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# **Welcome to the April Edition of LINK**

We are certainly in the strangest of times as I write this. The UK Government has just announced this evening that all schools nationally are to close due to the pandemic of COVID-19. It has been a very stressful time for many and we are having to deal with some very worried and anxious people.

It is at a time like this that we need to turn to God in prayer, read our Bibles as a source of reassurance and peace and also take action to look out for one another.

It is my prayer that each of you and your families and friends will know the peace of God that transcends human understanding. I leave you with verses from two wonderful Psalms that many of us have been quoting a lot recently.

From Psalm 91:

### He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

And from Psalm 94 :

When I said 'My foot is slipping, your love, O Lord, supported me.

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.'

Please do be assured of our love and prayers and support for all of you at this time.

Every blessing,

Paul (Paul Taylor - Vicar)

#### **CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2020**

In line with current Church of England guidance, all Church Services and Activities are suspended until further notice because of the Coronavirus. The current thinking is that the Church in Hordle will be open for prayer, and the Office will remain open when possible. If you have any questions, please give the Office a ring. The situation is fast-moving and you will be kept updated where possible.

# Wedding Bells



Congratulations and good wishes go to Marie Holt and her fiancé Ken Street for their forthcoming wedding and their life together.

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the wedding has had to be postponed from the original date of 6th April.

#### **Competition Results**

Our cover picture this month is by Miya, aged 6. Her Headteacher, from Hordle School, described it as a "joyful representation" ... and we agree!



The runner up, Charlie Dean from Tiptoe School, drew us CANTER these colourful Easter Eggs.

Highly commended were Ryan Weaver, Oscar C, Lucy Jones and A.N.Other, all from Tiptoe School and also Philip Hollowday who sent in a very interesting original lino cut of Fountains Abbey.

Thanks to all these entrants for joining in. We encourage you, and others, to try again at Christmas!



On holiday recently in New Zealand, Gill Morris met up with Louise and Andy Booth! Despite being 11,427 miles from the UK, they agreed it would be a wonderful place for the APCM to take place!

In your dreams!

## **RISEN, LIVING, GLORIOUS LORD**

Risen, living, glorious Lord, Meet us in our worship now: While we contemplate Your Word, While in urgent prayer we bow; Come to us in risen power, Live through all who seek the light, Till the glory of Your reign Penetrates the darkest night.

Let our human failings be Buried with You in the tomb, Evil that enslaved our souls Cast away into the gloom: Chains all broken, freedom won, Let us rise to life anew: For our sin You paid the cost – All we need is trust in You!

Death is conquered, sins forgiven! By Your sacrifice complete, Risen, living, glorious Lord, Bring the whole world to Your feet; Stir our lukewarm zeal to flame, This glad news to spread abroad: Life triumphant waits for all Who accept You as their Lord.



# Anne's 'Thoughts from the Tiptoe Triangle'



I love spring. I can't resist seeing baby lambs and cuddly chicks and I feel uplifted by the sight and scent of daffodils, primroses and spring flowers. They all remind me of new life.

Easter too is a promise of new life and after the long weeks of Lent we can move forward to looking at the opportunities the rest of the year holds for us.

Easter is the greatest festival of the Christian year, yet the materialism which surrounds Christmas and the appeal of the baby Jesus tends to mean that Christmas is

celebrated far more exuberantly than Easter. Yet Easter is a time of great joy and while Christmas focuses on the new life of a tiny baby, Easter focuses on new life for us all through Jesus' death and resurrection.

We have this new life to celebrate! It's for now on this earth and for eternity. So we can make the most of each day we have here, giving thanks to God for our creation and for the salvation which comes from Jesus' death and our forgiveness of sins.

So what are we going to do in thanksgiving for Jesus' great gift to us? We can respond in prayer, first in thanking God for his blessings, and then by praying for those we know who need our prayers, those we know personally, and those around the world in needy situations. We can respond in practical ways, helping our neighbour, or supporting charity work. We can respond by learning more about the Christian life, reading our Bibles, joining a small group to talk about our faith ... and we can rejoice in the blessings of all we see around us in new life, as we see the new shoots budding on trees, flowers opening, and - hopefully - blue skies!

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Easter and joy in your lives in the days ahead.

Anne

# **Tiptoe School**

When you think about school, what lessons do you think about? Reading and writing? Maths lessons? Perhaps PE? Of course, these are an important part of the school day but there is actually much more to school life! At Tiptoe we embrace a holistic approach to learning with a view to equip the children with all the skills they need to take them onto their next stage of education and on into adulthood. Healthy eating is just one of the many subjects the children learn about during their time at Tiptoe. When looking at such a subject the children really benefit from real experiences and therefore it is fantastic that our catering team have embraced and are promoting the latest campaign by Vegpower.

80% of children do not eat enough vegetables in their diet (vegpower.org.uk) so Hampshire County Council's school caterers HC3S have teamed up with Vegpower to promote their campaign "Eat them to defeat them" and our kitchen at Tiptoe has become the battleground for vegetables! The idea of the campaign is to encourage children to try a different vegetable every week with "wanted" posters of the veg and a different battle cry to get the children engaged with eating them (and defeating them!) Tiptoe kicked off with its "crunch time carrots" and all week carrots appeared in different guises on the catering trolley. The children were given stickers each time they tried the veg and they collected these on a wall chart with the idea of completing it by the end of the campaign. By the way the first week went and how enthusiastic the children

were about eating the veg it looks like it will be a success! Hasta La Vista Broccoli. (next week!)

Another very important area that we cover for the children is Internet Safety. With the increasing use of technology, it is vital that we all keep as up to date as



possible on what is available etc and teach the children how to stay safe online. If you would like more information on this, please see our website where there are links to various useful websites for parents/grandparents and anyone else to help them navigate what can be a confusing place!

https://www.tiptoe.hants.sch.uk/News/Internet-Safety-Day-10-10-16/

Finally, we still have a few spaces available for Year R for September 2020. If you or someone you know is still looking for a place for their child, we would be delighted to show them round our fantastic school and give them a taste of Tiptoe School life!



#### on Sunday 23rd February

was a great success, despite bad weather, the Church being booked for an event

and a fairly new team.

We used The Wise Man who built his house on the rock for activities, including building a tower with Duplo blocks. Two teams challenged each other with style ... sadly Paul did not win! We prayed and had an interesting take on the story, which was listened to with great interest. Then we had a super tea which everybody enjoyed. So God's hand was with us! *Viv Binns* 

#### Charlie likes:

I líke everything. It's all my favourite! It makes me happy.

Improvements? None

Because you get to do lots of activities.

Isabelle, aged 4

Because you get to build stuff, and learn Bible stories.

Cameron, aged 7

George likes:

All the activities. Really like the games table. Nice happy feeling.

Improvements? Cheese sandwiches please!

## Our first centenarian ...

When you achieve 100 and you have celebrated with your family, why would you expect another party? Well that is what was arranged for Jacqui Nicholas.

When she was brought to the Hordle Parish **Tea@three** she found two extra tables - one for her family and one for some of New Milton Trefoil Guild. Jacqui had been in Guiding most of her adult life, including the Hordle Trefoil Guild, and now, here,



to give her a birthday surprise were ladies – themselves retired – who had known Jacqui as a Guide leader and Commissioner when they were young!

Her delight was evident and the smile broadened when we sang Happy Birthday and produced a celebration cake resplendent with a gold guide badge and candles.

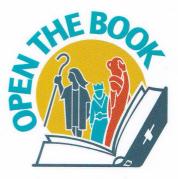
Flowers and cards were showered on her. She was also given a Trefoil Guild scarf and woggle. Jacqui gave into our safe keeping her collection of guiding badges; some earned by herself and some from historic events in the Guiding calendar.

A truly memorable afternoon – and Jacqui's parting remark as she left, still smiling ...

'See you all next year'!

Heather Andrews

**Open the Book** is a project, now run by the Bible Society, which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible. There are three handbooks which take about three years to go through. The narrator reads an introduction, then comes the story, with the members of the group taking part, and we finish with a quiet reflection and a short prayer. The children say Amen if they wish.



One team goes to **Tiptoe School** every Tuesday morning and at 9.00am the children join us in the hall where we are ready dressed up to tell them a story. When we can, we use the children as extras, dressing them up as well, and sometimes give them small speaking parts. They enjoy joining in and will readily tell how many times they have volunteered! By 9.15, we are on our way home.

The text is written to ensure that the material can be used in a Christian or multi-faith context. This makes it easy for us; we only have to make or borrow things to set the scene. We just hope the children will remember the stories as they grow up, and that they will lead them into a Christian life.

The Tiptoe Team

A group of us go into **Hordle School** every week to read and act stories from the Bible. The children enjoy dressing up and some read as well. I am always amazed at how well our stories are received and how much the children enjoy them.

If anybody would like to join us give me a ring.

Pat Perkins

"Lent is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumours, tittle-tattle ... and speak to the Lord on first-name terms."

His Holiness The Pope (March 2020)

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# HORDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WORLD BOOK DAY



Hordle Primary School & Nursery saw some amazing costumes on World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, celebrating our wonderful world of literature and the magical places that books can take us.

From 'Zog' to The Big Bad Wolf dressed as Grandma, teachers and pupils made an extraordinary effort to make this day come alive!

Children had the opportunity to bring in a book to swap at our wonderful Swap Shop. Hordle's Captain Eco is very proud of all the children's efforts in recycling old books and thanks everyone for their involvement.





Team Hordle



We also set the children an 'Extreme Reading Challenge'! children The were asked to take their reading book to the extreme and send in evidence of their daring feats with a book! good Their efforts were amazing!

## The Third Mission we regularly support ...

In our world today there are over 600,000,000 people who are reckoned to be living on less that £1.50 per day. This is the measure set by the World Bank to determine the level of "extreme poverty." Can you imagine trying to exist on £10.50 a week in a community with no running water and having to pay for children's education and all

medical care which may not even be locally available? When people living at this level are confronted by situations of war or natural disaster, as they often are, life can slide from extreme poverty to absolute hopelessness!



It is for people in these situations that Tearfund has existed for the last fifty- one years. In its initial form it was seen as a relief fund for those impacted by disaster and war, but the organisation soon learned that while typhoons, earthquakes and civil unrest require an emergency response it was grinding poverty that was the fundamental problem in the world. The work soon evolved to address the needs of the world's poorest, providing training in many aspects of community development and poverty mitigation i.e. provision of fresh clean water, medical care, child welfare, agricultural and employment training.

All of this was achieved through working alongside local churches that share the organisation's Christian commitment and want to share the good news of Jesus with others by ensuring that everyone in the community they serve has access to the projects involved. Alongside the expanding development work Tearfund has become highly professional in its disaster response approach, sending teams of skilled Christians to give emergency support to communities impacted by trauma situations across the world. In all areas of its ministry Tearfund seeks, as its current strapline says, "To follow Jesus where the need is greatest" and to demonstrate His compassion to a world in need.

Our Parish Tearfund representative is Anthea Fisher. Please contact her if you would like further information. *Graham Fairbairn* 

#### **Small Groups at All Sai**

Our Housegroup is a Ladies Only group. It was formed about 10 years ago after the first Alpha course. Folk have come and gone but many of us are still here! We meet alternate Tuesday evenings for Bible study, coffee and fellowship. We take it in turns to lead and also to host it. We have found the Scripture Union Lifebuilder series works well for us. Studies recently have focused on "Women of the New Testament" and "Evangelism - A way of Life".

We really appreciate time out from busy lives to study the Bible, to pray and support each other. Louise

Westmoreland Court, fortnightly Thursdays afternoons we are a small group, and would welcome new members. The group has been studying Mark's Gospel and

will decide themselves the next topics to study.

Many are involved in other parish activities but we try to meet every fortnight on a Tuesday evening. We always start with a table-based meal. Our study/discussion can either be on a theme or a Bible passage. The programme is agreed by the group as a whole.

Arthur/Tony

Thursdays 9.30am - 11am Young Mums group - friendship, support and Bible study, with coffee and biscuits Rosie Home group, cell group, house f Churches will give different name Andrew's call Small Groups.

For our Church, a Small Group i members, who meet together i study the Bible, pray and share meal beforehand; some are well new.

Most groups follow either a pu reading and discussing a Christian Sunday sermon or independently

Whatever the method, the aim relationship with God and ead knowledge of God and to learn he the Church.

For further information on any of the Christina Rodgers (family@rodgersho

We run our small group on a Tuesday evening .We use 4 different sections, Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness. Each person takes a turn at doing one of these and organises it for the group. We all live in close proximity, which makes it rather special. Pat

We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings. The men! All of us are over retirement age! The aiming to relate passages to life experience sion and sharing. The group decides toget series) but we have discussed Sunday series personal, church and global needs and a ti pray aloud!

Gill/Netty

#### nts' and St Andrew's

Thursday 6—7pm shared meal 7pm - 8.30pm Bible Study Our group is about fellowship, sharing a meal and studying the Bible together and learning from each other. *Tim* 

ellowship, Bible study – different to what we at All Saints' and St

s a gathering of up to 12 Church nidweek in someone's home to fellowship. Some groups have a established and others are quite

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he group is 9 strong – only 2 of these are he focus is on conversational Bible study e. We hope that most will join in discusher what to study (often the Life Builder nons. The evening ends with sharing me of open prayer, with no compulsion to We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. We start each session with a prayer and then follow a Life Builder Bible Study, which generally looks a particular book of the Bible; everyone readily contributes to the discussions. We finish with prayers and a cup of coffee, biscuits and a chat. We are a very friendly group who are currently studying 2 Corinthians. *Charlie and Christina* 

We are a ladies only group, meeting weekly on a Wednesday afternoon for Bible study, prayer, tea and cake, and fellowship. The atmosphere is informal and relaxed. Newcomers are welcome. *Maureen* 

We (a mix of St Andrew's and All Saints') meet every Monday afternoon in the home of one of the members. Our choice of study topics is consensual, now just coming to the end of the Parables of Jesus. The group is low key, with lots of participation ... and no question/comment too silly! We always end with a time of open prayer. Anthea

This Bible study group meets monthly, usually on the first Wednesday. We are from Hordle and Tiptoe congregations and have different Christian experience. Lately we have followed 'Life Builder' notes, chosen by the group, varying the topics to include Old and New Testaments. We want to find God's word for each of us today and we learn from each other too. There is time for chat and coffee and our friendship grows. To celebrate in December we have a 'Christmas Special!' Carolyn

# Meet the PCC - 7 Roger Freeman

I was born in West Norwood, South London where I lived for twenty six years. I worshipped at St Luke's Church in Norwood where I sang in the choir as a young boy. Subsequently, a new vicar arrived and transformed the church and we started a great youth group which met in the crypt on Saturdays and had a Bible based meeting on Sunday evenings. Many of that group are still close friends to this day.



On leaving school following 'A' levels, I joined

the Civil Service and my first post was at the Tower of London which was part of the Department of Environment. Following that, I worked in the Department of Transport Press Office for most of the 1980's and was involved in a number of key issues during that time. I then transferred to the maritime side of the Department and was fortunate to move to this part of the world when it relocated to Southampton.

I am married to Karen and we have three daughters and a son. We lived in Sevenoaks for nine years after we were married, worshipping at St Nicks before our move here.

When we arrived in the area, one of the first things we did was to find a church and All Saints' was recommended by the Evangelical Alliance. Over our time here, I led Pathfinders for a number of years as well as serving on the PCC and being Church Warden for five years. I also play a role in leading services.

I have always really enjoyed sport, in particular playing tennis, cycling and watching football. I support my old home team Crystal Palace and try to watch them whenever possible. I also really enjoy painting – usually local landscapes and for the past couple of years have been teaching myself to play the piano. By the time of publication, I will have recently retired and am looking forward to having more time to pursue my interests.

# Dear God ...

I've found you in special moments, moments of wonder, of stillness, times of needing help, in anxious moments and in restlessness and searching.

What I'm wondering now is 'Is it time to use words, to speak to you?'

Anyway, where are you? Most of the time I don't know if you are there. How can I speak to something invisible? Do I just say 'Where are you God?' or 'If you are there I'd like to know.'

What's that? Did you say 'Yes'?

So if I can ask you questions, do I say them in my head or aloud, or write them down and read them out?

### Dear Carolyn ...

Yes to all of that. I'm glad of any communication, questions are fine. I know your thoughts and feelings before you put them into words, but it's good to hear <u>you</u> telling me. I'm here for you. Carolyn Petts

## Thoughts from my Garden ...

Coming home from the Forest the other day, I saw a stag with a fine set of antlers. I did turn around to have another look but the herd had gone further into the trees and I could not see them clearly. Three deer have been in the field behind me, one coming close to the back of my greenhouse; they are quite welcome to eat the grass!

The broad beans have sprouted well in the greenhouse in their toilet roll centres; I just want a bit more dry weather to plant them out. I do buy germinated flower seeds now and pot the little plants on, so I have geraniums, petunias and lobelia for later planting out into the garden. The fuchsias I overwinter in the greenhouse; they are all leafing up and will be ready when it is warmer.

Walking across one of the Forest greens, I found a bumble bee in the grass. As it was still alive, I picked it up, wondering where I could put it. Luckily, I came across a gorse bush and put it on the sheltered side amongst the yellow flowers. I hope it survived. I rescued another bumble bee in the summer. It was in a bucket of water. I held it in my hand on a tissue while it dried in the sun, and eventually it flew away. Very satisfying!



## **Chris George 1930 – 2020**

Chris George passed away on the 10th March 2020. His Thanksgiving Service will be later in the year (due to the Coronavirus) but included here is an abridged appreciation of his life.

Christopher Robin Haviland George was born on the 14th January 1930. He spent most of his youth in Gloucester with his grandparents who ran a Car and Taxi firm - hence Chris's longstanding love of cars. His Father was in the Air Force, so Chris spent time abroad but returned during the war to attend the Grammar School in Gloucester, excelling at Maths and Languages. He joined the Navy, spending 5 years in uniform until 1952. In the same year, he met Ruth, the teacher, at Scottish Country Dancing lessons. They married in Folkestone in 1955. A cinema trip to see *Lady and the Tramp* proved an expensive night out as they both fell for Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Siamese cats! They subsequently owned a series of them.

Chris became an accountant, qualifying in 1959. His first job was in Lymington and they made their home in Sway; Ruth taught at Brockenhurst College. They moved to Essex and later Emsworth when Chris worked for Portsmouth City Council. Sadly, ill health forced Chris to retire early. They had happy memories of the New Forest, so looked locally for a property. Scottish Country Dancing had previously brought them to Hordle to dance on the lawns at a Fete at Pinewood House, so, nostalgically, they house-hunted in the village. The lawns had been developed into the Pinewood Estate and they bought bungalow number 22, where they spent many happy years. After Ruth died, Chris lived first at Belmore Lodge and latterly Linden House.

Chris, a charmer, loved people, especially women, so that he could amuse them with an anecdote. He was a lovely man who will be sadly missed.

Phylliss Salt

On Easter Day, the veil between time and

eternity thins to gossamer

Douglas Horton

# Our newest aircraft carriers have caused John Shea to reflect on his experiences in the Falklands conflict ...

Recently our new aircraft carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS<sup>T</sup> Prince of Wales, have been in the news together with the deck trials

for the new aircraft, the F35 Tomcat. Forty years ago, HMS Hermes, which had recently been modified with the first ski jump, was undergoing similar trials with the Sea Harrier.

Then, in April 1982, we were tested when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. Hermes was ordered to sea at very short notice. Many other Naval ships were added to build the Task Force.

The Task Force could not operate without the indispensable Royal Fleet Auxiliaries; they replenish the Fleet at sea with fuel, food, stores and armaments. More ships were needed but the Navy had run out – STUFT. My spelling hasn't gone astray - it stands for **Ships Taken Up** *From Trade*; over one hundred were 'borrowed'. These assembled at the Azores. Men and stores were flown from the UK and the Task Force exercised before setting sail for the Falklands.

Christians from many parts of the UK sent letters of encouragement, promises to pray daily and Bibles and books to give away. One Church, I shall never forget, promised to pray at 10am (UK time) every day. The Task Force remained on UK time, so 10am marked a new dawn and ship sirens often sounded a warning that Argentinian aircraft were carrying out a dawn strike. For me, this was a reminder that we were being upheld in prayer.

MV Atlantic Conveyor carried the RAF Harrier squadron and Chinook helicopters down, joining the Task Force after it had entered the Exclusion Zone. It would be the first serious loss. Fortunately, all the Harriers had been transferred to the two aircraft carriers, but only one Chinook helicopter was transferred before the Atlantic Conveyor was hit by a missile and sank.

Once we were in the exclusion zone, in Hermes, living spaces below the waterline were closed off. This included the Chapel! The chaplain held communion in his cabin and the chief cook had a large office, where others met for prayer. Every passageway in the ship, and above every trunking, was filled with people catching up on sleep.

But '*Jack*' has an irrepressible sense of humour. There was a celebratory meal when the Argentinians surrendered. The catering staff served up the left-over greens as ice cream.

My prayer is that history does not repeat itself and we do not ever have to send our new carriers into a conflict.

John Shea

## Anne's First Sunday with us ...



First, a service of Holy Communion ...

Then Anne's first experience of a St Andrew's lunch!

But lunches of that calibre don't just happen! Thank you ladies!

Photos by Tony Barker



## **Hordle District Nursing Association**

A village effort was started in 1930, the object being to provide a nurse to visit and care for local Hordle, Everton and Tiptoe families in need of nursing assistance and midwifery. Her wage and expenses were paid by collecting the sum of two pence per week from villagers who became members of the Nursing Association and by donations from more wealthy inhabitants (these donations ranged from ten shillings to five guineas, then considerable sums).

Monthly meetings were held by a committee of villagers. In 1932 the nurse was paid £120 per year and lived rent free in a bungalow built by the Association for the sum of about £360. The parish was divided into several districts, each of which was served by voluntary collectors who not only kept the twopences coming in but saw at once those who needed nursing assistance. By 1932 the nurse had been provided with a second-hand Trojan car which cost £15. By 1936 she was paying about 270 visits each month around the village.

The association ceased to be responsible for the nurse when the National Health Service was started in 1948 and eventually the bungalow was sold and the proceeds invested so that the association could remain in being as a way of helping the sick in the village.

The association is now managed by three trustees and it is not the responsibility of the church. However, if you know of people who are sick and are struggling financially and who live in Hordle, Everton or Tiptoe please contact one of the trustees.

Audrey Hill, Judith Rice or Ruth Lambe

Between Friday and Sunday, is Saturday. Between death and resurrection, is mourning. Between uncertainty and certainty, is faith. Between pain and celebration, is hope. Between loneliness and community, is love.

Attributed to Graeme McMeekin, Tearfund's Acting Scotland Director

## **ANNUAL QUIZZING REPORT**

You may just happen to know who was the first woman to beat a man at the PDC World Championships in 2020. Or, you may immediately recall that the only king of Albania shared a name with a friendly, children's book, dragon character. Alternatively, for the medically minded, perhaps the recently announced, scientific name for Coronavirus just trips off your tongue. If the answer is yes to some or all of these questions the Annual Parish Quiz was the event to be at on the evening of 29 February.

On the other hand you may, like me, have no idea of these answers but are happy to just agree with everyone around you and enjoy the general atmosphere of fun and good natured competition. 80+ people made up nine teams to challenge for the Quiz Championship trophy. Finally the 3 Wheelers were adjudged the wining team. Congratulations to them and all who took part.

Thanks on behalf of all of us go to everyone who was involved in arranging this fun event. For the catering, yes there was cake, and, yes, our vicar showed extreme self-control in sticking to 'rabbit food' hibbles, all evening. Well done Paul, but then you did have the 'diet police' on your table!

Much work and planning was put in to set the challenging questions and to manage the evening so enjoyably and efficiently. Roll on Annual Quiz 2021!

Tim Cosby

### **Tiptoe Community Quiz**

The same weekend as the Hordle Quiz night, brains were also being stretched at the other end of the Parish! St Andrew's fielded two teams in the annual Tiptoe Quiz Night (ably assisted by three 'incomers'). Neither team covered themselves with glory ... but neither were they ashamed! Much debate was engendered over the awarding of half-points, but even they could not swing the victory for either of our teams. Try again next year St Andrew's!

# A Good Old Age

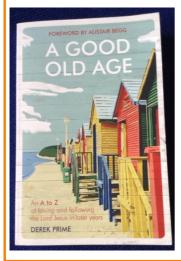
# An A-Z of loving and following the Lord Jesus in later years by Derek Prime

This is a great book of practical Christian wisdom for older believers. It is full of valuable encouragement, very down to earth, written by a humble gracious servant of Christ.



The younger generation should read it too to prepare them for what lies ahead!

Derek Kidner writes, "old friends are taken, familiar customs change, and long held hopes now have to be abandoned. We need help in coming to terms with old age and learning how to handle it, and that is what we find in this book."



Derek Prime shows us that instead of being obsessed with aches and pains, loneliness, isolation, there is another way to view old age. He reminds us of our Christian priorities, gives practical advice and assures us there is joy in old age!

So many of the situations he addresses ring true, he might have been writing from the pews of Hordle and Tiptoe!

It is a book worth dipping into time and time again. I am encouraged and challenged every time I pick this book up. *Gill Morris* 

### **Coronavirus** - What are you doing?

It has been suggested that next month we could include a feature on 'the positive side' to the Coronavirus situation. Could you share with us thoughts on how you are coping – interesting hobbies, inspiring suggestions, amusing anecdotes ... ?

The first has been received already – a reader who occupied a couple of days this week by writing an article for LINK!

Please respond to: christine@claritysound.co.uk or via the Church Office.

#### HORDLE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

**Hordle W.I.** meets on first Tuesdays at 2pm in the W.I. Hall, Ashley Lane, Hordle. Contact: Lesley Hogbourne, **01425 627942** 

**Hordle Gardening Club** meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ashley Lane, Hordle. Contact: Secretary, Sue Winter, **01425 610171** 

**Hordle Flower Club** meets 2nd Wednesday in the month at The Pavilion, Vaggs Lane. 7pm for 7.30pm. Contact: Denise Gibb **01590 642804** 

Hordle Photographic Club meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Church Room at All Saints'. Contact: Ian Blundell **01425 629838** 

**Hordle Voluntary Care Group** provides transport for people in Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton to medical appointments when they cannot use public transport and for relatives to visit in-patients at hospital. We take clients to the St John's Ambulance bathing service at Gordleton Industrial Estate. We urgently need more drivers to support our clients. Can you help with just a couple of hours a month? Contact our coordinator on **0845 388 9063** to book a driver or find out more about volunteering.

**Dial-A-Ride** provides a door to door shopping service for people who find it difficult to use the bus service. Lymington on Tuesday and New Milton on Friday. To book the service ring **0845 602 4326** (local call).

#### **TIPTOE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

**Butterflies Pre-school** (term time only). 9.15-12.15 Mon and Fri; 9.15—3 Tues, Wed Thurs in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Contact: Louisa Parsons 01425 615566

**Tiptoe Brownies** (term time only). 4.30-6.00 for girls 7-10 years. Meet in the school. Contact: Rachael Garman, 01425 615683

**SCARF** Youth Club, 6.30-8.00 for children with special needs aged 11-16. Contact: Lucinda, 07874 221249

Young Farmers' Club, Tiptoe Contact: brock.hantsyfc@gmail.com

Tiptoe Community Coffee Morning 10am - 11.30am on Wednesdays at Life Centre.

Mobile Library. Young Farmers' Club, Wootton Road, 4th Thursdays, 2-2.30pm.

If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving **LINK by post** ... please contact Christine Warren or Pat Perkins with details.

The cost is £7.50 for 10 issues this year - cheque payable to 'Hordle PCC'

## **Our second Centenarian - Ron Lane**

My Dad, Ron Lane was a hundred years old on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2020. He was born in Mitcham, Surrey to Nellie and Abner Lane; he has a living younger sister Muriel. In 1939 he was called up to serve in the army, working on searchlights and early radar, being moved all around the country. Sadly, after an incident in 1943 he had to be medically discharged. He married Ivy Smith that year. They had three children. For much of his post-army life he was a commercial traveller for a glue firm ("very sticky business!"), in the home counties. Dad showed an interest in helping young people, having worked for the Congregational Church at the Elephant and Castle mission. He, in the late 70's, ran the YMCA hostel in East Croydon, where he influenced the lives of hundreds of people from many nationalities and faiths, both men and women.



I contacted 10 people from the YMCA that Dad had helped and 7 of them attended his party, a lovelv re-union after 40+ years. We held the party in the All Saints' Church Hall. 40 friends and family attended. He did receive his card from Buckingham Palace along with 50 others.

Ron tells the story, "My French Master called me an Ass and said I would be all my life." I asked why and he replied "what is your name in French?" I didn't know so he told me ... "L'ane, the donkey". The definition of a donkey or an ass, really applies to Dad's philosophy and manner – he was stubborn, hardworking and faithful always seeing a project to the end. So he deserved his "Family get together for his 100<sup>th</sup>".

We would like to thank the Church Catering team for their efforts on our behalf.

Ken Lane



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