcome **Charles Chesshire**, a garden designer who has worked in Saudi Arabia, France and New York. However it is those quintessential elements of the English Country Garden - "Designing with Roses and Peonies" - that Charles will focus on.

May marks the final of our calendar of speakers as we move on to visits and our summer party. On **Wednesday 15th May** we welcome back **Chris Smith** who will tempt us in other directions as he talks about "The Edible Garden". For both the above we meet at Henton Village Hall at **7pm** for coffee and the talk begins at **7.30**. Raffle and sales table available.



This year we have welcomed the sight of daffodils at the end of a long wet, grey winter. If you would like to see these harbingers of Spring at their very best come to the **Wessex Daffodil Show on Sunday 14th April** in **Henton Hall**. Following judging, there will be tea and coffee available from 2pm as you marvel at the sight of hundreds of species in a sea of gold.

WOOKEY 20 MPH VOTE

Thanks to all who responded on reducing the speed limit in Wookey village to 20mph. There is no sign of a Council survey or consultations with concerned interest groups and recent floods have taken centre stage. Floods also highlighted missing raised footpaths. Local flooding meetings have been arranged via Local Community Networks.

Responses show a substantial vote for reducing the limit to 20mph. To increase confidence in the proportion of those in favour (or against) it would be helpful if more residents would respond before the results are sent to the Council and Highways. Even if you don't live on any of the main roads through the village, it's the general application of 20mph that is being canvassed. Please email wookeywants20mph@gmail.com whether you support 20mph for the village roads north of B3139, or prefer the 30 limit. State the name of your road, as an indicator of your address. This will suffice and preserve anonymity. Your email address will not be released. Thank you.

LYCH-GATE: FUNDRAISING FOR REPAIR IN WOOKEY

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Wookey Quiz Night in February.

We all had a good evening and raised £700 - plus a couple of extra donations have been received. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The repairs to the lych-gate roof and supporting beams will cost about £3,000 so we need to do more fund-raising. They do say "Fund-raising begins with Fun". See page opposite for an article on the lych-gate repairs.



TIDY UP THE CHURCHYARD

Wookey Churchyard has been a place of celebration and remembrance for hundreds of years. Many happy weddings, baptisms, concerts and fetes have been held there, as well as sadder occasions such as funerals and Remembrance Day.

Its sense of peace is enhanced by the wildlife there: the trees, flowers, birds and bugs that call it home.

'Wilder Churches' is a collaboration between Wookey Church and The Somerset Wildlife Trust to ensure wildlife in our Churchyard thrives and that the Churchyard becomes an even better place of sanctuary for people and wildlife.

Come along on **21st April at 3pm** to find out more and help us to get started on this exciting project.....

There will be activities for youngsters as well as for experienced gardeners. Please bring your own tools. Refreshments provided for all the workers.

WOOKEY'S LYCH-GATE

The lych-gate at the entrance to Wookey Churchyard is in need of repairs and was the focus of the fundraising Quiz in February. Built around 1915, it has a series of grotesques (which look down on passers by) but has suffered with decades of wet weather. The thick beams of wood which sit on top of the wall are rotting and the wooden tiles on one side are also broken and rotting. We plan on getting the rotten roof tiles replaced, sections of beams removed and new sections added. We want people to be able to see the lych-gate for many decades to come. The estimates for the repairs are about £3,000. We are very grateful to all of the quiz-goers for their generosity and if anyone would like to make a donation to help with these costs please make a payment to 'PCC of St Matthews Wookey'.
Account Number: 00017762 Sort Code: 40-52-40. Thank you!



QUIZ & CHIPS

Saturday 27th April Doors open 7 – 7.30pm

Join us for Quiz & Chips – teams of up to 8. Tickets are £15 each, £5 of which is required on submission of a booking form (non-refundable). Price includes a chip supper (gluten free & vegetarian options available). To request a booking form contact Hannah or Karen by email: wookeywsa@gmail.com or collect/pay for forms at Wookey Hub.

Wookey Primary & Little Acorns Playschool



ASCENSION DAY - 9TH MAY

Jesus appeared to the disciples many times after his resurrection and then finally ascended into heaven. We remember his Ascension with a Holy Communion service, which will be held at **Henton Church: 6pm Thursday 9th May.**



ROGATION PRAYER WALK

We have a prayer walk from Wookey to Henton on **19th May**. Meet at **3pm at Wookey Church** for this walk of approximately 2 miles, praying for those who live and work in our villages, or just join us for refreshments at Christ Church Henton at the end at about 4pm.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome on the walk and lifts can be arranged for those who don't want to walk back to the start.



THE BENEFICE OF COXLEY WITH GODNEY, HENTON & WOOCKEY

April Services

Sunday 7th

09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast
Village Hall
10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Inspire (Informal)
18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 21st

08:00 at Henton - BCP Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Cornerstone (Informal)

Sunday 28th

10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch
18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Sunday 21st April:

Events:

15:00 at Wookey - Tidy up the Churchyard
(part of the Wilder Churches project, with the
Church of England & Somerset Wildlife Trust)

Mondays:
Tuesdays:
Wednesdays:
Thursdays:

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer
09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer
10:00 at Wookey - Holy Communion
14:30-16:00 at Coxley - Community Cafe
(Warm Space)

THE BENEFICE OF COXLEY WITH GODNEY, HENTON & WOOCKEY

May Services

Sunday 5th

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion
09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast
Village Hall
10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Inspire (Informal)
18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 19th

10:30 at Henton - Pentecost Holy
Communion

Sunday 26th

10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch
18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Thursday 9th May

Events:

Sunday 19th May

18:00 at Henton - Ascension Day Holy
Communion
15:00 at Wookey - Rogation Prayer Walk
(Walking from Wookey to Henton, ending at
Henton Church at 4pm for refreshments)

Mondays:
Tuesdays:
Wednesdays:
Thursdays:

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer
09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer
10:00 at Wookey - Holy Communion
14:30-16:00 at Coxley - Community Cafe
(Warm Space)