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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 3 rd August 10.00am <i>Trinity 11</i>	Family Service with Revd Nicholas Lawton	Psalm 145. 15-21 Matthew 14. 13-21	Mr M Jenner Samantha Jenner	Mrs J Jenner Samantha Jenner
Sunday 10 th August 10.00am 12 th after <i>Trinity</i>	Parish Communion: CW Revd J Dunkling	Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10. 5-15 Matthew 14. 22-33	Mrs A Young Mr I MacDonald Isabel Cook	Mr I MacDonald Mr D Grosvenor
Sunday 17 th August 10.00am <i>Trinity 13</i>	Parish Communion: BCP Revd T Surtees	Galatians 3.16 - 22 Luke 10. 23 - 37	Mrs R Plested Revd T Surtees	Mrs R Plested Mrs J Cook
Sunday 24 th August 10.00am <i>Bartholomew</i> 3.00pm	Sung Eucharist: CW Revd S. Foster Choral Evensong Revd I Williams	Isaiah 43, 8 - 13 Acts 5. 12 - 16 Luke 22. 24 - 30	Mrs P Winton Mr B Fisher Mrs C Fisher	Mr & Mrs B Fisher
Sunday 31 st August 10.00am <i>Trinity 15</i>	Team Eucharist at St Michaels			
Sunday 7 th Sept. 10.00am <i>Trinity 16</i>	Family Service		Bethan Williams Mr G Pitt	Mrs D Williams Carys Williams
Sunday 14 th Sept. 10.00am <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Parish Communion: CW Revd S Foster	Numbers 21. 4 - 9 Philippians 2. 6 - 11 John 3. 13 - 17	Mrs S Summers Mrs G Arnold Mrs J Cook	Mr R Phillips Mr J Edwards
Sunday 21 st Sept. 10.00am <i>Trinity 18</i> 3.00pm	Sung Eucharist: BCP Revd T Surtees Choral Evensong	Ephesians 4. 1 - 6 Luke 14. 1 - 11	Mrs L Surtees Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs P Mound
Sat 27 th Sept. 6.00pm	Choral Evensong			
Sunday 28 th Sept. 10.00am <i>Patronal Festival</i> 3.00pm	Sung Eucharist: CW Revd S Foster Bishop of Derby Choral Evensong	Exodus 17. 1-7 Philippians 2. 1 - 13 Matthew 21. 23 - 32	Mrs A Fox Mrs J Penn Mr P Mason	Mr & Mrs A Gough
Sunday 5 th October 11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service		Mrs P Owens Mr C Preece	Mr & Mrs R Owens

Dear Friends,

I would like to begin with a big 'THANK YOU' to you all for the wonderful welcome that my mother, Carol and I have experienced since moving to Burford Rectory. We are very grateful for the good wishes, cards and gifts that we have received and would also like to say a special word of thanks to those who helped clean and prepare the house and garden prior to our arrival. Also a special thank you to all those who took part in, catered at and attended the licensing service - it was a memorable evening and it was lovely to meet so many of you there. I am making respectable headway through the various alcoholic items that were presented to me that evening! There is nothing like having one's reputation destroyed before even starting work...

The arrival of a new priest in any parish or team is (hopefully!) always an exciting time as well as inevitably a time of change. I feel very privileged to have joined a thriving and talented Local Ministry Team, and look forward to working within that Team in the development of mission and ministry in this area. But it is also a time of change for all of us in the Tenbury Team, as we get to know each other, learn to work together and continue on our Christian journey together. I know that as I am very much looking forward to sharing in that continuing journey.

With my love and prayers

Judith Dunkling

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

It is not every day that 600 bishops hold a demonstration in London! But that is what has just happened. We took a day off from the Lambeth Conference to remind our Government and others of the importance of the **Millennium Development Goals**. Why? Because they are still vitally important for our world. In fact, they are even more important now for us to work on and achieve, than they were.

Each year the problems get worse. They also become more complicated. The issues of rising food prices internationally, global warming, greatly increased oil prices, and threatened recession, all make it more imperative and harder to act.

But we need to act for the sake of those 2 billion (2,000,000,000 - what a horrendously massive number!) poor people who are threatened with hunger or starvation, with major diseases, and terribly high child mortality rates. Indeed, combating these are three of the eight Millennium Goals. So too, is the hugely crucial issue of achieving universal primary education which is so basic but still a long way from happening.

As always, these problems are inter-linked. If you are living in a Tanzanian village and as the mother of a family are unwell, one or more of your children has to collect the water, walking may be a mile or more. Another has to gather the wood for the fuel to cook what little food you can grow or find. It is the girls more than the boys who are kept home from school to help.

Working to promote gender equality is another of the Goals. Poor women suffer indoor air pollution, the burden of collecting water and fuel, and unequal access to land and natural resources.

Food and fuel prices have risen for us, but that is nothing as compared with the significance of the rises in somewhere like Haiti where the 50% increase in rice prices means that over 90% of poor families' income now goes on their one meal a day. Small wonder that there were riots.

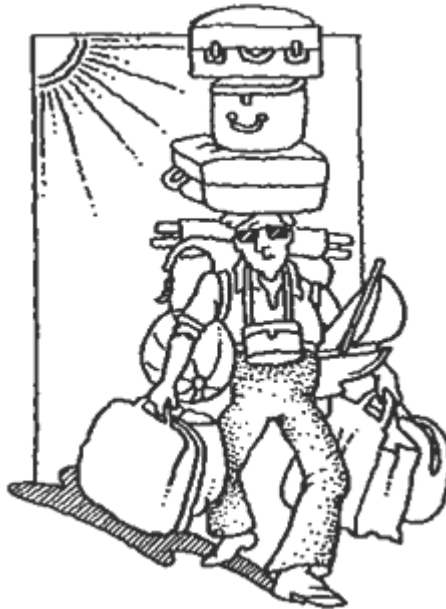
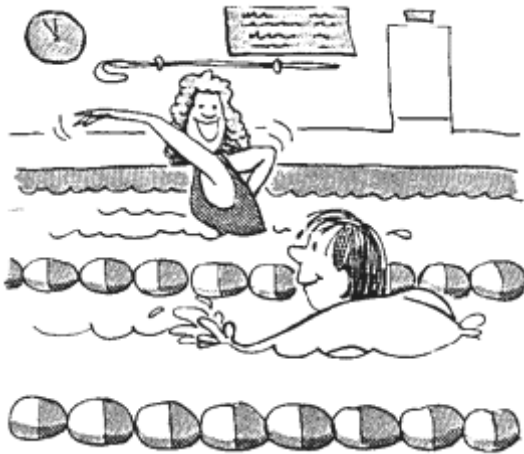
We have to keep alert to working on these issues ourselves, encouraging our Government to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, doing what we can to reduce our carbon foot-prints, increasing aid, not using a disproportionate amount of the world's resources, and not becoming insular or parochial in our own concerns.

+Anthony Hereford

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Children's Page

This month's competition entries need to be with Clair Wright at The Cote, Upper Berrington, tel. 811017, by 24th August.



Here are some things that could happen during your holidays. Please colour them in and tell us which one is your favourite idea. If someone else happened to you, why not draw a colourful picture of that too.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following youngsters in the parish:

Melissa Powis who will be 8 years old on 5th August;

Oscar Lywood who will be 9 years old on 9th August;

Luke Phillips who will be 13 years old on 16th August;

Daniel Wellings who will be 10 years old on 4th September;

Tilly Lywood who will be 6 years old on 8th September;

Dominic Palethorpe who will be 9 years old on 29th September

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

ST MICHAELS CHURCH -

From the Parish Register:

Baptism:

Freya Jasmine Murray on 13th July. A warm welcome to Freya as she joins the family of the church.

Weddings:

William Davies and Samantha Jacobs, both of St Michaels, on 21st June

Paul Stevens and Anjerdi Robinson, both of Tenbury, on 12th July

We wish both couples all the best in their married life.

Kenneth Beard

Kenneth Beard was Director of Music of St Michael's 1952-59. He was then appointed Rector Chori and organist of Southwell Minster and remained there for 29 years until his retirement in 1988. At last this exceptional service to the church has been recognized and the Archbishop of Canterbury has awarded him the Cross of St Augustine. He will receive this award from the Archbishop in Lambeth Palace next October.

Michael Hart

New Hymn Books

The church has now purchased our new hymn book Common Praise. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost by sponsoring a book or having one dedicated in memory of someone, please contact John Swindells (01905 426998). A suitable calligraphy note can be placed inside your hymn book to record your donation.

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST AT 10AM

The speaker is Revd Nicholas Lawton, theme "Faith"

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 10AM

We are looking at Ramadan and its counterparts!

Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Family Harvest Festival Service

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 5th October. The service is at 11.00am, instead of 10am, and is followed by harvest lunch in the village hall. Harvest gifts will be taken up during the service and will be taken to St Pauls hostel for the homeless in Worcester. Everything is greatly appreciated but non-perishable items are preferable. Help to decorate the church would also be appreciated on Saturday 4th at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

Wheelchair Available

A wheelchair has been made available for anyone to use for a day out, for holidays, etc. Please contact the churchwardens, Ray Phillips or Arthur Gough, if you would like to borrow it.

Bonus Ball Lottery

We have now completed another year of the Bonus Ball - even if you haven't won yet there's still a chance. You will be contacted shortly re continuing your subscription of £4 a month so please renew as soon as possible. If you would like to join in there are a couple of numbers spare - for further details speak to Julie Cook on 810291. The Bonus Ball is a fun way of contributing to the upkeep of our magnificent church - you may even win £20, some people have won several times!

Thank you to all those who are participating.

Music @ St Michaels

Sunday 24th August, 10am & 3pm - Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong with the Wessex Singers.

Sunday 21st September, 10am & 3pm - Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong with Quindici, director Suzanne Edwards, organist Tim Mills.

Saturday 27th September, 6pm - Choral Evensong for the St Michaels College Society Reunion with The Holgate Consort, director David Barclay.

Sunday 28th September, 10am & 3pm - Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong for Patronal Festival with The Elysian Singers, director Paul Richards, organist John Pryer.

Historic Churches Cycle Ride

Saturday 13th September sees the annual cycle ride. The aim is to get sponsorship to ride between as many churches as possible. The sponsorship money goes to the Historic Churches Trust who return half of it to your church. If you would like more details or would like to join a group of people cycling please contact Mike and Mary Jordan on 811379.

Annual Treasure Hunt

The St Michaels PCC annual treasure hunt and afternoon tea is on Sunday 14th September from 3pm. Turn up at the hall at 3pm for your directions and question sheets - all the family, dogs included (on leads) are welcome. Tea will be served in the hall from 4pm. So if you fancy your chances this year, see you there.

Coffee Morning at the Wintons

There will be a coffee morning at Edwards House with thanks to Ray and Pru Winton, on Saturday 20th September from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Bring and buy stall, raffle, refreshments. All welcome.

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes

The annual Christmas shoebox appeal is starting again. Boxes filled with Christmas treats for children in eastern Europe will once again be sent from the Tenbury area including St Michaels. For more details including ideas of suitable items to include speak to Gwen Arnold on 811956. The leaflets will also be available at the back of the church. The filled boxes will need to be with Gwen in early November.

Picnic & Songs of Praise in the Park

Sunday August 3rd from 4pm
The Burgage, Tenbury Wells

*BBQ, bouncy castle, sponge & stocks, refreshments,
Fair Trade stall. Music by local musicians*

Bring your own chair

For more details, 01584 819971 or visit Valleyworship.co.uk

CAB EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

Tenbury's CAB are collecting items of non-perishable goods for emergency food relief to help locally, those in genuine need, in times of crisis. PLEASE HELP by leaving contributions in box at St Mary's Church, Tenbury, or at the CAB office in Teme St.

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Confirmation November 30th 2008

We are delighted that some young people have already decided that they would like to be confirmed this year. We are looking forward to sharing our faith together and hope to do some exciting things in preparation for the Confirmation Service with Bishop Anthony. Do you think you might like to join us? If you are interested in confirmation please contact Judith, Sue or me as soon as possible.

Welcome to Judith

Judith's licensing service on June 20th was a truly memorable event. It was wonderful to see so many people, from near and far, gathered together to welcome Judith and to wish her well in her new ministry with us. A huge thank you to everybody who was involved in the service and to all who provided excellent refreshments.

It is wonderful to have Judith with us and already it feels as if she has been here for much longer than just a few weeks. Many of you will have already noticed that the telephone number for Burford Rectory has changed and is now 01584 819119. Please check your address books and other places that you keep telephone numbers or the household that has the old number for Burford Rectory will wonder why people keep ringing trying to organise baptisms and similar things!

Also, some of you may not be aware that Tuesday will be Judith's day off. I will continue to have Friday as my day off and Sue will have Thursday and Saturday (weddings permitting!) off.

Services in the Team

For many years there has been a tradition in our Team of Family Services being led by lay people. This tradition has grown and those who are involved with these services have a very important ministry for which we are all thankful. More recently the lay members of the Local Ministry Team have been taking an active part in the leading of services throughout the Team. At Judith's licensing service Bishop Michael thanked everybody who had shared in the worship and ministry of the Team during the vacancy. He also said that this sharing must continue. This is something that we take seriously in our Team and you will see from the new service rotas that the lay and ordained members of the Local Ministry Team will continue to share the leading of services. This says something important about us as a Team. If our worship is shared it follows that our ministry will be shared, which can only be good news.

Deanery Festival Eucharist

This will be at **St Mary's Church, Bitterley on September 10th at 7.30pm**. The Rural Dean will preside and Bishop Michael will be preaching. It is also hoped that the choirs of the Deanery will be gathered, so we can be sure that the singing will be excellent. This is a service for everybody in the Deanery so do please come along if you are free.

Freemasons' Community Service

At St Mary's Church, Tenbury Wells on September 25th at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Claire

Jesus Christ Superstar A production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar will take place during the last week of March 2009, with 2 nights in St Laurence's Church Ludlow and 1 night in St Mary's Tenbury. All profit will be donated to Ludlow Hospital Friends, Kemp Hospice and the 2 churches. This is a very rare opportunity to be involved with this musical as the licence prevents it being performed anywhere except in church or in a school hall. Singers and dancers are being sought to start rehearsals in September. There will be a break for December, starting again January 5th through to the show in the last week of March 2009. For more details phone Bernard on 819971 or 07979 830724.

OPEN DOOR

Thursday 14th
August
2.30pm
Cornwall Gardens
Centre,
ALLWELCOME

LISTENING EAR

In times of loneliness, bereavement, suffering and uncertainty, everyone benefits from someone to listen. There are caring individuals locally who can meet with you. Tel: 07804 928484 or contact one of clergy.

Family Night is Curry Night!

Friday 5th September at 7.30pm.

Please bring a curry to share;
the village hall committee will arrange rice, chutneys, etc.

The Floor

St Michaels Village Hall

Friday 12th September

8 pm

FEATURING:

the fantastic MARTIN BLAKE
(one of our most popular performers)

LIVE

ARTHUR HYDE

A TOUCH OF BRASS

with Roy Osborne & friends



Entry, inc. The Floor Broad, on the door, £5/ £1 children
Quality bar

FRIDAY NIGHT AS IT SHOULD BE

Village by Village Evening's Entertainment - 11th July

In case you missed it, you forewent a great evening of variety, jam packed with local talent!!!

The first grouping featured the Jordan family and friends in various guises with Break the Silence (they certainly did that!), the Capulets, and young Ben Jordan & the Pentatonics. This was followed by a drum solo with much energy from Warwick Pitt. The more sedate, "older" boys, were the next grouping. There was Terry Tandler with his stories, songs & puppet dance; flamenco guitar from the fabulous fingers of Richard Tatlow; Jim Allen of Floor fame; & the Devil's version from Godfrey Pitt.

After interval we had a taste of The IzzyJack Band - with Andy 'strings', Issy 'keyboard' & Alex 'bass' Cook, Paul 'guitar' & Jack 'guitar +' Brett, Mick Wood on drums and Terry Tandler on small percussion. What a great sound with all original material, mainly from the head of Paul, but also featuring songs from Issy, Andy & Jack.

Many thanks from 'Village by Village' for the help of all performers, Andy for organizing, Terry for MC-ing, Bunty on the door, Ria & friends at the bar & Henry Caseley on sound. The money raised will go to a specific project by the Pitt family and to help people in Ghana to build wells, community buildings, etc, so they can help themselves.



Shindig Presents: Opera Dudes - "Licensed to Trill"
Saturday 4th October, St Michael's Village Hall

Performance starts 7.30pm (Bar open 7pm.)

In their new show, "*Licensed To Trill*", our two intrepid Singing Agents are back from their travels and, once again, the fearless pair meet their evil nemesis, Donald Duck, who is hell-bent on stealing their credibility in his quest for word domination! Expect the unexpected - opera, swing, showstoppers and impressions that make Mike Yarwood blush - yes, that good! There will even be an opportunity for the audience to flex its own vocal muscles. As well as their terrific singing, the show includes funny stories, singalongs, a concert piano solo and another silly piano duet in the style of Morecombe and Wise!

Music comes in a great variety of guises and from a number of exotic locations - from Grand Italian Opera and Viennese Favourites to the Las Vegas of Elvis Presley and Dean Martin via London's West End and Andrew Lloyd Webber, with a smattering of Parisian Chopin and Universal Donald Duck!

Review - "An amazing duo talent. The audience was entertained by pure professionals that had them in stitches. Great show for any age. A gem to find them."

This is a family show and all ages are welcome. Total performance time 2 hours approx including interval.

£7 advance, £8 on the door. £20 family tickets. Tickets will be on sale from Anne Fox. Please telephone 01584 819845 for details.

St Michael's Village Fete

We are treated this year to two versions of the fete due to enthusiastic editors. We have left them both in their entirety, despite some overlaps they are both worthy of your perusal - it's enough to make you wish you were there!

July 6th had been earmarked for the Village Fete this year, again, thanks to their great generosity at the home, and in the garden of Ros and Paul Bayliss. It had been unanimously agreed that the weather could not possibly be as bad as last year, however when the morning of the fete arrived, it was every bit as bad if not worse! Angry black clouds glared down and disgorged tumultuous rain all morning, it was seriously suggested that there seemed no alternative but to call the whole thing off and try again in a few weeks time. Then incredibly the sun began to shine (Revd Claire claimed that her contact had something to do with it!), and shirtsleeves became the order of the day, people began to arrive, Ria and the ladies started serving strawberry teas, Dick Fox was attracting punters to the coconut shy - Steve Gough (who was running the skittles) put his head round the corner, someone threw at it and won a prize. The bric-a-brac store stoically manned by Iris and her friend did a very brisk trade, Iris could sell the Pope Methodist hymn books! The cake stall with Jane and Pat in charge was a great success, what the two of them didn't eat was sold - nothing left! Unbelievably the sun continued to shine. Tony Penn was busy raffling off wine, Iain MacDonald was supposed to help him but he had been having communion in the Ship and was late arriving, full of apologies and pale ale - well, we think they were apologies as no-one could understand him. Nikki's face painting was great fun; when the undersigned asked if she would paint his face she just looked ... and started laughing!

The tombola was ably run by Helen and our village newcomers Jill and Eric, who must surely wonder what they have walked into! Andy and Phil arranged various races with ages from 4 to 70 - never have there been so many panting, sweaty youths in St Michaels at one time; Mike Jenner was panting harder than most. The grand finale came with the eagerly awaited "Men Behaving Badly" team, ably compered by Charlie Jordan and Tom Pitt. This commenced with Mary "*Mary behaving badly*" Jordan and her escapology act - needless to say it was a complete failure and it was found necessary to remove her from the scene still struggling to escape her fetters. Harry and Tom performed an excellent mime act to tumultuous applause. Dick Fox appeared from behind the screen and for an awful moment it was feared that he was about to break into song, however, fortunately he changed his mind and disappeared from whence he came. True to form Mike appeared disguised as an out of control sheep dog who proceeded to savage the unfortunate leg of the admirable Geoff Mutton. Also taking part in these masterpieces were Phil, Peter, Godfrey, Mike Jenner and Matt. The finale was first class "Charladies on Parade" (surely the ugliest group of charladies ever assembled anywhere) drilled by the

stentorian voice of Major Fox, their superb drill master - the impeccable "stand by your brooms" drill display team gave an exhibition of formation precision with broomsticks which brought gasps of amazement from an admiring audience.

All this time the excellent Tenbury Teme Valley Band, conducted by Roy Osborne, had been entertaining us with a variety of music, a great contribution to the afternoon's entertainment.

A dreadful start to the day, but a wonderful afternoon. Unfortunately I am unable to mention all who worked so hard to make this fete such a great success, all I can do is to thank everyone who helped in whatever capacity. Most grateful thanks once more to Ros and Paul for allowing the village have the run of their lovely home and garden once again, it is greatly appreciated by us all.

Bryan Fisher

And the outlook israin!

Let's be honest about it - by Saturday morning we were beginning to consider contingency plans as the skies became blacker and blacker and the rain fell harder and harder. At the village hall we loaded all the tables and chairs, crockery, kettles, jugs and scenery for Men Behaving Badly onto Pete's trailer, intending to take it straight round to the Old Rectory to set up. The rain started up again, and so we decided to store it overnight in Pete's barn and make a final decision in the morning.

Waking throughout the night to the sound of driving rain against the window did make me wonder whether we would have any sort of decent fete this year. However, by 09.30am the skies were blue and the steam was rising off the ground as the sun quickly dried the wet roads. A quick inspection of the Old Rectory garden to check that we wouldn't sink on wet grass, followed by a show of hands and a majority decision, and the fete was definitely going ahead at the Old Rectory.

A couple of hours later as we sheltered from driving rain for the umpteenth time, we were again questioning our sanity! By five to three, we had worked through unbelievable downpours to get the stalls up and ready, and as we stood there with plastic sheets covering the stalls and most helpers in cagoules and rain hats, our next doubt was whether we would actually get any customers!

Three o'clock dawned and the sun came out, and for two hours we marvelled as not a single drop of rain fell on proceedings (some say it was because we had not one, but two members of the clergy in attendance!). The Teme Valley band, in their new central setting, played some great uplifting music.

Bryan was MC extraordinaire, announcing wine raffle winners, stalls to visit and, with his usual wit and humour, gave a few saucy comments and double entendres that are always guaranteed to raise a smile (if only he could get people's names right, we would probably laugh twice as hard!). Iris, Jean and their friend had hardly removed the plastic sheeting from the bric a brac stall before they were hit by a swarm of eager punters looking for that treasure from the attic. Eric and Jill did a sterling job manning the busy tombola - an excellent way to initiate our newer members of the village into village life!! Tony and Iain managed to shift 8 bottles of wine in the wine raffle. Jane and Pat sold a delicious array of home baked cakes (and a few commercial ones too!). Janet sold lots of raffle tickets for some wonderful prizes. Nikkie painted scary and interesting faces on the poor innocents of St Michael's (and was observed studying the 'How to paint faces' book after the event!). Teas and delicious cakes were served by Jane and myself, while in the background Di, Dick and Phil collected and washed dishes. The Pitt family tempted fete goers with delicious strawberries and cream. Pete, Steve and Chris manned the coconut shy and skittles stall, while Mike Jenner, Wrighter and Phil kept the kids in check during the races (and there's plenty to gossip about with some of the female entrants in the wheelbarrow race - perhaps aided by the effects of the bottle of wine that was won on the wine raffle!!).

As always, the best was kept for last, and the audience dutifully picked up their chairs and marched to the front of the stage for the Men Behaving Badly performance. Topical as ever, this year we were treated to St Michael's Got Talent. Or have we? The event was hosted by Ant and Dec (AKA Charlie and Tom) and presided over by Amanda Grabben, Sharon Wasborn and Simon Foul (with his pants hitched up to his chin, of course). We had a woman behaving badly this year too - Harriet Whoosebeenie chained and padlocked in a sack and attempting to escape in just 30 seconds. Unfortunately, it was more like 30 minutes before she was rescued from her imprisonment, but not before we had witnessed the likes of Mr Memory Man (forgetting his name), eight fingered Fernando

juggling his chainsaw, The Brothers Dim doing a wonderful mime to the Paul Young classic 'Wherever I lay my hat', last year's winner George Jenner being soaked by a bucket of water before he hit his first note of 'I'm singing in the rain', Pete Pentatonic and Phil Scales bringing culture to St Michael's with their rendition of The Dam Busters on kazoo; Matt Black, fire eater, obviously over fuelling his sticks, almost needed emergency services to put him out. We saw the welcome return of our sheepdog from the One Man and his Dog display from years gone by, and who could not admire Dick for his persistent attempts at fame in his guise of erotic dancer, voice of an angel singer and Drag Queen? Unfortunately, he was dismissed by the harsh panel of judges before he could even utter a note, shake a hip or puff out his ample bosom! The rousing finale came in the form of the contract cleaners, sent in to clear up the mess made by the performers. Looking at their dress sense and make-up, perhaps we need to get hold of Gok Wan for some style, beauty and fashion tips on how to look good naked! But then again.....

A huge thanks go to all those who helped out, both on the day and in the preparations in the run up to the fete, and the very generous contributions that helped to stock the cake, bric a brac, tombola and raffle stalls. Also thanks to those who gave cash donations in lieu of being able to come to the fete. Obviously, attendance was down on previous years, with the Wimbledon men's final and the Agricultural lunch in competition for attendance, and of course the weather, but we still managed a very admirable profit of £477.88, which will go some way to the pay for the horrendous increase in fuel costs to run the village hall that we have been faced with this year. Finally, a very big thank you to Ros and Paul Bayliss who have been so generous this year, and in past years, by giving us the privilege to hold the fete in such a beautiful setting at The Old Rectory.

Now, if we all start keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather and a good turnout next year

Ria Baxter

ST MICHAELS SINGERS -

The St Michaels Singers Summer Concert was held in the packed church on Saturday 12th July. The first half was largely dedicated to the music and influence of Vaughan Williams and started with the singers giving a rousing performance of "Let all the world in every corner sing". Bryan Fisher accompanied by Kath Ainsworth then gave us his thoughtful and delicate rendering of two of Vaughan Williams "songs of travel", The Vagabond and The Roadside Fire. Helen Wilding-Smith (violin) from Brampton Bryan then played 3 charming pieces from the English Folk revival which was greatly influenced by Vaughan William, his well known "Fantasia on Greensleeves" and Mrs Jameisais favourite "The Gay Gordons".

Michael Hart then entertained us with his stirring playing of Herbert Brewer's March Heraique, displaying Father Willis's magnificent reed choruses.

The St Michaels Singers conductor, John Swindells also the resident organist then took up his trumpet and gave us a lovely display of breath control and sweet tone with two short voluntaries by Godfrey Keller accompanied by Michael Hart on the organ. Helen Wilding-Smith returned and played a charming Sicilienne by Maria-Theresa von Paradis. The singers ended the first half with "The Old Hundredth" arranged by Vaughan Williams for the coronation.

The second half of the evening was a treat of a different sort as the singers under John Swindells gave a measured and moving performance of Gabriel Faure's Requiem with Michael Hart accompanying with a delicacy of touch that matched the singing. The solo sections of the Pie Jesu sung beautifully by Jackie Bunn and the sonorous prayer of the Libera Me by Paul Bayliss showed how lucky the singers are to be able to call on such talent within their number.

As the programme notes said "it is impossible not to be moved by the ethereal beauty of this comparatively humble masterpiece" and together with the incomparable acoustics of the church, John Swindells and the St Michaels Singers gave us an evening of memorable music.

Jenny Talbot

Help me to help them

Acorns Children's Hospice cares for life-limited children in the West Midlands. Their current running costs are £6 million per year, of which around 10% comes from statutory funding. Consequently they rely on the community to fund the majority of their activities. Currently around 600 families receive Acorns' services.

There are many aspects of my life for which I am hugely grateful. As a parent I feel privileged to have two children who have had a healthy childhood and who are now making the most of their adult lives. Some people are not so lucky.

The inspiration to raise funds for Acorns came from my cousin Olwyn, who recently raised money for Acorns during her walking holiday in Scotland. Her mother, my Aunty Ruby, was a great Acorns supporter (and Uncle Dan still is!). Sadly she lost her battle with cancer several years ago.

For my fundraising effort, I shall be running in the Shrewsbury Seven Bridges 10K on 21st September 2008. I've done several 5K and 10K runs before, usually for Cancer Research UK, but this time, I should be grateful for sponsorship for Acorns. The challenge that I've set myself is to complete the course in under an hour. My best time so far for 10K has been 66 minutes. I need to improve quite a bit. 6 minutes might not sound very much, but I've only got little legs!

I've set up a webpage on the 'justgiving' website: http://justgiving.com/Clair_Wright so that you can donate online if that suits you. Or I shall be very happy to collect cash and pass it on to Acorns. Please call me on **01584 811017** and I will come and collect your donation.

Acorns offer respite, emergency and end of life care at their hospices and round the clock support at home. This costs a lot of money. Dig deep folks!

Many thanks for your help.

Clair Wright

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS. . . .
. . . . TO PHIL BAXTER
ON HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY ON 8TH AUGUST

World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Help create a huge stir
for MacMillan Cancer Support
**Coffee Morning
and Bring & Buy**
at Oldwood View, St Michaels
(at Ros Plested's home)
10am - 12.30pm
Friday 26th September

A Hot August Day at ...

Moors Meadow Garden & Nursery, Collington
6 miles south of Tenbury on Bromyard Rd

Sunday 10th August 11am - 5pm
Adults £4, 3-16s £1

In aid of St Michaels Hospice

Superb garden, music from very talented local
bands, refreshments all day, artist blacksmiths

www.moorsmeadow.co.uk
or tel: 01885 410318

Early Christmas Present Idea!!

Get your Rugby Club calendars now before they sell out! All male models photographed by Tom Mutton. Interested? Contact Pam Owens who has them for sale at £5. Funds to the Rugby Club.

Beer Festival at Penlu in Burford also for the Rugby Club on Saturday 27th September. Watch local advertising for more details.

WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

AUGUST

Sunday 3 rd	10am	Family Service
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	W. I.
Sunday 10 th	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17 th	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24 th	10am	Sung Eucharist
" "	3pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 31 st	10am	Team Service St Michaels

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5 th	7.30pm	Curry Evening
Sunday 7 th	10.00am	Family Service
Thursday 11 th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Friday 12 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Saturday 13 th		Historic Churches Cycle Ride
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
" "	3.00pm	Village Treasure Hunt
Saturday 20 th	10.30-12.30	Coffee Morning at the Wintons
Sunday 21 st	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
" "	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 26 th	10-12.30	MacMillan Coffee Morning at the Plesteds
Saturday 27 th	11.00am	Village/College Society Cricket Match
" "	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 28 th	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
" "	3.00pm	Choral Evensong

OCTOBER

Thursday 2 nd	7.30pm	W. I.
Saturday 4 th	7.30pm	Shindig - The Opera Dudes
Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch

**PRESS DATE for 17th September
for the October edition of The Sword**

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