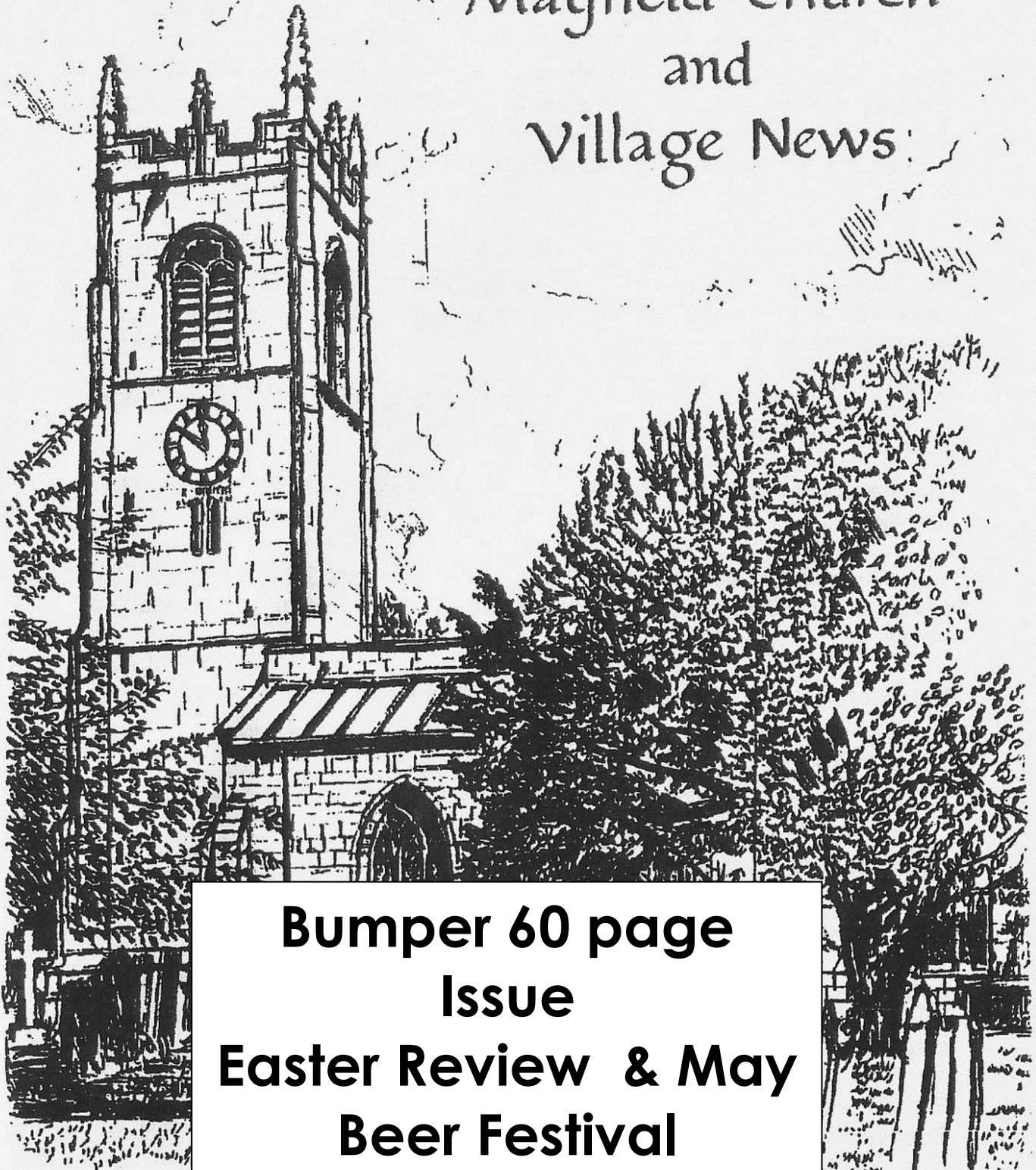
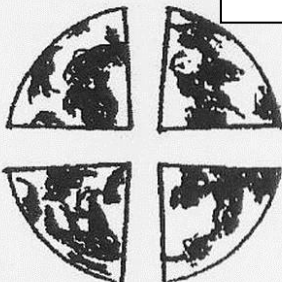


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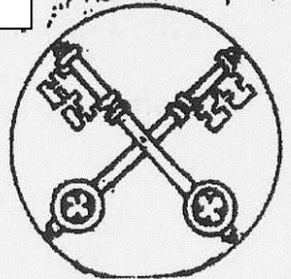


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Vocation

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)”

After completing their task well, a friend recently said to me “See! I missed my vocation.”

Vocation is a word less well used in modern English, but frequently used within Church circles. Within the orbit of the Church vocation has come to mean a calling to the priesthood, so I might be seen to be following my vocation, whereas others might not.

However, this is not actually how the word is supposed to be used. According to the dictionary it can be defined as “a specified occupation, profession, or trade. A special urge, inclination, or predisposition to a particular calling or career, especially a religious one.”

I see it as fundamental to our lives because you are what your vocation is. It helps us find our meaning and purpose in life.

There are external decrees on every Christian from God and found in the Bible; to live a holy life, to love one another, and to pass on the good news of Jesus to others. But your vocation will be more personal – something you are tailored for.

My brother’s vocation is to be a carpenter like Jesus. Jesus’ trade was to be a carpenter, but his vocation was to be our Messiah.

I like to think we all have a vocation, an occupation to which we are particularly suited. My father used to say to his teenage sons “find something you love to do, and then find some mug to pay you to do it!”

As a teenager, among other professions, I thought I would be a fighter pilot. It was the failing of the medical eyesight test for the Airforce that disabused me of that possibility.

Starting adulthood is when big decisions of our future path are made, but that does not necessarily determine the full scope of your life. Vocation can change. In fact, many people, discovering no joy in their chosen profession, change to another after retraining. It is one of the marks of progress in our modern society that people tend not to spend a long time in one career but can be useful in a variety of ways throughout their life.

Some vocations are unpaid. A wise Indian woman is quoted as saying “Motherhood is the most challenging as well as the utmost satisfying vocation in this world.” Yet we so often find this vocation must be managed alongside another career.

There is a sense in which God finds us where we are now. If we have not yet found our vocation, God can still lead us into His calling for our life.

For those of us who feel part of our calling is into service within a church, there are courses which can help refine this on the Lichfield Diocese Website, and you could attend your local Church Annual Meeting which will be in May, to see if you can help in any ways.

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A Warm Welcome to Sunday Services in May

Sunday 5th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

10.45am Church Family Communion. Revd. Brian Leathers
With support from Martin Balderson, Caroline Munroe

Sunday 12th May (7th Sunday of Easter)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Service led by Arnie Rainbow
With support from Catherine Mellor, Paul Flint and Stephen Dunn

Sunday 19th May (Pentecost)

10.45 Morning Prayer and Baptism by Revd. Brian Leathers
With support from Penny Chettle, Rhona Hunt

Sunday 26th May (Trinity Sunday)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Service led by Charles
With support from Jill Studholme, Denise Roberts, Martin Balderson and Phil Cook

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Notices will be put near the Church doors to say when and where their meeting is taking place.)

I pray your vocation enhances your experience of life.

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (Ephesians 4:1)

Brian Leathers

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on **Wednesday 22nd MAY at 7:00 PM in the church.**

At this meeting Churchwardens and PCC members are elected along with Deanery Synod Representatives. Prospective PCC members are asked to consider the sort of tasks they can assist the church and Churchwardens with and put themselves forward accordingly.

Anyone wishing to be put forward as a prospective Churchwarden will need to download the form, C of E, 'Nomination For Churchwarden' which can be found at <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/nom-cw.pdf>

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Easter in Mayfield



As you would expect in a lively village with lots of groups and activities taking place, Easter has been a busy time with lots happening.

However, you did not have to go to any one location or join a group of people to actually enjoy Easter in our village. All you had to do was go to our local shop or post a letter and there for the world to see was another delightful post box Topper this time featuring a beautiful Easter Hen, sitting atop a little hill of grass with flowers strewn around and of course her Easter chicks either side of her.

It was a perfect way to let everyone know that Easter was here and being knitted and made of wool, the various showers we had over the period were of no problem to this Easter hen. The topper is once again the beautiful work of Adrienne Lewis who says, 'I love knitting these toppers and pleased they are appreciated'. A big thank you Adrienne from all the village; keep up the good work. S.D.



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Easter at Mayfield Church

Easter is by far the most important week in the entire church year and encompasses several key services;

Even though we're coming to the end of our interregnum and currently have no priest in Mayfield, the church put on three special services in the week and beautifully decorated the church with spring flowers and special displays including Easter lilies.

Easter week started with the Palm Sunday service where palms were handed out to every member of the congregation, special Palm Sunday hymns sung and a talk on just exactly Palm Sunday was like in our church in times past and the meaning of Christs entry into Jerusalem over 2000 years ago.

Our next service at Mayfield was the 2:00 PM vigil on Good Friday, the day after a Maundy Thursday service taking place at Alton.

A Good Friday vigil is a very special one-hour service of quiet reflection, prayers and hymns to the complement of a piano in the chancel. The service, taken by our vicar Brian Leathers from Alton was well attended and gained significance from the fact the church was bare without any flowers or decorations, on the day we remember the actual crucifixion of Christ.

The normal joyful chatter in church after the service was absent as, in keeping with the day, the congregation left a bare and empty church very quietly.

That emptiness was soon filled on Easter Saturday when every window in the church was specially decorated for Easter Sunday with displays of both spring flowers and Easter chicks eggs and even Easter bunnies nestled along window edges.

The window displays were complemented by beautiful vases of Easter lilies that have been donated by parishioners in memory of loved ones who've gone before. The lilies in multiple vases placed in both the chancel and the main body of the church added a warm and joyful atmosphere to the Easter Sunday service taken by a Revd Joy Leathers, Brian Leathers wife.

Once again a large congregation was in attendance and this time there was much joyful conversation taking place in the church itself after the service as members of the congregation admired the beautiful window decorations and wished each other a very happy Easter.

Next year we look forward to our Easter service is being led by our own minister in residence Chamil Fernando.

On the next pages we feature some of those beautiful window displays as well as the easter lilies.

Easter Flowers



Spring Daffodils and chicks share window ledges with Roses and an Easter display of eggs of all sizes including incorporating them into a lovely wreath .





Two beautiful and magnificent displays transformed the large North window and the East window of the church above the altar table.





The bright colours of spring in the varied displays were in turn rewarded with the brightest day yet of the season as the displays were installed on Easter Saturday.





Even the Easter bunny and his friend made an appearance in the displays.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are very long-standing tradition at the church for Easter Sunday and are associated with the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday,

Over 20 beautiful lilies were placed in Mayfield church in memory of loved ones who passed away and donations were made by people across Mayfield to provide these most beautiful and significant flowers in the church.

They did not disappoint and spread across the church they added a timeless and spiritual quality to Easter.



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MAYFIELD VILLAGE WEBSITES

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Mayfield Memorial Hall

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Mayfield's Super Easter Sunday

A New Sport Comes to the Village and a Great time is had by all!

Super Sundays have become a bit of a thing over the last year at Mayfield Memorial Hall, when a whole load of activities take place on a Sunday before a Bank Holiday, encouraging villagers to come and share in the fun and fellowship of a variety of activities.

And this year The Super Sunday on Easter Bank Holiday weekend was no exception and fortunately in one of our rainiest years ever Easter Sunday was dry which was just as well as this Super Sunday introduced a new sport to Mayfield..... The Mayfield Three-Legged Race

Yep, that staple of the school sports day was brought to life for adults in a three legged race around Mayfield itself, with stop off points on the way where both a treat and a challenge awaited each competing team.



Ten teams entered the race and set off from the hall at timed intervals.

The course took them from the Memorial Hall up to the Jubilee Square flats, then along the Main Road, down Ashley Drive, around the Avenue, back up Conygree Lane before coming back to the hall by Oxmead.

It is fair to say the race was more a swift walk and that was because at various points along the way





special stations were set up where each competitor had to take a shot of some exotic alcohol and then complete a challenge. This varied from blowing up a balloon and then carrying that balloon with you the rest of the race through to the ultimate Easter challenge at the end – A Cadbury creme egg for each team member that they had to eat fully on the spot - they were not allowed to go until they could show, via a clean mouth that the egg have been totally eaten.

Now try eating a Cadbury creme egg in one go as fast as you can it is surprisingly difficult and after an exhausting race around the village, it proved to be the ultimate challenge to each team to the point where there was even a queue forming as team members found this particular challenge one hard to swallow!



However every team managed the task and then raced to the hall to set their time. And timings were close it was just mere minutes between all 10 teams and in fact that cream egg eating section decided the winners, who were brothers Liam and Callum Sowter who will share as their prize a magnificent £40 voucher generously donated by The Royal Oak to spend on a delicious meal at Mayfield's own pub.

However after those crème eggs we don't think they'll be having that meal just yet! In fact as a reward for all the efforts the three legged team members we're first in line for the next part of super Sunday, a free BBQ for everyone attending the hall.

Simon and Bush worked hard to set the BBQ up and started serving free burgers and free hot dogs around 5:00 PM with those 3 legged participants being the 1st to claim their meal. The barbeque was sponsored and paid for by the Memorial Hall itself as a thank you to all the villagers who support the Hall and the Mayfield Arms every Sunday when the bar is open.



The BBQ was a sellout, even for people who had enjoyed a traditional Easter Sunday lunch, but still managed to find space for a complimentary burger!

And after your burger and hot dog, the last part of super Sunday was live music, again provided free by the hall, featuring local singer Shaun Gough. Shaun, featured here with one very devoted fan, performed two sets of music and she had the hall up and dancing to a wide mixture of tunes. from pop to heavy metal as well as a ballad or two to allow people to rest and get that BBQ food settled before they were up for the next dance.



It wasn't until late evening that The Super Sunday event finally closed, proving once again Mayfield knows how to come together and enjoy itself. Big thanks must go to the hall itself for providing the barbeque and the live music at no charge and a very special thanks to the Royal Oak for generously sponsoring the three-legged race and providing the winning £40 voucher.

Lookout for future super Sundays in the year based around bank holidays when everyone can have a fun Sunday evening without worrying about getting up to go to work the next day.

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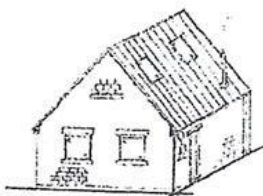
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The Friday Club Gets Active – Whilst Sitting Down!



It was all about being active and keeping fit at the Friday Club this month when on Friday 12th April the club welcomed Janet Chadfield, a fitness specialist who runs weekly sessions in Ashbourne.

Janet is part of the Active Dales initiative set up by the Derbyshire Dales Council to help people remain fit as they grow older and she designs exercises that can be done even while sitting in a chair!

Before Friday club members, (with over 25 in attendance), started the exercises, Janet explained that strength and balance exercises help reduce and prevent the risk of falls which is the largest single risk that people have as they get older. She explained that the exercises, which are easy to do - even whilst sitting down, has multiple benefits from lowering blood pressure and reducing stress, to improving bone strength, controlling blood sugar levels, help improve your sleep pattern and boosting your mood, as well as significantly reducing the risk of falls.

Soon every member, whatever age, was undertaking some fun exercises either sitting or standing and all agreed it was a real benefit for them.

Janet runs the classes every Tuesday at the Ashbourne Pavilion. At just £4.00 per session including a social tea and coffee before the session starts, it's very good value. There are two sessions for different levels of fitness; and if you are interested in going you can ring Janet on 07816 162040 or Friday Club chairman Carol Akers on 07716 433609 who is a regular attendee at the classes.

The Friday club meets in May on Friday 10th and 24th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and everyone is welcome. Future meetings will feature, stay safe from scams, music, fun talks, a D Day celebration tea and trips out.

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Joyce's Garden Notes – May

As I write these notes and look out of the window Spring should fully be with us, but as we've seen all this year, we have days when Spring does appear to be here to be followed the next day by weather that's more appropriate for February than the end of April!

I had tried to get in the garden when the weather permits and temperatures are good enough, but I have to say as with most of us, it is less than I've done in previous years. In recent days the weather has really been very nasty with the wind blowing extremely hard, as well as having sleet appear in the middle of April!

As I have said previously, I was getting ready to start with a new little garden I am planting for Wally, but most of the plants are still in the greenhouse waiting for better days. However, I have managed to tidy up the footpath next to my house where people go into the field and the weeds that were growing up against my fence are now firmly in the brown bin.

However, that doesn't make up for working in the garden proper.

I have to say I feel very sorry the little lambs in the fields around us, born only a short time ago, to find their new spring world is one of rain and very wet pastures. My brother Vernon who runs a farm at Dydon has had five new calves who are still inside the sheds to keep them with their mothers, even though they want to go out to pasture that is not yet ready for them.

One good thing is that despite all of this bad weather the birds are still coming to the garden and my bird feeders are busy every day with robins, lots of sparrows and blackbirds, who like to eat their food on the ground picking up the seeds that have been spilled from the bird feeder by the other attendees! The only birds not welcome are, of course, the pigeons who spill more food than they eat, before I chase them off!

In fact, that spilt food has also seen the appearance of field mice and in recent days even a rabbit who came in from under the hedge. He is a little grey rabbit, clearly a baby, and he come on his own without mum and has got used to coming in every day!

One species of bird I have yet to see are swallows. They used to come over in spring all the way from Africa to make their nests just under our roof, but we saw none last year and I've yet to see any this year. However, my brother Vernon still has them come to his farm at Dydon along with cuckoos who enjoy the woodland environment better than our more formalised back gardens.

I do hope your gardens are doing well, despite the rain and fingers crossed it will soon clear up and we will have a lovely late spring and summer.

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Diana is Licenced as a Reader



A long-standing member of Mayfield church's congregation, Diana Houghton has just been licenced as a reader in the Church of England in a beautiful ceremony at Derby cathedral conducted by the Diocesan Bishop of Derby, Rt Revd Libby Lane.

Diana, who originally lived in Upper Mayfield before moving to Tissington has been a member of Mayfield's congregation for a number of years. Even with her move to Tissington, where she is currently churchwarden, she still attends Mayfield church on a regular basis and was supported at her licencing service in Derby cathedral by a coach load of Mayfield parishioners, including our former minister the Revd, Ray Owen



The service was both moving and joyful and Diana has permission to take services as a reader in Mayfield, the first of which was just eight days after her licencing. We look forward to Diana leading services in Mayfield along with our new associate minister Chamil Fernando.

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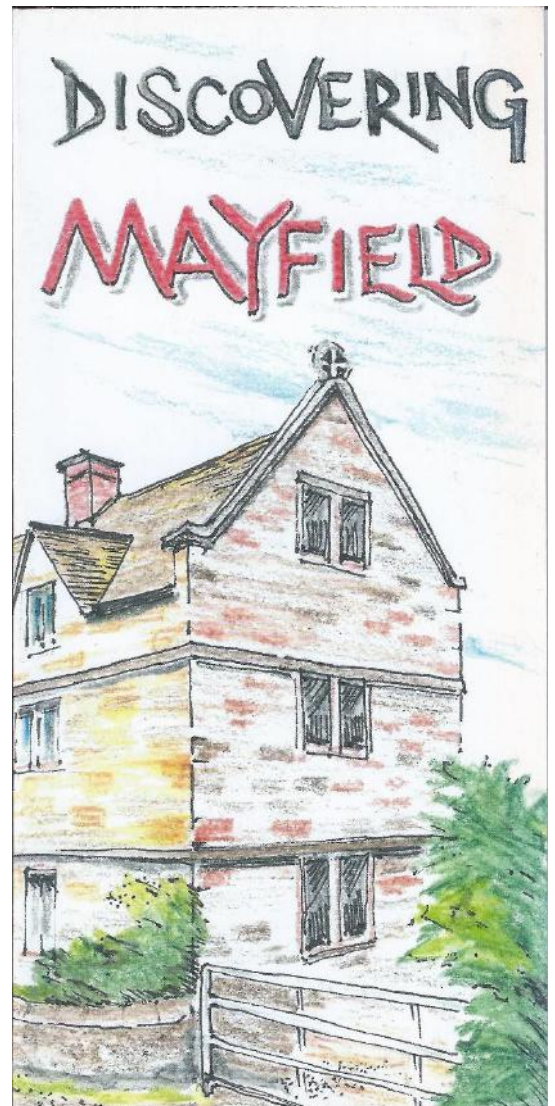
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Messy Church Explores Easter!

On Saturday 23 March we had fun thinking about Easter – arguably the most important time of year for Jesus's followers (not just an excuse to eat chocolate eggs!)

We re-enacted the discovery of the empty tomb (did you know that the 2 soldiers guarding the tomb were bribed to say that Jesus' body had been stolen – the alternative would have been execution. Bullying and lying by powerful people in an attempt to cover uncomfortable truths is nothing new, but the truth wins out in the end!).



There was Arts & crafts for all ages! as we decorated eggs, made prayer-crosses, and had an outdoor Easter egg hunt. We also welcomed our youngest member who was just two weeks old! And then as you can see on the next page we decorated a lovely Easter butterfly cake made by our very own cook, Ellen. After her delicious chicken-pasta we enjoyed the cake – very yummy!

As always, we had a time of learning, reflection and worship. And as always, it was a fun, friendly time and it got us all thinking about important stuff!

Interested? Come along, whatever your age you'll be very welcome. **4th Saturday** of every month, **3.30 – 5.30**, in Mayfield Church Rooms. No charge but donations towards the meal are welcome. Next sessions: 27 April and 25 May.



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Because of our great local sponsors, friends of the Hall and volunteers the whole festival is **FREE with no charge at the door** not even for the Saturday night dance. And that sponsorship means it's still just **£3 a pint for real ales and Lagers**. So there's no better place to come and meet with family, friends and neighbours right here in the heart of Mayfield.

Friday 31st May 7:00pm - Midnight.

The festival kicks off with more than 20 beers and ciders to try from local and regional breweries as well as our famous gin bar with both fruity and classic gins. We've also got a wide range of soft drinks and for the designated drivers alcohol free beers as well. It's a time to sit back, relax and enjoy festival atmosphere.

Saturday 1st June 1:00pm - to Midnight.

Sit outside if it's sunny, (it will be) or inside in our beautifully decorated hall and be part of the biggest village festival of the year. Saturday is a day for relaxing so there's no need to cook as there will be fresh BBQ burgers and hotdogs - perfect weekend nosh. Then, fully charged you can dance the night away with live music from Paul Gibson from 8:00 PM onwards. By now you would have tried most of the beers and ciders on offer and will know your favourites - but there's always just one more taste waiting for you at our Festival Bar.

Sunday 2nd June Two Til' Its Gone 2pm till..... you tell us!

It's your last chance to try that final beer that you somehow managed to miss on the first two days. We open the doors at 2:00pm and close them when we run dry, is your chance to finish off this year's festival with friends, good company and great beer.

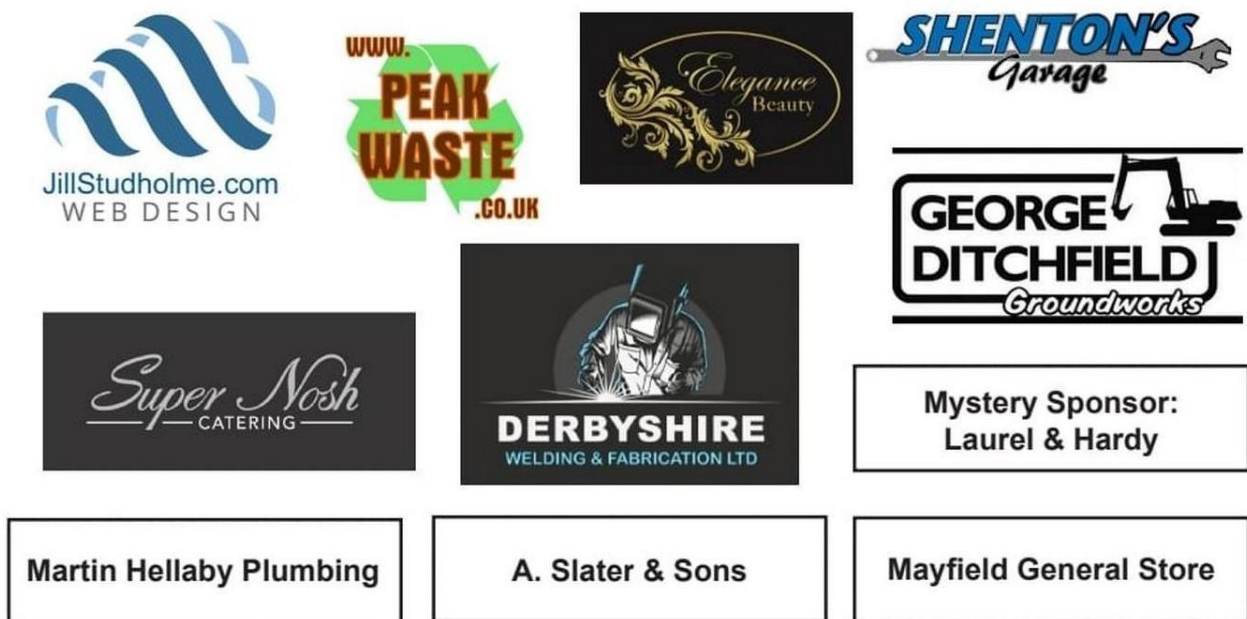


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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MAY 2024

Monday 13th 20th 27th -Line Dancing 7pm-9pm.

Tuesday 7th 14th 21st 28th - Indoor Bowls 10.30am-12.30am

**Friday 10th 24th May - NEW Mayfield Friday Club
2pm - 4pm Everyone is welcome including non members.**

**Tuesday & Thursday Evening in Term Time , 1st Mayfield
Scouts and Beavers .**

**Tuesdays 6.30pm -8pm Scouts Thursdays 6pm -7pm Beavers
And Cubs. Contact Katy Lewis for full details 07961824674**

Thursday 2nd May - Polling Sation Local Election 7am -10pm

Friday 24th May - Darts Presentation night - 7pm

**Saturday 25th March Country Music Club with Live Music from
Cole Jackson Doors open 7pm, Artist on 8.30pm.**

MAYFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 2024
FRIDAY 31ST MAY TO SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

Friday 31st May 7:00pm - 12noon midnight.

Saturday 1st June 1:00pm - to 12noon midnight.

5:00 PM onwards - Hot Festival Food – good to go, good to eat

8:00 PM onwards live music from Paul Gibson

Sunday 2nd June 'Two Til' Its Gone' 2pm – til the beer runs out!

1st Mayfield Scouts help celebrate Saint Georges Day

St Georges Day, April the 23rd, is normally celebrated with parades on the nearest Sunday to the day itself - this year the 21st of April just two days before. Parades took place across the country and Mayfield was no exception where Mayfield Church, with the help of 1st Mayfield Scouts, celebrated the day in style.



On a beautiful spring day, unusually dry and sunny, 1st Mayfield Scouts paraded down at 10.30am through Mayfield from the Memorial Hall, complete with flags proudly born by the scouts themselves, arriving at the church at 10.45am to be welcomed by our vicar Brian Leathers and our church wardens. The flags were



then taken into the church and laid on the communion table ceremoniously decorated for the service with a Union Jack Flag. The scouts then took part in the service reading both the lessons and two special prayers. St George featured in the sermon and at the end of the service the large congregation sang the national anthem, remembering to sing God save the King, (even though the hymn books still had God save the Queen printed in them).

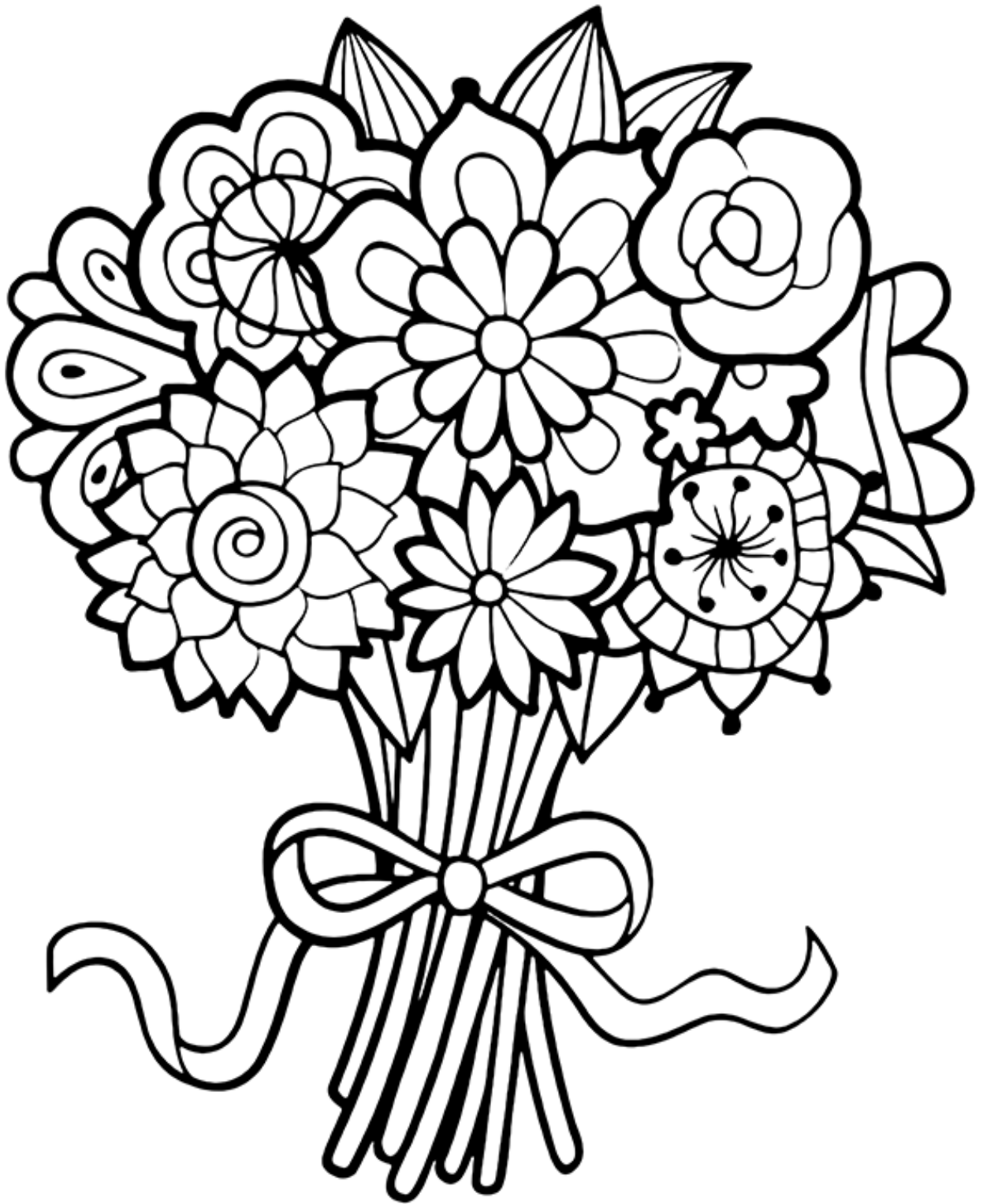


Then it was off to the church rooms where the Scouts had prepared tea, coffee and best of all homemade cakes which were eagerly consumed in return for a donation to the scout funds.



It all made for a most enjoyable and memorable day celebrating the patron St of our country.

Colour Me In!



A New Roof at Pendlewych

My hard hat and foreman's uniform will be coming out again later this month when I will be supervising the installation of Pendlewych's new roof.

It isn't unusual for older properties to need maintenance just like older people (Mal will confirm this!!) and Pendlewych currently has a roof without any felt. Whilst, we haven't had any problems so far, the felt is the last form of defence against wind, rain and snow and we certainly appear to have more of this type of weather recently, particularly rain and wind. I know that if we ever decide to sell Pendlewych, the roof would certainly be a cause for concern for any surveyor and prospective purchaser. I have therefore persuaded the girls to get this job done so that we are ready for anything!

In light of what's to come, I also suggested that Kim and Mal might like to consider having a good old sort out in the loft and the ideal opportunity presented itself when Tom decided to visit for Mother's Day weekend – I bet he wished he hadn't!!!

We all still have a dream that one day we might just buy a quaint little cottage by the sea and live out our days walking along the beach, drinking wine in the local pubs, reading, gardening, painting, drawing, etc. – no time restrictions and total freedom! After a glass or two, Kim and Mal also talk about living on a canal boat or buying a log cabin by the coast – it can be difficult to keep up with their thought processes and I try hard to keep them level headed and not get carried away – this is not always easy!! Something that always crops up during these discussions is the definite need to de-clutter, to become minimalist, to dispose of "stuff" which they have collected, separately and together, over a period of years. This all fits in perfectly with the proposed new project! They do make me laugh though!! They always sound so serious but next thing is we're off to Buxton or Bakewell and return loaded with more "stuff" or return from holiday with more mementos of the lovely time we've just had!! If they ever become minimalist, I'll eat my "hard" hat!!!

So, the intention, for the reasons above, was there and so it began! Tom was volunteered to climb into the loft and pass down anything and everything in sight! I don't think he or Kim and Mal expected quite so much to be up there! Clothes, books, CDs, DVDs, ornaments, jewellery, cushions, jigsaws, games, wrapping paper, towels, quilts, fitness equipment, pictures, suitcases, family heirlooms, crockery, vases, mirrors, Christmas "stuff" the list goes on and on!! Of course, all of this had to go somewhere and the bed in the middle spare bedroom was piled high, the floor was covered and even the ironing board had to be folded away to make more room – not an inch of free space anywhere!! What a mess!!

There are boxes of Mal's parents' belongings to contend with – Mal and her sister keep threatening to sort it all out but nothing actually seems to happen, they just talk about it!!

Becky and Tom had already been given ultimatums regarding their stored possessions as they now have houses of their own and lofts of their own so everything left is down to Kim and Mal.

All credit to them both, they have done a very good job of dispersing of items in several different ways. Facebook Marketplace, Ashbourne Sell It Swap It, Table Top Sale at the Memorial Hall, visits to charity shops and recycling and lots of jigsaws to Homebase who take donations for Macmillan in exchange.



As well as the main objective of getting rid of "stuff" and clearing the loft, we also managed to raise £150 which was a bonus. Despite all of this de-cluttering, as you can see, the bed is still piled high.

The "stuff" seems to have spread into the second spare bedroom! Tom is needed again to put various things back in the loft – I haven't told him yet – I think we'll keep it as a surprise!!! Tom, you might just regret being a fit and strong young man and, if you are thinking of coming home again soon, The Travelodge near The Stepping Stones may be a better option!!!

When arranging dates for the scaffolding and the new roof work to be done, I have mentioned to Lee that the loft is

by no means empty but thankfully he assures me that they will just cover everything up to protect it from harm.

I think the roof project may well be completed before the de-cluttering project but we have made a start!

If anyone wants a jigsaw, a book, a picture or, in fact, anything else, please call at Pendlewych – we're sure to have just what you are looking for!!!

Morse the Dog

Nature Notes: Orange Tip Butterflies and Hedge Garlic

When I go into the conservatory this morning for breakfast, there is an orange tip butterfly. He doesn't seem unduly bothered to be inside, but flutters from window to lemon verbena and pelargonium plants. I get close and notice that when he closes his wings up underneath they are speckled greeny-black for camouflage.



The female orange tipped butterfly has black, not orange, tips to her wing. Here the underside speckling is shown.



The orange tip butterfly lays her eggs on hedge garlic. Hedge garlic in its first year overwinters as low growing mounds. This wild flower lives along country lanes, hedgerows and in woods. The older plants have nettle-like leaves which when you rub them smell of garlic.

Younger hedge garlic has more rounded leaves You can cook the leaves for a gentle garlic flavour or use them in salads. Some people eat the seeds as a mustard-like seasoning.



The butterflies' caterpillars don't actually eat much of the leaves of the hedge garlic but prefer to snack on the seed pods. They like native brassicas, of which hedge garlic is one, and also favour lady's smock or cuckooflower.

Although I've always known it as hedge garlic, the plant also has other names like Jack-by-the-Hedge and Garlic Mustard.

So spare a space in your garden for the hedge garlic, loved by the beautiful orange-tip butterfly.

Jill Studholme

No butterflies were hurt in the writing of this article.

Two Poems for Mayfield

Poems are one of the most popular items we publish and here we have two poems from poets here within Mayfield. Arnie Rainbow shares the joys and wonders of Spring, but first Ian McFarlane takes on one of the current bugbears of today's society...

Pothole

Under the cover of darkness, disguised as a puddle I wait
For the unsuspecting motorist about to meet his fate

I hear the sound of an automobile approaching from afar
And by the sound of the engine it has to be a car

He's travelling at quite a lick; there is no time to swerve
Two tyres bang down into my hole, he got what he deserved!

Vibrations feel much stronger now, a large vehicle on approach
Once more I play the guessing game, is it lorry, bus or coach?

It is in fact an artic with a trailer full of cattle
Wheels bang down with such a force cause everything to rattle!

I really am quite famous now, on the telly I got a mention
I can't help it if I damage tyres or ruin your suspension.

It's daylight now I can be seen, most people know I'm here
The regulars who use this route, around me mostly steer.

Some call me the scourge of the highway, others curse and swear!
But as I don't have feelings, I don't really care!

I've enjoyed causing havoc on the roadway
Some would call it a sin.

Oh no! What's this? Some workmen?

THE'RE GOING TO FILL ME IN!!

Ian McFarlane

Spring

How will I know that spring has come?
By snowy clouds on Blackthorn,
cherry blossom shimmering in the sun?

Buttery, glittering Celandine
says winter's almost done,
leafless brush of Butterbur
emerging next the stream,
plump foraging bumbling bee,
Cuckoo Pint's spear-point leaves.

Hay harvest's throaty hum,
prancing, dancing, new-born lamb
mewing to its mum.

Each choir in tree and hedgerow,
feathered choristers urge to nest,
bustling, voracious ladybirds,
deep Crocus cups of purple,
all make a royal fest.

How I yearn for this yearly miracle,
as the icy darkness ends,
I'll know spring has sprung,
as Nature's changes wend,
soil warms to showers flung
and Earth's creator, blessings sends.

I feel His hand warming my hand
See His footprints close to mine,
feel His breath upon my neck,
His love, my bread and wine.

Arnie Rainbow

Articles for the June 2024 Issue of the Magazine.

We always welcome articles for the magazine, both from Mayfield itself and the surrounding villages. To ensure your article is published in our next issue,

June 2024

It must be submitted by **Friday 24th May** at the latest.

Articles and information submitted beyond that date may not be published.

You can submit articles by email to our editors. Stephen Dunn Email: s.w.dunn@btconnect.com Tel. 342188 or Joyce Beeson Tel. 346959 and contact us to deliver them by hand.

The Social History of Mayfield - Mayfield Council Housing Estate

TENANTS NAMED FOR 21 NEW HOUSES AT MAYFIELD

Uttoxeter R.D.C. at its meeting this week was asked to approve recommendations put forward by the Housing and Town Planning Committee for the allocation of 21 new houses now ready for letting.

It was stated that a sub-committee composed of the chairman of the Housing Committee (Mr. F. W. Snow) and the Mayfield representatives of the R.D.C. had drawn up the following list of applicants to whom they suggested houses should be let:

J. P. Harrison, 1, Church Row, Mayfield; D. Harrison, c/o 13, The Terrace, Mayfield; W. Jennings, Calwich; E. Etherington, 3, Congreave Lane, Mayfield; Nurse H. Plant, Gallowstree Lane, Mayfield; D. Pike, 6, Darley Moor Housing Estate, Ashbourne; A. Kellow, 6, South View, Mayfield; J. H. Williams, 21, The Terrace, Mayfield; E. Hudson, c/o Mrs. Sellers, 5, South View, Mayfield; J. Higgins, c/o Mrs. Allen, Leek Road, Mayfield; Mrs. S. A. Power, c/o Miss Buxton, Bridge House, Mayfield; Ronald Sowter, 2, Ashlea Drive, Mayfield; T. Hooley, c/o Queen's Arms Hotel, Mayfield; R. Deacon, 2 Velvet Row Mayfield; Leslie Smith, 1, South View, Mayfield; A. Page, 7, Wallash, Mayfield; C. Oakes, Middle Mayfield; A. Gould, Upper Mayfield, Mayfield; G. T. Heapy, Elder Gleave, Stanton; A. Rushton, 1, Valley View Mayfield; C. A. Randall, Darley Moor Housing Estate, Ashbourne.

A new council housing estate was constructed in Mayfield during the very early 1950's. A report in the October 1952 edition of The Ashbourne Telegraph announced the names of the first 21 tenants for the newly constructed dwellings. A second report shows the fixed rental charges for the three different types of properties.

The estate was the largest housing development in Mayfield since the Simpson Bros. built the last of their properties in 1914. The planning and construction of the 92 houses, along with a police house complete with 2 lock up cells, was carried out by the *Uttoxeter Rural District Council*. The main contractor appointed to oversee the construction of the estate was *O'Dair Brothers of Tean & Uttoxeter*. The *O'Dair* name can still to be seen on ironwork on the estate.

The estate was built on pasture land owned by Mr. & Mrs. Durose of Church Farm. There was a common car parking ground at the rear of Sycamore Road along with a block of garages for rental by residents. The garages are long gone but the concrete floors can still be seen

The new houses would prove to be most welcome to the new tenants, many of the houses in the area at that time would only have outside toilets and no bathrooms. Families from neighbouring villages were included in the 21 names.

One address noted is *Congreave Lane*, this was the name of what is now known as *Conygree Lane*. The reason for, or when, the change of the name was made is lost somewhere in the past. An unusual address is *Darley Moor Housing Estate, Ashbourne*.

RENTS FIXED

The Council was also told that the Chief Financial Officer had submitted a statement showing the rents of these houses based on the estimated final costs and taking into account the Exchequer and Rate contributions.

It was decided to fix the rents of 2 bedroomed type houses at £1 a week, 3 bedroomed non-parlour type houses at £1/1/-, and 3 bedroomed parlour type houses at £1/3/6d.

At the end of WW2 many ex-military men and their families found it difficult to find family accommodation.

This was a country wide problem. Many of these families took matters into their own hands and moved into vacant military camp officer quarters, they became known as "squatters". Several local families moved into the vacant officer quarters, with full services installed, on RAF Darley Moor airfield, hence the name *Darley Moor Housing Estate*.

Many of the houses on the Mayfield estate are now privately owned, with residents taking up the offer of 'right to buy'. The first of the 'right to buy'

purchases took place during the mid 1960's, one of the first of these, a non-parlour three bedroomed house, was purchased at a cost of under £2,500.

Mayfield for many years had a resident policeman who operated from the Police House, his family home. The policeman I remember from my school days was Pc Stanton. He and his family lived firstly at the Police House on Bridge Hill and later moved to a Police House on The Avenue.

The new purpose-built Police House with two lock up cells was completed In 1952. Pc Stanton retired and took up residence at Weirside, he was always known locally as *Bobby Stanton*. To the best of my knowledge there were three resident officers who occupied the new Police House. The first was Sgt Hollinshead, followed by Sgt Heath and finally Pc Cliff Randall. It was eventually deemed that Mayfield did not warrant a full time police officer, the vacant Police House was sold many years ago and is now a private residence. It is not known if the cells were ever used for the purpose intended.

Pat Smith

Mayfield Polling Station at Mayfield Memorial Hall

Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner Election - 2nd May 2024

Mayfield Memorial Hall will be open from **7:00 AM to 10:00 PM** on Thursday 2nd as the Polling Station for the Election of Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner for the Staffordshire Police area.



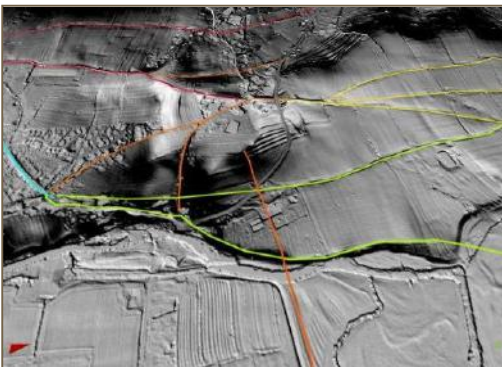
Mayfield's Roman Roads & The Mathelfeld 'Meeting Field'

Several routes have been identified for Roman Roads passing through Mayfield
Come along and find out more about these possible routes, their development and even the location of a Roman signal tower.

Plus, more details on the medieval 'Meeting Field' that gives Mayfield village its name



7pm Friday 31st May 2024 - Mayfield Church Rooms



Admission £5 on the door – includes refreshments

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My Month: Tales of The Easter Bunny

As you can see from other articles in this magazine it has been a busy Easter for Mayfield as the village celebrated/commemorated Easter in all its forms. Our church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, accompanied by little chicks and eggs hiding amongst the flowers waiting to be discovered; as well as the traditional Easter lilies donated in remembrance of loved ones gone before.

Meanwhile elsewhere in Mayfield, villagers took part in a three-legged race, enjoyed an early spring BBQ and danced the night away at a super Easter Sunday event at the Memorial Hall. The weather even held on Easter Saturday to allow walkers, many with dogs, to enjoy signs of spring in our valley particularly the beautiful daffodils and spring blossom.

Oh, and there was a small matter of receiving and giving Easter eggs and by that, I mean full-on chocolate Easter eggs of all shapes and sizes. Even at my advanced age I got one or two, given as a thank you for help done and lifts offered, (for which I did not require any gift), but was delighted to receive them and it is fair to say eagerly eaten over holiday period.

However, there was one great ritual of Easter that I did not take part in and that was an Easter egg hunt, for my children are fully grown and have fled the nest so there is no longer a need for the Easter Bunny to come to our garden.

But as Easter day got nearer, I still got nostalgic for those Easter egg hunts across our lawns and borders and Easter egg hunts in general. Now this is odd because as a child I don't really remember many Easter egg hunts I went on, outside of the last day of primary school term and certainly do not remember any taking place in our own house and garden on Easter day itself.

That was because father was not having small children running all over his precious vegetable plots or searching his borders and mother had similar views about the inside of the house where her tidy and clean rooms and cupboards were not to be disturbed by two small boys moving everything around searching for Easter eggs.

That's not to say we didn't have Easter eggs. Easter was indeed a time when the family splurged out and on Easter morning, we boys would run downstairs to find a whole range of Easter eggs in prime position for us on the dining room table me at one end my brother at the other. It is fair to say we were delighted, but with sibling rivalry as it is, we quickly scanned each other's Easter eggs to make sure we got exactly the same number each.

And amongst those eggs was one special egg, not the largest, not the ones with bars of chocolate inside them, but still a special egg. For in our house the Easter Bunny was very considerate, we didn't have to go searching for his one egg he

gave us, it was there on the table amongst the others with a little note saying exactly who the egg was from and sometimes even with a self-portrait of Mr Bunny himself. We loved it, although I have to say overtime the Easter bunny's handwriting looked suspiciously like my mother's!

Growing up in a working-class household in the 1950's, chocolate was not always as readily available to me and my friends, so it seems to make sense that my generation went a bit mad at Easter, but nowadays with chocolate available with everything and an obesity crisis apparently looming on the horizon, chocolate at Easter does not seem such a big deal. Yet clearly it is, just ask anyone under the age of 10, Easter eggs, of the chocolate variety, matter.

And in particular, eggs brought by the Easter Bunny seem to matter most. Somehow, like free manna from heaven, they assume a greater significance for children than those given to them on Easter Day by parents and relatives. The reason is obvious of course, they have to hunt and forage for those eggs themselves and with the Easter Bunny you might just get a bigger share of the eggs than your brothers or sisters – sibling rivalry was just made for such things!

As a parent, when my two children were small the arrival of the Easter Bunny was both pleasurable and fraught. As you know, parents have to “help out” the Easter Bunny and this got more complex as the years went on. Toddlers delight in searching a garden and are as happy finding sticks and stones under a plant, as a Cadburys Mini egg!

But as my children got older, more cunning was required. I distinctly remember “helping” the Bunny plan a torturous route through our garden complete with where he entered and then left the garden to go to the boy next door. My children would check that route and voice complaints or doubts about the Bunny's sanity in placing eggs in tree branches, *“How on earth did he hop up there?”* One year, a letter to the Easter Bunny was suggested, telling him to conveniently dump all eggs in a basket at the back door. *“Foolish children”*, I said, *“its obvious that bunny's can't read”*, so that stopped that time saving escapade.

Over time, the Easter Bunny and I became more linked in my children's eyes with specific requests to me about the exact sort of eggs they would like him, the Easter Bunny, to bring; implying that me and the Bunny (like James Stewart and Harvey) shared a drink in the pub on Easter Saturday. Needless to say, the Bunny ignored such advice and continued to bring eggs very similar to those sold in Thornton's factory shop at Belper (where I worked).

In our house the Easter Bunny was always a boy bunny, presumably he had bigger muscles to carry all those eggs, but for many of our friends the bunny was a big, motherly sort, who occasionally, for children with an allergy or health condition, delivered Carob eggs or even small toys. *“Nice but not chocolate”* were my children's comments.

As is the way of the world, when my children turned to young adults, the Easter Bunny moved on. *“No point in bringing eggs”* he’d say, *“if they aren’t collected at 7am in slippers and pyjamas.”* Quite right too.

However, I will always remember one time many years ago when, before we had children, we stayed with my wife’s sister and husband for Easter.

We arrived on Good Friday to find our three young nieces and nephews already excited about the Easter Bunny’s arrival in two days time. As is the way with adults on a break from work, we eat and drank well, very well on both Good Friday and on Easter Saturday, knowing we had a long weekend to recover before going back to get ready for work.

It meant myself and Philip, my brother-in-law were up quite late on Saturday, after a drinks party they hosted for neighbours, consuming even more alcoholic beverages, long after the neighbours went home and our wives to bed, Philip was happy to indulge knowing that the only job he had the next day was to ‘help’ the Easter Bunny hide all those eggs in the back garden.

Unfortunately, as we staggered to bed in the early hours of Sunday morning, it had unseasonably started to snow!

First thing Easter morning and my brother-in-law, assigned to “help” Easter Bunny, found himself at a very early hour at the garden door in slippers and with a significant hangover from the party the previous evening. The snow had settled like a white blanket over his garden. It was cold and wet and slippers and snow and a hangover don’t mix well.

He also could not go around the garden planting eggs without leaving a trail of footprints. So, he did what any red-blooded man would do, and after brief “consultation” with said Easter Bunny he hurled said eggs from doorway as far as he could and returned to a warm bed. However, Before the children awoke, the sun rose in a clear sky, melted the snow and exposed the eggs and the pattern they formed, leading directly to and from the garden door.

My brother-in-law was woken later by three excited children telling him that the Easter Bunny had come and that all the eggs led to the back door and *“Get up daddy and let’s hunt for the Easter Bunny, he must still be in the house, you can catch him”*. His much more intelligent wife merely opened a kitchen window a crack and placed a small single egg on the windowsill thus establishing the Bunny’s exit route.

Why she chose not to tell her family for several hours, enjoying her peace and quite whilst her husband was having plenty of “quality time” with his young and noisy family, I will never know.

Until Next Time Stephen Dunn

Job Vacancy

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Mayfield Parish Council

We are seeking to appoint, ideally, a CiLCA Qualified Clerk/RFO who will be responsible for preparing agendas and minutes for Parish Council meetings. As well as handling correspondence and managing the finances and administration of the PC, and providing advice to enable councillors to fulfil their function to best effect, as the Responsible Financial Officer, the clerk is required to arrange the payment of accounts, issue invoices, monitor and balance the Council's accounts and prepare records for audit purposes and VAT. Our annual precept is £19,800.

Applicants should have relevant qualifications, experience of committee work, minute taking and keeping financial records, together with strong organisational, communication and IT skills and an interest in developing the PC website.

The role is estimated to require 26 hours per month (to be worked flexibly from home, except when attending meetings) plus an additional 10 discretionary hours per year. Pay will be on the LC2 scale depending on qualifications and experience.

Mayfield is one of the northernmost parishes in the East Staffordshire Borough Council area adjacent to the boundary with Derbyshire along the River Dove. It has about 600 households and an electorate of around 1,000 spread across several distinct communities. It is a lively village with a number of active societies and voluntary organisations and has The Memorial Hall, Church Rooms and a recreation ground. Local knowledge would be a bonus.

To arrange an informal discussion on the role and remuneration, please contact the chairman, Nat Wakefield (nwakefieldmpc@gmail.com). Formal applications, which will require the details of two referees, must be received by Friday 10th May 2024.

Further information on our parish and parish council can be found at <http://www.mayfieldparishcouncil.org.uk>

The Beauty of Mayfield – Spring Lambs are Here!



One of the joys of living in Mayfield is that we really are in the country and there's been no better time, (despite the weather), to appreciate the joys of Spring by viewing all the lambs in our fields around us. Young lambs are a mixture of curiosity and wanting to be near mother as soon as they see you, but they always bring a smile to your face.

Mayfield Car Boot Sale brings Bargains to the Village



There is nothing like a good car boot sale to help you find that bargain you've always wanted and if you've got an attic full of stuff you no longer need it's a great way of decluttering the house.

And that's exactly what happened on Sunday Morning 7th April at the Memorial Hall. For the many stall holders, it was a perfect opportunity to sell the results of their spring cleaning and for the buyers a chance to acquire that something they always wanted, and indeed bargains were had. The Memorial Hall itself acquired a standalone sound system that will prove very useful for providing music at events and one stall holder not only sold their goods but actually bought a

beautiful vintage sewing machine from another happy stall holder. With Breakfast baps and refreshments provided by 1st Mayfield Scouts, it made for a perfect morning in the village – what more could you ask for!



We publish below two essays from parishioners, on love & memories and childhood. Enjoy.

Unconditional Love

Why Am I writing about love? After all everyone knows what love is, although it means many different things to different people. We talk about love every day, love of family, love of food, love of nature, love of home, love of country, love of music, love of singing, love of a new pair of comfy shoes. The list is endless and we use the word so often that it may cease to have its true meaning. At the same time we read the newspaper and watch the news on television or if you're super cool on your latest smart phone and love seems to have left the planet. Indeed it has become so uncomfortable one can hardly dare to watch the news at all.

So what happened to happiness? when did you last hear someone walk past whistling a tune, for instance, it used to be such a common event in my youth. When did we get so busy with our lives there was no time to stop and smell the flowers along the way. When did you last feel happy to be alive? I don't think this is just an age thing, the flowers are still there, the sun shines occasionally, the trees are bursting into life, its spring, most people's favourite time of the year, why are we not celebrating, when did living become a weight on our shoulders.

I didn't mean to depress you, however, my objective was to point out that it should not be like this, life should be incredible and full of joy. That's where love comes in, I read somewhere that love, light and God are interchangeable, that they are all the same thing. I have the idea floating through my head that I should write a book about God in empty spaces but so far it hasn't happened. Perhaps writing this little epistle is my way of getting it out of my system.

We have all heard the phrase God is love, well let's suppose this to be true. If God is invisible and everywhere, it follows that he is here now as you read this humble message, that He is here in each word as well as in every space between, in the paper it is written on, even here this very moment watching you read. Have you ever considered just how close to you God really is, every moment of every day. In every breath you take you are breathing in God, you are never without God and never without Love and as long as you live you will never be without this life force vibrating through every cell in your body. Have you ever considered what that makes you? Something very precious, an infinitely tiny peace of God, of unconditional Love, why do I say unconditional? Because that Love is given to everyone, not just to you and me but to every person and living thing in existence. On every planet in the multiverse, that's bigger than we can even imagine.

What is more this Love which encompasses everything is non judgemental, nothing we do will ever be beyond its forgiveness no matter what that may be. So this is the message I am delivering today. God/Love is all forgiving there is nothing

can ever change that. This is not to suggest you go out and commit any selfish or thoughtless act you can think of. Far from it, firstly we have to forgive ourselves just as we are forgiven and then forgive those who have hurt us. Go forward with a different attitude of mind, knowing we are loved and blessed beyond our expectations and hopefully we will be surrounded by more sunshine, more flowers, more music, more of the things that make us happy and those around us happy. Let us follow Jesus and be who we were always meant to be.

Lots of Love

Fran Carlisle

Memories

'Wake up England!'

Daylight flooded in, rudely crashing into my dreams, as mum tugged back the curtains. After a token flick of the flannel and pulling on school uniform, came the first major decision of the day: Sugar Puffs, or Frosties? While I shovelled down my breakfast, mum dusted and polished, then checked behind my ears and other oft-neglected parts.

Then our well-trodden walk to grans, across the grey railway bridge and into the council estate, opposite a rudimentary playground – used more by local stray dogs than kids.

Gran was exactly what a gran should be: rather plump, hair tied back in a bun, perpetually in an apron (did she wear it in bed I wondered?), cuddly, kind and warm. Mum said her goodbyes and set off to catch the 73 bus to Hammersmith Broadway and the Lyons Maid sales office.

I usually met up with my pal from next door for the walk to Mortlake County Primary school: a fine example of late Victoriana, filled with kids from the local council flats. School was OK, apart from 'somewhere over the rainbow' being bawled into my ear at every playtime. How I wished I had a normal surname (and a proper Christian name: I mean apart from golfer Arnold Palmer, who had heard of an Arnold?!)

Nowadays I can't remember a name mentioned 30 minutes ago. But I remember Miss Tester. Kindness personified, she loved wildlife and adored her pupils. One day she teased us with 'why do migrating birds fly in a 'V-formation?' She wasn't able to complete the riddle: succumbing to cancer soon after.

Mr Scanlon, class teacher in my final year: firm but encouraging. Mrs Wyatt, the school's headmistress: she came into our classroom to console those who hadn't passed the 11-plus ('grammar school pupils get lots of homework and have to work very hard').

My school, in its wisdom, had decided that I should jump a year: curiously I had to sit an exam to see whether I was fit to sit the 11-plus aged 10. When I got to grammar school, my mum wasted no time in telling friends and neighbours that I had out-performed prince Charles (who was the same age as me), despite his top-notch private education.

Curiously, I remember pupil Terence Cumber, killed by a lorry as he ran across the road on his way home. Next day we all brought a penny to buy some flowers for his funeral.

Maybe it's kindness, sadness and oddities that stick names in our memories? Take the coronation: we received a china mug containing an orange. Soon after, we were lined up by the nearby railway line, so we could wave to the new queen and her entourage, as they sped by, en route to Waterloo station.

I also remember the break for school milk and – unfortunately – school dinners: the noisy queues and the all-pervading smell of soggy cabbage.

When the end-of-school bell rang I'd walk back to grans and wait for mum to escort me home. She would ask me what I'd done at school and whether I had any homework. I soon learnt that education was mum and dad's highest priority: the holy grail that would lift us out of the working class rut. Not for them the 'factory was good enough for me my lad – it's good enough for thee'.

Saturday mornings, dad and I usually visited the public library. I was such an avid reader that the library eventually granted me a double set of loan tickets. Once a month we would visit the local barbers for a traditional short-back-and-sides. I can still smell the brilliantine and hear the chauvinistic chatter. I always wondered why the barber asked his customers whether they'd like 'something for the weekend'.

I soon caught dad's passion for plants and often accompanied him to his allotment (a mile or so walk). Kew Gardens was less than an hour's stroll away. So it was a frequent outing for dad and me on a Sunday afternoon, while mum caught up with baking and knitting. Walks with dad were always informative. For the son of a farm labourer he was very knowledgeable, extremely well-read and politically astute.

It emerged during one of our walks that he had lost a friend called Arnold fighting the royalist fascists in the Spanish Civil War. After that I decided that I was rather proud of my Christian name. My surname? A longer story, but being a symbol of reconciliation (see the story of Noah), selfless care (of Nature and people) and peace, it gives me plenty to live up to - plus it gets remembered!

Arnie Rainbow



80th Anniversary of Mayfield's Wellington Bomber Crash

The Heritage Group is commemorating the 80th anniversary of this dramatic event that took place in Mayfield on June 13th, 1944, one week after 'D' Day.

A brief service will be held at the memorial and will be followed by a fly-past of 2 RAF Hurricanes. Refreshments will be in the Church Rooms where there will be displays from the Derby Air Archaeology Society and items from the original memorial event including correspondence.

11.45am Sunday June 9th, 2024

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80th Anniversary of Mayfield's Wellington Crash

The Heritage Group are preparing to commemoratethis dramatic event that took place in Mayfield on June 13 exactly one week after 'D' Day in 1944. The intention is to honour the memory of the six brave crew of Wellington MK10 LP397, part of training unit No 28 RAF Wymeswold.

There have been a number of developments since we raised the memorial in 2011, the most rewarding has been the contact made between ourselves and the various members of the family of Canadian, Urban Stevens the youngest member of the crew. We have visited John Stevens, Urban's nephew in Calgary, and spoken on the phone to Urban's brother Bernard. We have also had visits from another nephew, Robert Stewart and



Flying officer Joseph Starr

his wife and last year we had the pleasure of meeting Urban's niece June Beverley who stayed with us for a few days while on a trip around Britain. Unfortunately, none of them are able to make it over on the day but we are hoping they will be able to watch the event through You Tube, if our computer wizard Graham can make it happen!

We were also able to make contact for a time with Richard Starr, the son of the pilot Joseph Starr. His was a sad story, having been sent over to Canada as a very young child with his mother, by the government, who insisted they would have a better life over there. Apparently, his mother never spoke about his father and so he didn't know much about him at all. We were able to fill in a few details but unfortunately lost touch with him some years ago, however he was able to supply us with a picture which we really appreciate.

Although we are still in the planning process, and we know the event will be much smaller than in 2011, we have still been promised a fly past by two Hurricanes from the RAF at around mid-day, weather permitting of course, surely it will stop raining by June 9th. We will be providing refreshments at the Church Rooms after the event as well as a display of artefacts by Derby Aviation Archaeology Group. We now have pictures of 5 of the 6 crew members along with letters that passed between Urban and his family while he was over here that will also be available.

We hope to see as many people as possible for the service, which will begin at 11.45am in St John The Baptist churchyard, Mayfield.

Bob and Fran Carlisle

Carols Recipes for May

Salmon and Broccoli Gratin

Serves 4

Ingredient

454g salmon Fillets, skinless and cut into bite size pieces
454g broccoli, broken into small florets
397g canned or fresh cherry tomatoes
1 level tbsp. cornflower
284ml milk
198g low fromage frais or yoghurt
4 level freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Salt/ black pepper
28g fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs
1 tbsp. chopped parsley

Method

- 1 Poach the salmon for 4-5 mins until just cooked. Put aside and keep warm
- 2 Boil broccoli for 4-5 mins until tender. Drain and gently mix with the salmon.
- 3 Heat the tomatoes through, drain and spoon over the salmon and broccoli, keep warm.
- 4 Blend the cornflour with a little of the milk to form a paste and transfer to a pan. Pour in the remaining milk and heat, stirring all the time until thickened Simmer for 1 min. remove from the heat and stir in the fromage frais and 3 tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese. Season well and spoon over the tomatoes, making sure they are completely covered.
- 5 Preheat the grill. Mix the breadcrumbs with the remaining cheese and sprinkle over the top Cook for 4-5 mins until golden. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Carol Akers

Easy Rocky Road

This recipe is one I have made many times for the grandchildren, which they have enjoyed over the years. I had a message early the other day that Archie, my grandson, would be popping round very soon and I did not have any cake. Earlier on my grandson Ben with his two boys had come to see me, and all my cake had been devoured and I had sent them home with the remains. So out came the ingredients and it was made and soon in the fridge ready for his arrival, taking the remainder back home.

Ingredients.

200g digestive or rich tea biscuits, bashed into small pieces with a rolling pin.

200g dark chocolate 70% cocoa works best

135g butter or margarine.

2 tbsp. golden syrup

100g mini marshmallows

Optional up to 100g

Any dried fruit, nuts, popcorn

Method.

1 In a large pan melt butter, chocolate and syrup over low heat until melted together. Leave to cool.

2 Stir in the biscuits, marshmallows and any other ingredients, stir until all covered.

3 Spread the mixture into a lined t

baking tray and chill for at least for 2hrs. When chilled cut into fingers.

'I must say mine wasn't in the fridge that long and Archie cut it up'

Carol Akers

Mayfield Book Club

The book we had read was "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jo Jo Moyes. The novel was an easy read and was more lighthearted than some of our recent reads. We were low in numbers because some members were away for Easter although they do write their reviews, so we get a good idea of their thoughts.

The majority of the members enjoyed the book. One of our prolific readers had tried and tried to get into the book but when she did finish it really did not enjoy it. One member uses her Kindle to read our titles and had to pay £9.99 for the privilege but so enjoyed the story she read two more of the author's books at a reduced rate I might add and became a convert to Jo Jo Moyes.

The story is set in London; Nisha is an American wife whose leads a very privileged life and is staying in a penthouse suite with her husband. Sam is a wife whose husband who is suffering from his mental health and Sam is clinging on to her job whilst being bullied by her boss, Both ladies go to same gym, however accidentally Sam picks up with the wrong gym bag and that is where the tale begins, Nisha after leaving the gym finds she has been locked out of the penthouse but also all her cards have been cancelled by her husband.

The tale then begins on how the ladies overcome their problems. The story starts as a simple mix up leads to a roller-coaster ride as Sam and Nisha walk in each other's shoes and start to fight back. A very enjoyable read.

Carol Akers

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REFLECTIONS.

Recently I have missed one or two items on my schedule, nothing vital, but left me with a dejected feeling in that I let some folk down with missing those items.

One "excuse", if you can call it that was Easter fell near to the appointments, and that really scuppered the diary that I had in my head, as I thought, and, why I have no idea, that there was a bit of the month of March left after Easter.

However, it's done now and we tend to move on and one hopes one has the schedule for April, done and dusted, this time with some vital items, birthdays, anniversaries, appointments, etc, boldly visibly marked by a thick felt tip pen on the calendar by the desk in our study!

But, while marking these on the calendar, I am reminded that many times while booking things well in advance, they are changed as the date comes near. One case in point is my Dentist!

On leaving at the end of an appointment, I book ahead for the next one, six months hence with the secretary at the desk. But, I have lost count of the times within a month of my appointment, they have rang me to ask me to change it!

I booked an appointment at the Doctors, again no specific time and one was booked for the end of this month. Today a text came asking if I could come in a week earlier!

No problem, but one wonders what happened in the intermediate time to change things with both Dentist and Doctor?

While the world, and me, can and does make errors, I am forever thankful that I have faith, and faith in a God who is faithful in every aspect of my, and I hope our lives. Both today, tomorrow, and for every day and date on our calendar.

God Bless you all today and every day and date! **Tom P.**

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