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Tarrington Tatler



Ruby, with mum Marie and dog Ola,
enjoyed our one day of snow!

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Deadline for submission for the next issue: Wednesday 22nd May

Hello fellow Tarringtonians,

You might wonder why I've put a snowman on the front cover, but when you only get one day of snow you have to go out and enjoy it, as Ruby did!

Now though, it's all about spring bulbs, trees and shrubs blossoming and wondering when on earth the lawn is going to dry out!

Before you get stuck into the gardening though, put a few dates in your diary. James is holding a table top sale (Pg 5), there are Flicks in the Sticks films coming up (Pg 18) and the pub is running a couple of fundraising events - a Quiz (Pg 13) and Bingo (Pg 20).

And how about some volunteering? The Village Fete could really do with some extra pairs of hands, as well as donations of cakes, books, plants and raffle prizes - see opposite page. But as well as that, how about

joining in with the community spirited clean up that Jakki has organised (Pg 21). We all want a clean and tidy village, right?

So I hope you feel inspired to get involved, and I hope the weather improves soon!

Judi



A very warm welcome to



Roger & Jackie, 4 Hopfield Meadow.
Stuart & Jackie, 5 Hopfield Meadow
Derek & Mandy, 6 Hopfield Meadow.
Colin & Janice, 10 Hopfield Meadow.
Charles & Elizabeth, Sparchell Cottage.
Monica, Andrew, Olivia & Adam, 25 Barrs Orchard.

Tarrington Village Fete

And Dog Show

Saturday 22nd June 2024

12pm - 4pm

The Vine

Tarrington

Proceeds from the fete will be shared between the
Lady Emily Hall, St Michael's Hospice and
Hereford Help for Ukraine.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We specifically need volunteers to help with:

Serving Tea and scones

Moving tables & chairs before and after

And a car park steward



We would also be grateful for donations of:

Cakes for the cake stall

Books for the book stall

Raffle prizes

Garden related items for the plant stall

And, if you've got a gazebo - can we please borrow it!

If you can help, books should be delivered to Irene & Patrick
at Barcroft; plants to Lyn Burgess at The Vine Barn, for
everything else please contact Richard Price.

CHURCH SERVICES

	Tarrington	Yarkhill (Joined by Stoke Edith)
Sun 7 Apr	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Parish Communion
Sun 14 Apr	9.30am Parish Communion	
Sun 21 Apr	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Morning Worship
Sun 28 Apr	9.30am Morning Worship	
Sun 5 May	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Parish Communion
Sun 12 May	9.30am Parish Communion	
Sun 19 May	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Morning Worship
Sun 26 May	9.30am Morning Worship	

Zoom services on the first Sunday of the month
 9:30 Parish Communion at Tarrington
 Contact jjoy-wright@btinternet.com for log in details

Table Top Sale

Come along to my Table Top sale of bric-a-brac, clothes, books and lots more. I look forward to seeing you on:

Saturday 6th April
12pm - 4pm

Keepers Cottage
Wood End
Ashperton
HR8 2RS

James Smith

Weekday Communion

The Hop Churches hold a weekday service of Holy Communion in

Tarrington Church
every Wednesday Morning
at 10am

The service is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to spend time together with friends and neighbours from across the benefice.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone



Please get in touch with Revd Mandy Williams if you require further information or assistance.

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Mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk



A Tribute to My Husband – Wiktor Daron –

My husband, Vic, father of our two sons, Paul and Joe and grandad to Olive and Albie, died in St Michael's Hospice on 4th January this year. Tarrington became our family home in August 1989 when Vic was appointed to his first headship at St. Mary's Catholic High School in Lugwardine. Vic is now buried, as he requested, in the churchyard in Tarrington.

Wiktor Alexander Daron was born in Glasgow on 2nd November 1953, son of a Polish father, also called Wiktor and a Scottish mother, May.

Vic was very proud of both his Scottish and Polish heritage. When the family moved to Derbyshire, where his father was a publican, Vic went to school in Sheffield at De La Salle Catholic School and he also became a Sheffield Wednesday supporter. He travelled throughout his life to watch The Owls in nearly every football ground in the country. Vic and I met when we were both teaching at Edmonton High School in London. We married in London, honeymooned with friends in California and Texas and then started our married life in an old cottage in Matlock Bath in Derbyshire which is where Paul and Joe were born. Vic taught geography in Derby and then our family moved to Coventry where Vic worked first as a senior teacher in Coventry and then as a deputy headteacher in Birmingham, before we moved to Herefordshire.

After five years at St Mary's (where Paul and Joe went to school) Vic moved to Hayward School (now called the Hereford Academy) and then moved to his third headship at St Paul's Catholic High School in Wythenshawe, Manchester where he stayed for ten years. Under his leadership, the school made significant improvements. Vic never stopped working and, following retirement in Tarrington, he worked part time as a facilitator for a company called Ambition School Leadership and carried out headteacher's appraisals in several schools in the North of England. He also became a governor at St Francis Xavier's Primary School, a role which he very much enjoyed.

Vic's funeral Mass took place at St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church in Hereford followed by a reception in the Green Dragon Hotel. The funeral was extremely well attended by our families, colleagues from all the schools where he had worked and many friends. Some family members had travelled from Scotland and Poland and friends from Germany, Ireland and India also joined us. A Scottish piper played at the start and end of the Mass, walking in front of the hearse as it made its way down the street. Paul and Joe spoke very warmly about their father, interspersing their eulogy with humorous stories. Paul also played the piano and sang 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' which was very moving. The funeral was a wonderful celebration of Vic's very full life and I have been overwhelmed with many sympathy cards and letters from family and friends, full of happy memories and from ex colleagues who spoke not only of his inspirational leadership but also of his many acts of kindness. I was very pleased to receive a letter from St Michael's Hospice to say that a total of £2,080 had been donated in Vic's memory. The staff at the hospice gave Vic excellent end of life care and also provided very good support for our family and friends.

I would like to finish with a poem sent to me by my sister after Vic died. It was written by Margaret Arnott who was my mother's drama teacher and good friend. She lived with our family for a while when I was a child. Interestingly, Margaret Arnott was a close friend of Ledbury born poet, John Masefield and an accomplished poet in her own right. I am dedicating this poem to all Tarrington Tatler readers who are grieving for a loved one. The poem is entitled 'Mutability'.

When pulses beat again, when tears have dried,
For there are no more tears, day breaks and ends.
I sleep and wake and work, I meet my friends,
Take up my life again, put grief aside.
Bereft of all that part of me that died with you.
What barren self survives and bends me
To submit to change and comprehend
The arid way without you by my side?
For now to the shadows of my inward sight
Falls the bright image of your loving face;
Now does your voice, which set my heart alight,
Fade in the clamour of the heedless days;
Now in the sad watches of the timeless night,
I stretch my hand, accept my empty place.

Margaret Arnott

Maggie Daron



Kindness with Attitude!

Many will have known Katrina Shorthall, (known to her friends as Kat), who lived at The Lodge in Little Tarrington. After a protracted illness Katrina died on 10th January. Though she would not have expected it, there was no surprise at all, that so many people attended the service at Hereford Crematorium to remember and celebrate Kat's life. Though Kat had no reason to doubt the affection people had for her, or the sincerity of friendship, she was troubled for much of her life by poor mental health. Kat wanted to be liked, approved of, and accepted. Sadly, she

didn't always feel that she was. Certainly, she could make it difficult, for some though, for those who were prepared to accept Kat as she was, Kat was always genuine.

As near neighbours we met Kat many years ago when we put out surplus apples at our gate for anyone to help themselves. A few were taken over the next few days but then, suddenly, everything disappeared in one go, including the wheelbarrow. Two weeks later there was a knock at the door, and there was Kat with our wheelbarrow and various jars of apple jellies, jams, and chutney. Being Kat, she couldn't just return the barrow and say 'thank you', Kat had to ensure that we were properly recompensed. Kat loved to barter, so long as she could be confident that she had always given more than she had taken. Fruit and veg were regularly exchanged as were home bakes, jams, and chutneys. When Kat would arrange a party, in usual fashion, she would provide over generously, ensuring that she knew of everyone's likes and dislikes and allergies etc...

Kat did not suffer those she considered pompous, conceited, or proud easily, and whoever you were, Kat made no distinction. If Kat felt you needed to be brought down a peg or two, she did not hesitate. However, unless you gave her reason to think otherwise, Kat treated all with equal respect. If Kat liked you, she would ensure that you knew that too. She wore her heart and emotions on her sleeve. Many people have described Kat as being 'constantly busy', and she was. When not working, she would be helping others, it might be at the village fete where she worked tirelessly, or, selling mistletoe and holly for Church funds in the bitter cold of Ledbury high street. Kat was easy to misjudge

and underestimate, but you did so at your peril. Kat had lots of interests, and was extremely knowledgeable about those things. She also had great skills in many different areas too. Kat was a skilled and knowledgeable chef; she had a passion for all things garden and plant related too. She would almost always be able to identify plants and was not afraid to use their botanical names. Sometimes, Kat's pronunciation would leave me a little confused, and being the insightful person that she was, Kat would read the confusion on my face and then say 'go on you 'f'ing smart arse, tell us all how it's supposed to be pronounced'. All things feathered or furry were also much loved by Kat. The bird feeders were always topped up and any stray cat always provided with a home.

Kat enjoyed an occasion, when there were events at the village hall or, at 'The Vine,' especially if there was an opportunity to put on a posh frock and sit and eat a posh picnic and share a bottle of bubbles, Kat liked to join in.

A physically tiny person, Kat had an enormous personality, an enormous heart, love of life and love for others and her greatest joy was to see that she had made someone else happy.

Brian Robertson

To Katrina's friends and neighbours

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you provided during Katrina's illness. So many of you gave much needed emotional and practical help. This included, making meals, running errands, giving lifts, support with administration, natural therapy to relieve symptoms, offers of kindness and company.

We really appreciate your support with her funeral arrangements too. The efforts that everyone made including, introducing us to rev John Watkins, baking cakes, flower arranging, tribute and reading at the service, setting up the hall, serving teas and clearing up. It really was a coming together of the community.

We have had so many messages from people who attended in person and online to say that the funeral was very special, and how moved they were.

Katrina was fortunate to live in such a caring neighbourhood.

Gratefully yours

Dawn, Caren, Andrew and family xxx

Friendship Club

We had our annual bring and buy in February when the members caught up with each other after our New Year break.



The March meeting needed everyone's artistic touch as various straw hats were decorated to result in some excellent Easter bonnets!

Next month, after our lunch, Vince Lane returns to accompany us singing songs from the 50s and 60s.

If you, or someone you know, would care to join us on 1st Wed of every month we'd be delighted to see you.



We have a 2 course lunch, some activity or entertainment and a cuppa before going home. We will do our best to offer you transport if needed.

**Contact Jeanette Forrester
or Jan Pierce for more information.**

Tarrington 80 Club

We have now (nearly) finished collecting 80 Club Subscriptions for 2024 and have 122 members, which is slightly down on last year.

The first 3 draws have been made and the lucky winners are as listed below:

	1st £20		2nd £15		3rd £10	
Jan-24	27	Ian Roper	98	Steve/Jill Pugh	69	Jane Nicholas
Feb-24	73	Philip Stock	102	Dean Nicholas	5	Izzy Heelis
Mar-24	11	Gill Weaver	97	Kath Lane	10	Graeme Forrester

Thanks to all who have signed up and good luck in the later draws.

Angela, Brian, Celia, Jo, John, Robert
(80 Club Collector Team !)

Stoke Edith & Tarrington WI.

We held our AGM earlier this month and we are so pleased to report that we have found the perfect replacement for our previous President June Andrews who many of you will have known. June was a WI member for at least 60 years and at last years' AGM agreed to stand as our President but, as I'm sure you know, June sadly passed away so we have muddled along until now. Sandra Hill-Pound, June's daughter, has agreed to become our new President which is brilliant to have someone who is not only very interested in the WI but is also younger than most of us! So we look forward to the new year.

On April 8th we are Singing for the Seasons which if I am totally honest I don't know what is going to happen. I imagine we are going to be turned into a version of Military Wives. The WI Oldies maybe! If you feel like joining us please pop along at 2pm at the Lady Emily Community Hall.

On May 13th we will hold a fund-raising sale of plants and books to keep us afloat financially. As always, all are welcome, tea and cake to follow.

Judy Davies

DOG WALKING SERVICE

Hello, my name is Penelope Macklin and I live in the village. I have been here over 20 years, had dogs all my life and absolutely adore them. Now I'm a more mature lady, I'm looking to wind down a bit. I would like to offer a service of walking dogs for anyone who feels they need my help. I will be looking into getting business insurance to cover the pets. I can also take them on adventure walks up hills and in water (if they enjoy a swim). I'm just looking to see how much interest I get.

I am available from 8am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

2 hour good rural walk - £25

One hour local walk - £15

30 min short walk - £10

8am - 10am

10.30am – 12.30pm

1pm - 5pm

I'm happy to do set regular bookings.

If you feel you might be interested, then please call me 07969 694498, 01432 890422, email pjm40@live.co.uk or leave a message.

Many thanks, Pen

The Church clock stood at ten past three

In mid February, suddenly and without warning, the church clock stopped and fell silent. It was not a portent from God for our wickedness, (is that what God really does?), but a mechanical fault that developed with the 'suspension of the pendulum.'

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It was more than forty years ago when John, (a man who taught a generation of metal workers in his working days with Hereford Group Training Association), made a new part for the mechanism as well as a 'spare'. Well, 'the spare' served its time faithfully and our undemanding clock needed some more attention. It is good that we have Robert who has looked after the clock for many years, to restore the pulse of Tarrington.

The clock was installed by the Croydon firm, Gillet & Bland in 1876. At that time there would have been many workers in the surrounding fields with no timepiece of their own and many aspects of rural life would have been more accurately regulated once the church clock arrived. Each hour is chimed with a special hammer fitted next to the tenor bell; this is of course lifted away from the bell when all the bells are being rung 'full circle'.

Our dear old clock, now in its 148th year, will have chimed for notable occasions such as at 11.00 am. for the Armistice in 1918 as well as at midnight at the end of 1999 and the beginning of the new century. It will have struck the hour for the start of many funerals, weddings and Sunday services with some clergy liking to take their first step down the aisle with the first strike of the hour.

In a world of constant change, (and not always for the better), it is good to have some things that don't change and can be relied on, such as the clock and people like Robert and John. Many readers will have been delighted that Robert completed the repair and that we could hear the clock striking again on Sunday 2nd March. Thanks for this Robert and for so much else that you do around our village.

John Watkins

Plant Stall at the fete

Hello Everyone

This year I'm taking on the plant stall at the village fete. It's my first time doing this and I'm aware I have some big shoes to fill!

Anyone who feels they could contribute to the stock would be very welcome to do so. Honestly, I could do with as many offerings as possible. Anything saleable and garden/houseplant related would hit the spot nicely.

I'm writing this early so any keen gardeners can pop in a few more seeds of anything they're growing.

Thank you in advance.

Lyn Burgess (The Vine Barn)



Book Stall at the Fete

There will be a book stall at the Village Fete again this year. So if you have any books you have finished with we would love you to donate them for the stall.



If you can bring them to us at Barcroft, that would be ideal or alternatively you can leave them in the Church by prior arrangement.

Thank you

Irene Tomkinson



Walking in "the rainy season".

A walk up Aldersend, through the farm and on past the pond, is always rewarding. There is a choice of three footpaths from the end of the track, left to Garbrook, from Garbrook path signpost right to Eastwood, or bear right and through the field gate with the oak tree to Durlow. I discovered a new hedge has been planted and wooden fence on either side of the gate up to Durlow. (see photo)



Preferring to stay on firm ground, I retraced my steps back down Aldersend, wondering what the weather was like a hundred years ago! According to Edith Holden, The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady, written in 1906:

"The latter part of April has been very cold and stormy" "When April blows his horn, Tis good for both hay and corn."

"May has been a cold, stormy month" "Who doffs his coat on a winter's day will gladly put it on in May" "A cold May and a windy day, A full barn will find ye"

What can we say about spring 2024? "Great gales of wind and rain" "Plant potatoes on a rainy day and they will surely rot away" !
Janette, Footpaths' Officer



Plants for Ukraine

I have a large selection of perennials and house plants which I would like to sell and send the proceeds to Ukraine. The perennials have been outdoors all winter so are totally adapted to all weathers. Prices depend on size. Do come and see them.

Call me or Richard

Thank you

Tonya Price

Tarrington C



These photos don't do justice to the display at the Craft Fair on 1/11. However, if you weren't able to attend, you still have an idea of the excellent work on display and the skills in and around our village.

Ben and Heather showed Ben's wood

working and turning skills. They say "The day was well organised and had a lovely relaxed feel. We were made to feel very welcome and part of the community. There was a great camaraderie between the stall holders, so an all round very enjoyable day!"



"The day was very successful with 12 stalls. We were able to make £180 pounds purely from the sale of delicious cakes. Those selling also paid for the setting up fabulous displays and thank you to our area! A great way to spend the day!"



Craft Fair

to the amount of talent on March 16th at the Hall. To be there, this gives an show and the variety of



"I really enjoyed the craft fair at the Village Hall,

everyone including the Visitors and other Exhibitors, were so generous with their enthusiasm and interest in the various skills and crafts, including the quilts which we had on display. A quilter likes nothing better than to talk about her, or even his, craft, and yes there are men who also enjoy patchwork and quilting.

A big thank you to Jan and Celia, and their helpers, for all their efforts and help throughout the day."

Debbie

hobbyists or small businesses exhibiting. The footfall was good and we y on our refreshments. So, a big thank you to those who donated l fees directly to the Hall. Thank you to all who spent so much time s too for those who called in. What a talented group of folks we have in y."

Jan

Finally, free bags were distributed by Wendy and Sue. "Morsbags" are re-useable cloth bags, made worldwide by volunteers using recycled fabrics and given away for free. The aim is to spread the word about using re-useable bags instead of plastics ones. Good for them. Check out their website:

<https://morsbags.com/>





**Flicks in the Sticks Films
at Lady Emily Hall, Tarrington (HR1 4EX)**



*For further information please contact John Tallis on
01432 890720 or ladyemilyhall@gmail.com*

Adults £5, U-16 and Film Club £2.50.

Payment can be made on the door by card or cash

Sat. 20th April 7:30 pm

Barbie (12)



Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

Directed by: Greta Gerwig Written by: Greta Gerwig, Noah Baumbach

Starring: Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, Issa Rae

Sat. 11th May 7:30 pm

One Life (12)



The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living under threat of Nazi invasion. He realized it was a race against time. How many

children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, Nicky lives haunted by the fate of those he was unable to save. It's not until a live BBC show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children - now adults - that he begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Directed by: James Hawes

Written by: Lucinda Coxon, Nick Drake, Barbara Winton

Starring : Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter

Tarrington hits the Big Screen

Every year in the month of March you will have seen the big yellow signs advertising the 'Borderlines Film Festival' and indeed, over the last twenty four years, you might have attended a variety of films shown at this, largest of all, rural film festivals. Yet, even if you are no film buff yourself, you might be interested to know that Tarrington had its name prominent on the screen at a showing of the film 'Wicked Little Letters' on March 11th.

The festival is much assisted by sponsorship and for the last several years, some of those attending 'Flicks the Sticks' in our hall have contributed to sponsoring a chosen film, (doubtless encouraged by the ten free tickets that are made available). This year we sponsored the showing of 'Wicked Little Letters', a film set in 1920's seaside town of Littlehampton. This comedy is based on a true story in which 'poison' and very swearsy pen letters are sent to many people and the wrong person is arrested. The film starring, Olivia Coleman, Jesse Buckley and Timothy Spall, follows the detection of the culprit amidst some very funny and amusing scenes.

This year, several of the sponsors were unable to attend the showing which was a real shame and those to whom they gave their tickets thank them for their generosity. We hope that they will catch up with this one later.

The festival has a wide range of films, those that are instantly popular, as well as those not so widely known including several foreign films.

Meanwhile, remember that the joy of cinema and of being part of an audience is a regular feature of Tarrington life with our very own Flicks in the Sticks evenings. (See opposite page.)

It was good to see 'TARRINGTON FILM CLUB' on the Courtyard's screen before the show!

Celia





BINGO

**Saturday
18th May**

**at The Lady Emily Hall in Tarrington
to fundraise for renovation work
at The Tarrington Arms**

**Doors open 6pm for
eyes down at 6.30pm**

Bar **Tea/Coffee
& Cake** **Raffle**

£1 per book or £5 for a book of 6

Springtime Meet Up & Clean Up

Join in our volunteer event to help keep Tarrington, Little Tarrington, Garbrook & Stoke Edith a cleaner, safer, tidier place for us all to enjoy.

Starting from The Tarrington Arms carpark

Sunday 14th April 10.30 - 12.30

Bring along friends and family and some gloves and hi-viz if you have them. (Children should be accompanied by an adult.)

Jakki Cunningham



Ode to the Refuse Collectors

A large van
A deep aroma
A loud crash
A big wave
A regular event
A vital occupation

The men ,
And they are always men, but who knows why?
Repeatedly work for us
Like vermin clearing a carcass
They scurry and wave with their big yellow gloves

The task, often unseen
Often not considered
Enables us..
To live without fear of
Infection
And submersion
Beneath our own made mess.
Anon.



Tarrington Parish Council Meeting 11th March 2024

Website: <https://tarringtonpc.org.uk/>

The PC received a written report from Backbury Ward Cllr Graham Biggs, who was unable to attend due to a clash of meetings. Key points from the report are:

Herefordshire Council (HC) has a budget deficit of £28.8 million: HC have reduced spending by £19.5 million; raised Adult Social Care precept by 2% and Council Tax by 2.99%;

Increased central government funding has enabled extra spend on Lengthsman, Public Rights of Way and Drainage Grant Schemes, with much of the work devolved to Parish Councils.

Planning: Cllrs Paul Grey and Jackie Cunningham were delegated to visit sites subject to Planning applications, as they arise, and report back to PC.

Road markings and speed reduction in Little Tarrington: Clerk to liaise with the Ward Councillor to progress the re-instatement of original road markings/signage. For review at the next meeting.

Road Safety: Cllr Hodges continues to report potholes and drainage issues. The Clerk will commission the Lengthsman to install a post for the new Speed Indicator Device at Garbrook.

Footpaths: A replacement finger post for Tarrington Court footpath and a supply of way-marker signs have been ordered; including one for the finger post to Stoke Edith. A physical survey of all footpaths will be carried out to identify where improved accessibility would be advantageous and where maintenance is necessary. A priority list will be presented at the next meeting. Survey photos and other details gathered in the survey will be used to provide illustrated guides for walks, to be published on-line and in The Tatler.

The project to restore the School Road footpath will continue, with an investigation of the verge structure planned.

Improvements to the verge at the top of Church Lane were agreed and the Clerk will commission the roadworks contractor.

Janette Ward, John Tallis (For Tarrington PC)

**Next meeting: Monday 13th May 2024, 6.30pm for AGM,
7.30 p.m. for PC meeting. Lady Emily Hall.**

Rectors Ramblings

In my Rectors Ramblings for the December/January edition of the Tarrington Tatler, I explored with readers the importance of storytelling; the passing on of our traditions and history to new generations. I was referring to the Christmas story, a story that is not complete without the great story of Easter. The story of brokenness turned to hope. The story of life conquering death. We are now in the Easter season and Easter is a time of hope in the true and affirmative sense.

I truly discovered the hope of Easter as a teenager in Sussex. Old enough to go to church independently, one early spring morning in the late 1970's, along with my friends, Anne and Jenny, I attended a dawn service on Easter Sunday morning which was held beside a local lakeside landmark. I can remember the thrill of rising in the dark. Of meeting Jenny and Anne on the corner of my street in what seemed like the dead of night. Then experiencing the sun rise in awesome splendour as dawn came and the darkness gave way to light.

The symbolism of Christ rising like the sun on that early Easter morning struck Jenny, Anne and myself with unexpected power. As the gospel story was read out once again by the lake, the familiar story of Jesus' death and resurrection came alive as if we were present that first Easter. Together, we grasped in a 'penny dropping' moment the full meaning of the story: Our heavy Good Friday burden of loss and confusion gave way to hope and joy. Death, was not the last word. The story of loss became one of hope. As if for the first time we were caught up in the rumours that Jesus who had died, had come back to life. On that 1970's Easter morning, we three young girls returned to our home church to celebrate Easter with eyes and hearts wide open to the true impact that the resurrection of Jesus could have not only for us, but also for the world.

Easter is the pinnacle of the Church's year. The events played out over 2000 years ago show us that there is no darkness, no event which is so terrible that God is not already a part of, totally immersed in, and working to transform. Sometimes it is hard for us to see, as it must have been hard for the disciples to see. But for Christians, this is our faith, this is our hope. It is the Easter message and it can transform us. If you want to know more give me a call.

Blessings to you all

Mandy 07780 586846 mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk



The Great Commission!

We are all familiar with that wonderful Biblical passage where Christ's disciples are sent out to make disciples across the world (Matthew 28:16-20). On Sunday 11th February 2024 as the snowdrops burst into delicate cascades of light across the St Philip and St James churchyard in their promise of spring, we gathered from across the whole Benefice to commission our own "Tarrington Tim", Timothy Woods,

as Lay Minister. In front of a congregation composed of Tim's family and friends locally and afar, the PCC and other vital members of the congregation, and all eight Hop Churches representatives, Elizabeth Wild (CGH at Ludlow) performed the ceremony.

Elizabeth explained how Tim's role would be to support the ministry team through helping with services, prayer, and pastoral support. He is already well used to such duties as he is part of the hospital chaplaincy team and runs monthly reflections for staff and helps with pastoral care of patients. It was a wonderful, happy service. The sun streamed in the windows, bathing the beautiful flowers by the altar (created by our talented Linzy; thank you so much) into a golden stream of Hope. The glow was caught up by the golden crosses on the kneelers and reminded us of Christ's perfect sacrifice for each one of us.

It had been a long haul for Tim since the PCC supported him to undertake the training to meet the local needs. With him working four days a week at Hereford Hospital alongside his year-long course (under Ripon College, Cuddleston), supported by his amazing fellow trainee Suanna from Bosbury Church, studying as mature students was tough. But it was worth it. It was wonderful to hear him leading prayers with such confidence and strength in his voice. His smile said it all.

We celebrated his success and new beginning with a fantastic sugar rose-dressed cake made by Tim's sister, Lis and dined in style on a fabulous spread organized by Mandy and Linde and served with such grace and hard work by Anne and Anthony. Thank you for even looking after us gf folks!

As people chatted and enjoyed one another, I stood separately awhile with Peggy. We reflected on how much Peter would have enjoyed this day, with his support for us in lay ministry and his passion for seeing God's ministry of Grace continued in Tarrington. The joy-filled photos say it all.

As Tim with Mandy and her Ministry Team work with us to continue the Great Commission, the words of Ephesians 4:16 came to mind:

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Or as the New Living Translation puts it:

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

THANK YOU, GOD.

*Joy Quine (on behalf of the congregation and PCC,
St Philip, and St James church, Tarrington).*



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Saturday 6th April 7.30 pm
STEADY EDD – BOOGIE WOOGIE
ROCK ‘N’ ROLL
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LADS PRESENT
DAISY PULLS IT OFF
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Friday 3rd May 7.30 pm
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NYE
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REGULAR LADY EMILY HALL EVENTS

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Time	Group	Frequency	Contact Name	Contact
	Monday			
9.30 - 11.30	Tarrington Babes & Tots	Every Monday	Becci Cox	07989 914532
19:15- 21:15	Tarrington Short Mat Bowls	Most weeks	Veronica Hodges	01432 890431
14.00- 16.00	Stoke Edith & Tarrington WI	The 2 nd Monday of most months	Gwyneth Williams	01432 851624
19:30- 21:30	Tarrington Parish Council	2 nd Monday of alternate months (Jan, Mar, etc)	Janette Ward	01432 890532
	Tuesday			
09.30- 10.30	Hatha Yoga	Weekly	Ian Lloyd	07712 896902
10:30- 15:00	Craft Club	Weekly, exc Xmas, Easter and August	Maureen Cloke	07804218910
17:00 - 19:00	Rainbows	Weekly from 7th March	Becci Cox	07989 914532
19.00 - 21.00	CSoundSpace	Monthly from April But dates variable	Cecilia Edwards	07857 128082
19:00- 22:00	Rifle Club	Most weeks in winter (Oct-Mar)	Robert Hodges	01432 890431
	Wednesday			
12:00- 15:00	Friendship Club	1 st Wednesday of most months	Jeanette Forrester	01432 890440
18:00- 19:30	Brownies	Weekly, in term time	Annette Embrey	01531 670771
	Thursday			
09.45- 12.45	Moomusic. Music for Tots	Weekly	Natalie Chapman	07717 845025
14.00- 16.00	Tea and Chat	Weekly	Celia Winter	01432 890393
	Friday			
09:30- 10:30	Pilates Class	Weekly, exc Xmas, Easter and August	Nikki Schechter	07813 780234

REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

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Day		Friday		Thursday		Wednesday		Tuesday	
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May		10th, 24th	3rd, 17th, 31st	2nd, 16th, 30th	9th, 23rd	1st, 15th, 29th	8th, 22nd	14th, 28th	7th, 21st

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Tarri..	0704	0800	0834	0954	1124	1324	1519	1724	1854	2024	2254
Hereford	0720	0830	0900	1015	1145	1345	1540	1740	1915	2045	2315

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