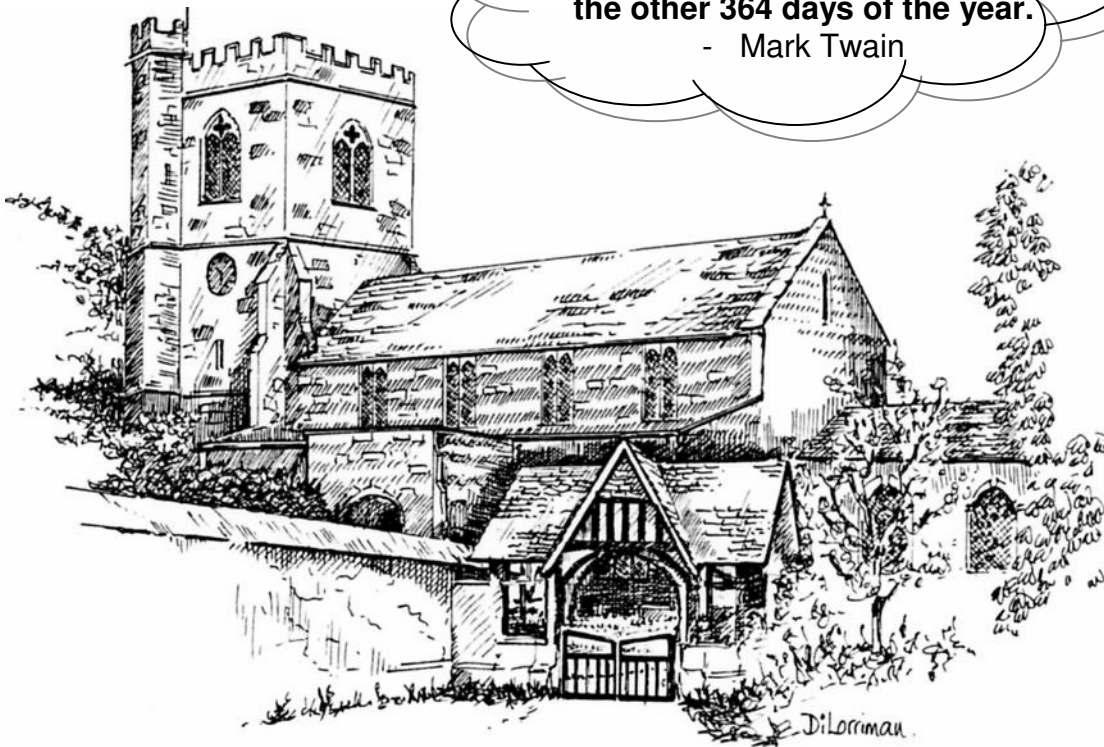


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The first of April is the day we
remember what we are
the other 364 days of the year.
- Mark Twain



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DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 21st April

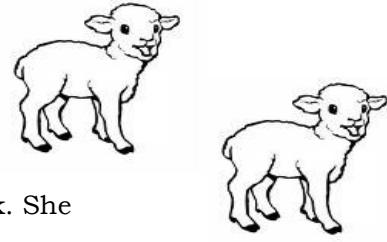
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dear Friends,



April comes once more and I had a telephone message from one of my sisters to tell me that lambing is underway in Suffolk. She and her husband have a few sheep and have the satisfaction of rearing them.

The second Sunday after Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, the Old and the New Testament are full of references to sheep. Jesus even refers himself as "The Good Shepherd" and know my sheep, and am known of mine....and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice."

These are reassuring words and they comfort us.

The image of Jesus as our knowing, caring shepherd is one we can understand and although the present time is wet and cold, as I write these new born lambs run and leap happily in the new grass. Their cries are often like the cries of children.

To the Jews, the Paschal lamb provided a feast at Passover times, normally celebrated in mid-April. The lamb was ritually offered to God and then taken back by the family to be eaten that same night in memory of saving a nation from a life of slavery in Egypt.

What does Good Shepherd Sunday say to us that Jesus went like a lamb to the slaughter, that he lives. I am the resurrected and your shepherd who gave his life for us, never ran away when the sacrificial moment came. The joy about the Good Shepherd is that he comes to us in whatever state of grace we are in.

We do lose faith from time to time and have to set out on our journey to find that faith once more. Sometimes we are puzzled by life, but Christ is a searcher and a finder. The father of the Prodigal Son who waited faithfully for him to return. He would wait everyday and when he came in sight, ran to meet him, brushing aside his grovelling words and had a party for him.

Faith teaches us in all sorts of ways to cope with loss, in whatever way it comes.

Have a joyful spring



COLIN FOX



A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, help us to keep faith especially when all seems lost. Help us to lead rich and full lives, to use our talents to help others. Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Amen

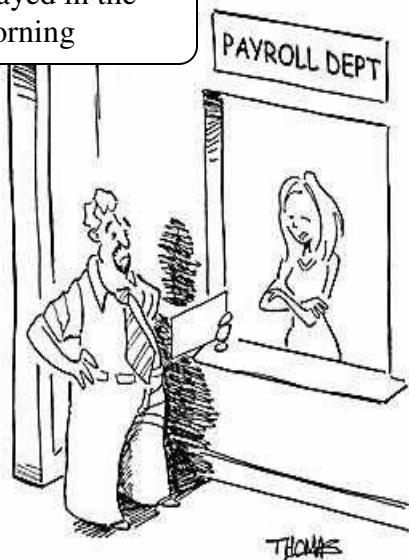
History of April Fool's Day

April Fool's day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated on Jan. 1. That year, France adopted the reformed calendar and shifted New Year's Day to Jan. 1. According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

Another explanation of the origins of April Fool's day was provided by Joseph Boskin, a Professor of History at Boston University. He explained that the practice began during the reign of Constantine, when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Constantine, amused, allowed a jester named Kugel to be king for one day. Kugel passed an edict calling for absurdity on that day and the custom became an annual event.

In England, jokes are only played in the morning



"Stare at it all you want sir, but I can assure you, no one is going to jump out and yell 'April Fools.'"

In Rome, the holiday is known as the Festival of Hilaria, celebrating the resurrection of the god Attis on March 25th – also referred to as "Roman Laughing Day"

In Portugal, April Fool's Day falls on the Sunday and Monday before lent. In this celebration, many people throw flour at their friends.

The Huli Festival is celebrated on March 31 in India. People play jokes on one another and smear colours on one another celebrating the arrival of Spring

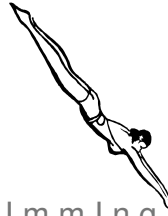
Enford Village Hall Fundraising Sponsored Swim.

Margaret Webb has completed her English Channel Swimming Challenge in which she swam the equivalent length of swimming from Dover to Calais, a distance of 35 kilometres or 1400 lengths of Pewsey Pool. She was presented with her certificate by Paula, the swimming pool manager after completing this gruelling challenge on Sunday 16th March.

Through the generous sponsorship of many people in and around Enford, she has managed to raise nearly £500 for the Village Hall Fund! For those of you who kindly agreed to sponsor her she will be collecting sponsorship throughout April. **It is not too late to sponsor her! Please phone Margaret on 01980 670537.**

Pewsey

Sports centre



Swimming

The *English* Channel Swim Challenge

Name: Margaret Webb

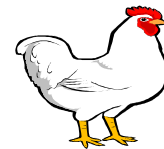
Date: 16th March 2008

Distance: 1400 laps of the pool
35 Kilometres **congratulations**

The Hen returns to the Fox?

I would like to start with 'Once upon a time'

but this is no fairy tale!!



Henrietta, one of our vicar's chickens, decided to go walkabouts. She wandered into Vicarage Gardens for a look and then decided to embark upon an adventure. Well, it was a nice spring afternoon. She saw some children playing and trundled along to see if there was anything to eat. I wonder why 'the chicken did cross the road?'

One concerned local lad, Mark thought it was one of Blobby's mum's (Brenda) chickens who had escaped. No!! So it must have been Blobby's!!!

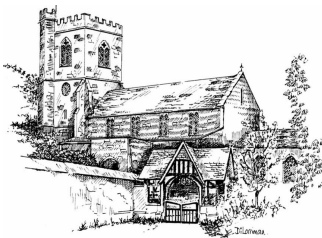
By this time it was getting dark. Mark took Henrietta to Blobby's but his chickens were down to roost for the night. "Might be one of mine" said Blobby "Put her in with the rest and we will have a count tomorrow" Ten minutes later, Blobby's phone rang; "have you got my Henrietta?" asks the vicar! Yes, but she has gone to roost for the night, but if she lays any any eggs they must be mine (board and lodging fees!!) and if she's pregnant its not my fault because I have a handsome young cockerel!!!!

The next day Henrietta was returned safely.....Back to the Fox!!!! Colin Fox that is!!!!

**ALL SAINTS ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES
APRIL TO MAY 2008**

APRIL

6 th	0900 HRS	HOLY COMMUNION
13 th	1030 HRS	BENEFICE SERVICE, NETHERAVON
20 th	1030 HRS	FAMILY SERVICE
27 th	1800 HRS	EVENSONG



MAY

4 th	0900 HRS	HOLY COMMUNION
11 TH	1030 HRS	BENEFICE SERVICE, NETHERAVON
18 TH	1030 HRS	FAMILY COMMUNION
25 TH	1800 HRS	EVENSONG

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

April

4 th April	Tessa Manser
11 th April	Gai Rickett
18 th April	Jean Kearney & Helen Hadfield
25 th April	Sue Poole-Warren & Hilary Horsford



Sunday School and Crèche at Netheravon

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month there is a Sunday School and a Crèche as part of the 10.30 am morning Communion Service. All Children are welcome



JFC

Older children (secondary school) are welcome to JFC (Jesus Followers Club) which meets at Church House in Figheldean from 6.00 pm on Thursday evenings—more details 01980 670782

Coffee Lovers?

As part of a fund raising campaign to improve the facilities at Netheravon (we now have a loo!) a special blend of coffee is on sale. 'The All Saints' Blend by Colonel Grumpy! The price is £3.50



POEMS FOR APRIL

The April rain, the April rain,
Comes slanting down in fitful showers,
Then from the furrow shoots the grain,
And banks are fledged with nestling flowers;
And in grey shawl and woodland bowers
The cuckoo through the April rain
Calls once again.
- Mathilde Blind, April Rain

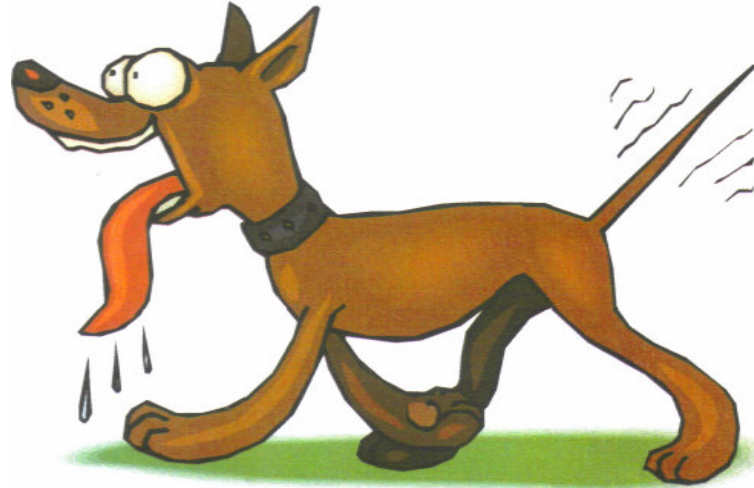


Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost
Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost
Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream
Upon the silver lake or crystal stream;
But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth,
And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth
To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree
The drowsy cuckoo and the humble-bee.
Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring
In triumph to the world the youthful spring.
- Thomas Carew, The Spring, 1630

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.
- Robert Frost



When April scatters charms of primrose gold
Among the copper leaves in thickets old,
And singing skylarks from the meadows rise,
To twinkle like black stars in sunny skies;
When I can hear the small woodpecker ring
Time on a tree for all the birds that sing;
And hear the pleasant cuckoo, loud and long --
The simple bird that thinks two notes a song;
- William Henry Davies, *April's Charms*



**AMESBURY CARNIVAL
COMPANION DOG SHOW
HOLDERS ROAD SPORTS FIELD
31 st MAY 2008**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT



Pet Care Services
01980 670458

The Book Club

The Book Club meets once a month to exchange opinions and review books that members have recommended. An excuse to meet over a glass of wine!!



Anyone interested, please ring Vic on 01980 670928

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

It has been brought to our notice that a number of people are not receiving their copy of the Newsletter each month. We are looking into this problem which will hopefully be resolved as soon as possible. However if in the meantime you do not receive your copy or you know someone who would like to receive a Newsletter please ring one of the committee members to let us know.

ENFORD SPORTS BULLETIN

Enford Football Club.

The football club have been having a very successful season.

We have reached the final of the Salisbury and District Heseltine Cup to be played at Amesbury Town F.C. against Chalke Valley on Wednesday the 9th April at 7.30pm. Please come along and support us.

We are also in a good position to win the 1st Division of the Salisbury and District league having lost only one match all season. What is very disappointing is that other than a handful of regulars we have virtually no supporters from Enford . Our players come from all over South Wiltshire and Hampshire to play for us, the lads come from Marlborough. Pewsey. Upavon. Tidworth. Durrington. Amesbury. Salisbury and as far way as Gosport and Southampton all are proud to pull on their shirts for the Enford Football Club.

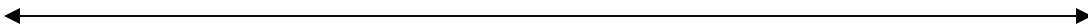
Our remaining fixtures are:

Sat April 5 th	Chalke Valley	Away
Wed April 9 th	Chalke Valley	Cup Final - Amesbury
Sat April 12 th	Rouge Raiders	Home
Sat April 19 th	Boscombe Down	Home
Sat April 26 th	Winterslow	Home
Sat May 3 rd	Harnham	Away

All Saturday games Kick Off 2.30pm

Because the F.A. rules that all teams should have facilities to their set standards and due to Enfords facilities being well below the F.As regulations all Enford home games are played at Trenchard Lines, Upavon Camp. How to get there, on going out of Upavon on the A342 past the Main Gate. 1st entrance on the right at the end of the perimeter fence follow the small lane to the parking areas by the changing rooms, we would be delighted to see you there. Should you wish to contact me please ring me on 07831 225992

Julian Lee. Enford Football Team Manager.



A residents comments.

After going along to support Enford F.C. in most of their home games this season and supporting them in their cup final last year at Amesbury. I am surprised at the lack of local supporters there are at their games. As I see it if it was not for the enthusiasm of all the team players and the time and great effort that the manager and his small staff put into Enford. F.C. we would not be in the position today of getting the funding for a New Village Hall and Sports Ground. I am sure that a lot of background work has been carried out by unseen people which has put us in the position where we are today. I trust that when the new complex is up and running, we will all give the Enford Football Team the full support they deserve. Well done Julian and the Enford F.C. You are not far away now from having your own home ground back again which is a credit to you all.

S.Bagwell. New Buildings Enford.

17/03/08



MEXICAN SUPPER

SAT 10TH MAY



Join us for an evening of fun and fiesta in support of the new facilities at
All Saints Church, Enford.
Contact Mort Burdick for more details: 01980 671494



7PM START
ENFORD CHURCH

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TICKETS: £10
INCLUDES FOOD AND A DRINK



PEWSEY NPT INFORMATION REPORT

PC Mark Fiander-Lewis reports that there have been a handful of burglaries or attempted burglaries in the Pewsey area recently.

The houses targeted were usually detached and without close neighbours, although some bungalows and large semi-detached houses in villages might also be at risk.

Entry was usually gained by breaking a pane of glass in the back door, especially if the door keys were still in the inside locks. Windows have also been opened by the offenders in a similar fashion. The offences usually occurred during the late afternoon/early evening when the premises were empty.

Once inside the property the burglars would head straight for the main bedroom, looking for items of jewellery, cash, or small valuable collectable items. They would leave the property within a very short time after gaining entry.

Please be aware! Make sure you lock your doors and windows if leaving the house unattended. Leave a light on and please do not leave keys in windows or doors.

PLEASE REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS TO THE POLICE.
WE ARE INTERESTED!

Tel: **0845 4087000** for non emergency incident reporting

Tel: **999** if you think that an emergency or crime is actually in progress

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH INFORMATION

Please pass the information on to anyone in the locality who you know owns horses. Fortunately the horse referred to below only had the hair from its tail cut off and was not actually slashed or stabbed. There are other more likely possibilities as to how or why this happened but the tail hair was clearly cut with a sharp implement and we must be vigilant in case this might have been the work of a possible horse slasher?

Thank you
 Mark Fiander-Lewis, PC 1931
 Community Beat Manager

Dear Neighbourhood-watch/Local area contacts

Just to bring to your attention a recent incident in our area.

Overnight on the 13th/14th Feb at a farm in Woodborough, a horse was attacked with a sharp implement by persons unknown resulting in a substantial amount of tail hair removed.

This is the first attack of its kind for several months and may be isolated, but people may recall incidents of horse-slashing a year to 18 months ago in the Pewsey Vale area.

Please pass this information on to any horse owners and keep your eyes open for any suspicious behaviour.

We will do our best to keep you updated.

Kind regards,
 Sarah Harvey

Section Officer, who deals with our NHW administration at Pewsey.

PLAINWATCH

PLAINWATCH is specifically designed to rapidly identify suspicious activity on the Plain: firstly and principally to identify criminal activity but secondly to deter such activity.

SPECIAL CONTACT NUMBER – 01980 674700

PLEASE BE VIGILANT

It has been reported to us that a bird table has gone missing from a garden in Enford.

FOUND

A very dark tabby cat, four white paws, white front, quite nervous, has been with us since mid-January. She came very hungry and wouldn't come near us but now comes in the garden room all evening, as long as the door is ajar.

Please contact Doreen or Michael on 01980 670553

**MESSAGES
FOR FRIENDS
AND
NEIGHBOURS**

**We would like to wish
a very warm welcome
to all who have recently moved
into the Parish of Enford.
We hope that
you will find
many new friends and neighbours**



***A particularly
warm welcome to
Debbie and Ellie
who have just moved
into Coombe Lane***



Jane Young has asked us to publish the following letter particularly to let all those people who contribute towards her endeavours for 'Feed The Children' know how much they are appreciated.

March 2008

Dear Mrs Young

News from Feed The Children

I am enclosing our latest newsletter, "Feed Me", together with some other information that I hope you find interesting. These are challenging times for organisations like ours, but we are glad for productive and supportive partnerships that help make the most of opportunities. We very much value the support of our club supporters, and we are especially grateful for your contribution to our work.

Yours sincerely

Brian Main
Chief Executive Officer
Feed The Children UK

UPDATE ON THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

First of all, a huge thank you to the 80 plus people who came and enjoyed a Sausage & Mash fundraising evening last Saturday with fantastic entertainment by Bertie, yet again! We made the HUGE amount of £750! Grateful thanks goes to the Red Lion for preparing the Sausages & Mash, to Bertie for his great singing expertise which had us all dancing the night away, to Matt and Tom for serving the drinks, to the ladies who made all the delicious puddings and to Rob Coulthard, who masterminded the whole evening.

We are really hoping now that 2008 will be the year that we finally start building. We are aiming for a start date of September 2008. We have approved funds of nearly £200,000 and are just waiting to hear from the Football Foundation and the Big Lottery. By the end of May we should have both their decisions. The recent announcement of the £145,000 grant from Kennet District Council means that we will be able to complete the Hall to a higher specification and it will be fitted out and landscaped, giving us a building in a setting we can all be proud of.

Asbestos Surveys, Topographical Site Surveys and Ground Investigation Works have already been undertaken. Our aim is to try to incorporate as many energy saving opportunities as possible to provide the community with a building which will offer us a multi-use facility with the lowest possible maintenance costs.

We have included in the plans extensive changing facilities - this is to satisfy the Football Foundation who are keen to revitalise and encourage the playing of football, particularly for the young, in this part of Wiltshire. The proposed changing facilities allow for Enford to participate at a higher league level offering the necessary facilities for visiting teams. Sadly, it's not a matter of providing a pitch and a plate of oranges any longer! However, it is all part of our attempt to provide opportunities for the young of our community.

The Hall has been designed to seat 100 people and is being tweaked at the moment to ensure it is the right size for Short Mat Bowls, a popular activity, for which there are few suitable locations in the area. There will also be a Meeting Room for smaller numbers. A commercial standard kitchen plus all the facilities for disabled members of the community will also be provided.

We have had several offers from local members of the community to set up and run various interest groups and please do get in touch with anyone on the Committee if you would like to become involved or have some ideas. We'll be sending out a questionnaire once the funding is all in place to ask you for your opinions. This Hall is for the Community of Enford, East and West Chisenbury, New Town and Coombe so please do feel that the Enford Village Hall Committee welcome your involvement.

Contacts: Any member of the Village Hall Committee listed in the Newsletter will be pleased to hear from you

Village Hall Opens to Arts

Enford based community arts group starts to work with Village Hall. Open To Arts, run by village resident Anna Sexton, has volunteered to work with the fundraising team for the Village Hall to seek out funding opportunities to create a series of open meetings to discuss what types of art activities people in the village Would like to see take place in the hall once it has been re-built



Ideas so far include;

- Regular film showings
- A film making project for young people
- A photography project for villagers to record their life in the village
- A series of taster sessions to try out different arts such as stilts walking, mosaic making
- Creative mums group
- Heritage projects using old photographs from the village

We plan to have the first meeting after the village hall AGM Wednesday 14th May 2008

Please get in contact with Anna directly for more information, suggestions and/or questions on 01980 670 036 / annastan@hotmail.com



WELL DONE AND THANKS TO ALL

The Swan had a Sports Relief Fun Run on Sunday 16th March and some 40 villagers turned out on a very wet and windy day to run the course - up Long Street by the side of the village hall to the barn across Rainbow Bottom and back down Water Lane. The course was approx 4 miles long and they raised £255.00. Everyone was given hot dogs and a warm welcome back at the Swan after the event. We look forward to even more people taking part next year as we hope this will become an annual charity event

CHISENBURY AND ENFORD FLOWER SHOW

THE FUTURE

The committee had hoped that someone would come forward by now to take the show on. However, nothing has appeared so far. The committee therefore decided to ask the Parochial Church Council to take over the show's assets as interim caretaker. This was discussed at the recent AGM and decided it was more appropriate for the Parish Council to take this on. Accordingly the committee has written to the Council and are awaiting the reply.

If this takes place the remaining committee will resign and all funds and assets will be transferred to the Parish Council for safekeeping. The exact details of how this will happen will of course, depend on how the PC want to handle it.

Whatever happens, we hope that it will still be possible to hire out the tents and tables as before.

Sadly it means that as things stand, there are no plans for the show to take place this summer.

THE WAY AHEAD

Newsletter from the Ramblers' Association. (March 2008)

Welcome to The Way Ahead

Welcome to the first edition of The Way Ahead, a new publication from the Wiltshire Area of the Ramblers' Association, written specifically for Parish Councils. We hope you will find the newsletter an informative and interesting read, keeping you up-to-date with the work of the Ramblers' volunteers in the area, as well as success stories and issues and issues of concern to local walkers.

What is the Ramblers' Association?

The Wiltshire Area of the Ramblers' Association is made up of six groups across the county and has over 1500 members.

Nationally, we are the biggest walking charity in Britain and have been working to promote walking and to improve conditions for all walkers for the past 70 years. The Ramblers' charitable objectives are to safeguard Britain's unique network of public paths, increase access for walkers, protect the countryside and green spaces from inappropriate developments, educate the public about their rights and responsibilities, and promote the health and environmental benefits of walking.

Why are Rights of Way so important?

Nearly a third of the country's footpaths are considered 'difficult to use', with Wiltshire ranked 22nd out of 34 County Councils (BVPI 178 2006/07). In 2002, Wiltshire was 5th with only a quarter of paths classed as 'difficult'.

Wiltshire path network is in fact a bargain. In 2002, the network generated £204 million for the local economy (South West Tourism), compared to the Rights of Way (RoW) budget of £318,000 for 2007/08. During their stay in Wiltshire, 75% of visitors will go walking (Wiltshire Tourism). It is therefore vital for the local economy that paths are open and available for them to use, and this does not just mean National Trails, but the entire path network criss-crossing the landscape between village, town and city.

Paths come into existence because of their historical use by the local population. Whether a means of getting to work without the use of a car, a safe route to school away from busy roads and traffic fumes or a pleasant place to stroll with the dog, Wiltshire's public path network is a valuable local resource.

Walking is also the closest thing to perfect exercise. Almost anyone can go walking – you need no specialist training or equipment. It enhances physical fitness, and is also beneficial to mental well-being.

Why are we concerned about Wiltshire's paths?

For the past three years, the Wiltshire ROW budget has been cut and vacant posts frozen, with a detrimental effect to the RoW Team. Although recruitment has now taken place, the team's funding for the period 2007/08 was still not adequate to meet the demands of the network. Local Ramblers' members have been lobbying decision makers within the County Council for a better funding deal for the RoW Team in 2008/09. We believe that by increasing the budget, Wiltshire's decision makers could deliver a better future for the county's path

How can your Parish Council help?

The support of Wiltshire's Parish Council's for our campaign will be vital to its success. We know that many people agree that the county's path network is a fabulous resource that deserves a better funding deal, but we do need to show the decision makers at the County Council that people feel this way.

A letter from your Parish Council in support of a budget increase would be of immense help. Letters could be sent to Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Economic Development, or to George Batten, Director of Environmental Services at WCC, or to the County Councillor for your area, or to all three!

THE WAY AHEAD CONTINUED

If you have any long standing path problems in your parish, we would be interested to hear about them. Perhaps a Parish Path Survey would help to establish the condition of the network in your area? If your Council is interested in undertaking such a survey, the RA would be very happy to provide guidance and support on how to go about it.

Every year the RA holds a week of local events to highlight path issues and encourages people to walk their network. This year it will be held from 20th – 28th September, and the theme will be 'working together'. We are currently building links with parish, town and community groups so that this year they can play a greater role.

If your council has any thoughts or ideas for the Rambler's Association Footpath Event, please do let us know.

You will see from the above, that the newsletter has been written and directed towards Town/Parish Councils, however, I felt it may be helpful and informative to distribute it further to a much wider readership.

If anyone had any thoughts or comments on any of the points raised, or just on the article in general, please let me know and I will be only too happy to forward them on.

Norman Beardsley.

Enford PC RoW rep.

Tel: 01980 670860



Our Travels in Central America and Cuba

As I haven't written anything for over a year (thought I'd give someone else a chance) I thought you may be interested to read about our experiences recently.

We flew to Panama in January, arriving in the warm, humid evening air. It was a long journey, over 11 hours, with a stop in Guatemala City so we were glad to get to our hotel for a good night's sleep.

The next morning we set off to explore the old city, now a designated World Heritage Site, only to be picked up by the police!!! First day an' all!

They were actually the Tourist Police, just stopping to let us know that we are being taken care of. They ended up offering us a lift to the old town, which I think suited both parties – they knew we were safe and we saved our legs! An enormous amount of renovation work is going on to restore the beautiful Spanish Colonial buildings to their former glory and the local people are being encouraged to move back into the town.

Of course, no visit to Panama is complete without a trip to the Canal. What a wonderful feat of engineering! At Miraflores Lock they have an excellent museum showing the whole project. I was surprised that over 25,000 men died in the process, mainly from yellow fever and malaria. The Canal itself is 80kms long and took over 10 years to construct, from 1904 – 1914. It was fascinating watching massive tankers and cruise ships being slowly pulled into each of the three locks by mechanical 'mules' before making their way through to the Caribbean.

Boquete, a beautiful village nestled in a mountain valley up in the cloud forest. Here we went searching for quetzals, a brightly coloured rare bird but we weren't lucky enough to see any. We were rewarded for our efforts with hummingbirds – lots of them.

On then to Boca de Torro, an island off the Caribbean coast of Panama where we spent a few days relaxing and enjoying the gorgeous Caribbean beaches. One of our favourite evening pastimes was to go to the Fire Station. Weird? No! (continued overleaf)

("Our travels continued from previous page")

We'd heard a rumour that they sold the cheapest booze on the island. We, of course, wandered round there one evening – just to see if they were right, you understand. We were served by several casually dressed burly guys, who turned out to be the 'on watch' brigade of the evening. If there was a callout they just ran and left anyone who happened to be drinking there, trusting them to settle their account if they were not back! Don't see that in many places these days!

On our return from the islands we travelled to the border and entered Costa Rica. The border was marked by a huge old wooden railway bridge on the 'Bridge over the River Kwai' style. So to actually get through the border consisted of passport formalities, carrying all your belongings across this long rickety bridge with large gaps a suitcase could drop through and queue again for passport control on the other side. So no motorised transport crossed the border.

Costa Rica turned out to be one of my favourite countries. The scenery was truly spectacular, mountains and cloud forests, volcanoes and lush jungles, rare and exotic birds and animals. A true paradise! We stayed in small lodges tucked away in the jungle, went walking during the day and saw things we'd never seen before - poisonous tree frogs, Jesus Christ lizards, sloths and exotic butterflies: we also spotted caiman, iguana, Flycatchers, and weaver birds around the lakes.



We were not short of activities to try either. We went river tubing - floating down the river in an inner tube through the lush greenery; bouncing over rocks and over mini waterfalls was something not to be missed.

My favourite activity was zip lining – zipping down cables through, and over, the jungle canopy! What a huge adrenaline rush that was! Speeds of up to 30mph over a three and a half mile course of 16 cables and 12 platforms. One of the cables was over 600metres long and 100 metres high. Definitely to be recommended if you get the chance! The most heart stopping part was jumping off the high platform like Tarzan and swinging high out over the valley below.

We moved on to La Fortuna and stayed near Arenal volcano, one of the most active in the area. Took a hike over the lava flow and stood in awe, watching huge red rocks bouncing their way down the side leaving plumes of smoke and hot ash behind them. I'd never seen an active volcano actually 'in action'.

On our return to the hotel we decided to have a cooling swim to round off the day. To make it complete we were joined by toucans in the trees above – another first for me!

We carried on to the north of Costa Rica and stayed in the Monteverde cloud forest, another good place to spot the quetzal, howler monkeys too! We were lucky. On our first guided walk we heard the howlers as we arrived at 7am and managed to spot one high in the trees with his back to us. We also saw a female quetzal, not as brightly coloured as the male but a rare sight nonetheless, together with many species of hummingbird.

On to the north of Costa Rica to Rincon de la Vieja, a beautiful ranch in the middle of nowhere. Most people went horse riding here, in spite of the health and safety worries – no riding helmets etc. Turned into quite a day, steep slopes with sheer drops and skittery surfaces, crossing rivers and swimming in waterfalls. Everyone returned safely however and enjoyed the experience.

To be continued.....

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8 1000-1600	NIL NOTIFIED	6 1800-2200
9 1000-1600		7 1700-2200
11 0800-2400		11 1800-2400
15 1000-1600		13 1800-2200
17 1700-2300		14 1800-2200
18 2000-2200		16 1000-1600
19 1900-2400		20 0800-2100
21 0900-1100 & 1800-2000		24 0800-2200
25 1800-2200		27 0200-0400 & 1800-2000
26 1700-1900		28 1800-2000
		29 1000-1600
		30 1000-1600
		31 1800-2200

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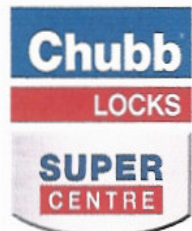
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2 nd	Wednesday	Book Club – Red Lion 8pm
3 rd	Thursday	Recycling
4 th	Friday	
5 th	Saturday	
6 th	Sunday	
7 th	Monday	
8 th	Tuesday	Quiz, The Swan Inn, 9.30pm
9 th	Wednesday	
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11 th	Friday	
12 th	Saturday	Mobile Library, Water Lane 2.20-2.50pm
13 th	Sunday	
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16 th	Wednesday	
17 th	Thursday	Recycling
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21 st	Monday	Newsletter Meeting, 7.30pm Coombe Lane
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