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The Village Crier with Assistant Crier (also known as Phil Milchard and grandson Lewis) reads the Royal Jubilee Proclamation, Thursday 2nd June 2022.

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EDITORIAL

The printing of the last, May, edition was delayed a little by equipment failure at the printers. Luckily, our dedicated delivery team sprang into action quickly when the magazines were completed, so the magazines were delivered according to the schedule. Many thanks to them.

In the last couple of months, we have seen two major events in the community: the Queen's Jubilee and Open Gardens.

The various activities to mark the Queen's jubilee were a great success, even given the slightly unfortunate weather for the picnic on the recreation ground. It's always easy to think of these activities as 'easy' – they are not. Lots of planning and preparation is needed, and volunteers to do them. Luckily, we have them in fair number.

Open Gardens also suffered from weather problems. The first day, Saturday, was wet and windy, but the Sunday was far better. I managed to see each of the seven gardens, and it was clear that the owners had put in much time and effort to present their gardens well, and welcome guests. So, well done all!

Finally, we say farewell to Mrs Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk, at the end of June. Alison has been a very hard-working and efficient Clerk to the Parish Council. She has been diligent in all respects and will be greatly missed. Alison and her husband are moving south from their Leominster house. Thanks, Alison, for all you have done.

The new Parish Clerk is Mrs Debbie Cottam. I had the pleasure of meeting Debbie recently to brief her about the magazine. The role of Parish Clerk has become a much more legalistic and technical one over the years and is vital to the efficient running of the PC. I am sure we all wish her well in her appointment. Debbie's contact details can be found on the PC's website: www.eardisland-pc.gov.uk and also on page 4.

Chris Bivand

EARDISLAND PARISH DIARY 2022

Friday 29 th July	Deadline for Planning Consultation, p.8 and below
Thursday 11 th August	Parish Council Meeting (if required)
Friday 2nd September	Magazine Copy Date
Saturday 3 rd September	Eardisland Village Show
Thursday 8 th September	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 1 st October	Craft and Produce Fair
Thursday 13 th October	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 10 th November	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 18th November	Magazine Copy Date
Thursday 8 th December	Parish Council Meeting (if required)

EDITOR'S NOTE

“Firstly, while Pembridge, Shobdon and Lyonshall are identified for future house building significantly Eardisland is not; therefore, losing its status as a settlement on the grounds of environmental constraints due to its high risk of flooding with rising climate concerns.

This means it will be regarded as open countryside and for the first time since planning policies were established after the second World War no dwellings will be allowed to be built in the village. This clearly is a significant development and has huge impact on the way the village operates in the future.”

The above statement is contained within Councillor Roger Phillip’s report, starting on page 7. It is only a proposal as we currently stand. However, if adopted, it will prevent all future development within and around the village.

It’s important to make representations to Herefordshire Council, either in support or opposition, before the declared closing date of Friday 29th July.

This is, I believe, one of the most important decisions to affect Eardisland for a generation. It is, therefore, vital that you express your view so that Herefordshire Council can make an informed decision on future planning policy.

Details of how to comment can be found in Roger’s report. If you do not have internet access, I am happy to forward your thoughts to Herefordshire Council. My contact details can be found on page 47, under ‘Editor’.

Please do respond, it is very important.

Chris Bivand

PARISH COUNCIL (PC) UPDATE:

1. It's 'goodbye' from Alison, the retired Clerk! Alison says 'Many thanks to the PC and parishioners for your support and friendship over the last 8.5 years, I have really enjoyed working in Eardisland. And thank you so much for the very generous retirement gift'.
And 'hello' from the new Parish Clerk, Debbie Cottam, who took over on 1 July. **The email address is the same, parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk but other details have changed as follows. New official address for the PC is Westgate, Eardisland, Herefordshire, HR6 9AR; new phone number is 07799 826779. The details are also on the website.**
2. The PC is very grateful to all the organisations and people who made the Queen's Jubilee weekend such a success in Eardisland – Burton Court, EVH Management Committee, the Bowling Club, the WI, the church and all the volunteers who helped. Thank you so much for making the celebrations so special for all the community.
3. Please see the item on page 13 on dog fouling, which is again a serious issue.
4. Sadly, a number of benches have been removed as they were in a dangerous condition and are unrepairable. ***Would you like to donate a replacement bench in memory of a loved one or just to improve the parish?*** If so, please contact the Parish Clerk.
5. The PC has received complaints about overgrown hedges that obstruct pavements, forcing walkers onto the road or even obstructing roads. Please ensure that your hedge and vegetation from your property does not obstruct the road or pavement. In law a landowner can cut back a hedge at any time if it is causing an obstruction to the highway, which includes pavements, even if it is still the nesting season. The PC will be doing a walk round in July to assess the issue in the village.
6. **Are you prepared for the next flood event?** Please make sure that you have your Personal Checklist (copy provided with this magazine) to hand, and you know what to do in a flood event. And most importantly please make sure you register with the Environment Agency for flood alerts and warnings – go to <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> or ring 0345 9881188. The Eardisland Flood Response Plan is available on the website <https://www.eardisland-pc.gov.uk/eardisland-flooding-response-plan-efrp/> or contact the Parish Clerk on 07799 826779 for a copy of the Plan.
7. River swimming can be fun, but it can also be dangerous. If you see someone in trouble, the life buoy on Arrow Lawn can be accessed by anyone in an emergency.
8. Would you like a Safety Check on your house? Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service provide FREE fire safety advice to everyone. A Safe and Well Check can be carried out for the more vulnerable such as elderly,

- people living alone and those with reduced mobility. Ring 0800 032 1155 to arrange a visit.
9. Come and join the Environment and Sustainability Working Group. All welcome – please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to attend.
 10. ***Are you new to the parish, have you just moved in?*** If you have not already received a ‘Welcome to Eardisland’ pack, please contact the Parish Clerk and we will be pleased to bring you one.
 11. The parish council website can be accessed at www.eardisland-pc.gov.uk with the community website continuing to provide all other information at www.eardisland.org.uk. GDPR requires people to give positive consent for the parish council to hold personal data and to allow you to receive emails. Please contact the Clerk if you wish your name and data to be removed from the list for news alerts.
 12. The following planning applications have been considered or noted at the May and June meetings: **P221103/F, Townsend**, Pigmore Common, HR6 9HF – Shepherds Hut to be used for holiday letting accommodation- Support and comment: conforms to NDP policy E17 as tourist accommodation; request condition that development complies with policy E6. **P212581/FH, Staick Cottage**, HR6 9BU – Proposed conversion of adjoining garages into additional living accommodation and other works including new vehicular access and detached garage – Amended and additional documents – Support and comment: conforms to NDP policy E1; consider very good schedule of work submitted with details of work to be undertaken. **P221357/FH, Lower Hardwick House**, HR6 9HF – Removal of single storey rear extension. Proposed two storey and single storey extension. Extension to porch – support and comment: conforms to NDP policy E1; request that Heritage Officer and Ecology Officer review and decide on merits of application for determination; following site visit, request to reconsider and redesign valley roof; welcome restoration/replacement of trees in orchard, in line with climate emergency. **P220646/F, Turnpike Caravan Site**, Pembridge, HR6 9JZ – Proposed extension of Turnpike traveller site – defer to Pembridge PC and support its objection. **P221480/K, Staick House**, HR6 8BU – T1 - Group of Mixed Species Ash, Hawthorn and Yew bordering on Lyme Lane. To be Crown Raised to approx. 6.5 Metres from Ground Level. T2 - Multi-Stemmed Sycamore (opposite side of the road to Staick House) To Reduce/coppice to Wall Height. T3- Cherry Laurel by Entrance to Fell. T4 - Yew in the Front Garden of Staick House, to be Reduced all Round by 20% – Support. **P212878/F, Pitch Farm**, Dilwyn, HR4 8JH – Proposed creation of 3 detached 1-bed holiday lets with private entrance and driveway in existing cherry orchard – Amended documents – defer to Dilwyn Parish Council and support its response. Noted **P220345/K, Bridge House**, HR6 9BT - 30% reduction of T1 and T2 (Limes). Removal of T3 and T4 (Conifers), to be replaced with 6

traditional orchard trees from local area – Works Allowed. Noted **P214536/FH**, The Barr, Stretford, HR6 9DQ – Proposed replacement barn to form domestic workshop, sewing room and office – Approved with conditions. Noted **P221407/PA7**, Burton Court, HR6 9DN – Application for prior notification of an agricultural building for use as an open sided livestock field shelter – support and comment: assume that jaunty angle of building is best angle for solar panels, which are mentioned in application but not shown on plans – Prior Approval Not Required. Noted **P220707/FH**, 2 The Sytches, HR6 9DH – Proposed single storey glazed extension – Approved with conditions. Noted **P220298/FH**, Toad Hall, HR6 9BE - Replacement of existing outbuildings with new single storey Border Oak ancillary outbuilding – Approved with conditions. Noted **P220595/L**, The Dairy, HR6 9BW – Proposed internal alterations to include removal of 1no. C20 stud wall, alteration to 2no. internal C20 doors, installation of tumble dryer vent – Approved with conditions.

13. The planned parish council meeting dates can be found in the diary of the magazine. Extra meetings will be held if required to meet deadlines for response to planning applications and details can be found on the notice boards and website. Meetings are open to the public and a short time is allocated on the agenda to take questions or comments from parishioners, in line with the council's standing orders.

Alison Sutton

FAREWELL TO THE PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Alison Sutton retired from the post of Eardisland Parish Clerk on the 30th June this year and it is right to record the thanks of the Community to her in this edition of our Parish Magazine.

Alison has been our Clerk for around 9 years and throughout has been totally dedicated to her task. Indeed, her overall performance has been outstanding. Over the years, with her guidance, we have significantly improved our business model, we now meet all statutory requirements, we live within our budget and we have a Parish Development Plan, a Flood Plan and a much improved Village Hall of which we can all be proud.

Alison will be missed, and we wish her and her family well as they move to the next phase of their lives, possibly in Dorset!

Richard Kirby
Chair Eardisland PC

DEBBIE COTTAM



Debbie Cottam is the new Parish Clerk for Eardisland Parish Council having taken over the position on the retirement of Alison Sutton. Debbie spent many years working as an Area Manager for upholstery fabric wholesalers before spending the coronavirus pandemic working as a Contact Tracer, assisting with the 2021 Census and most recently working for Hertfordshire County Council customer services.

Debbie and her partner Joe moved to Eardisland in September 2021 and are busy creating a new garden and looking forward to many years in this lovely rural setting after years spent in urban environments.

Hobbies include a passion for textile crafts, gardening, and supporting Severn Freewheelers Blood Bike Charity for which Joe rides and Debbie helps with fundraising.

Having already received a warm welcome in the parish, Debbie and Joe look forward to meeting new people and making new friends.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

from your local County Councillor ROGER PHILLIPS;

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The future of house building in Eardisland

Herefordshire Council is consulting on its proposals for the future of planning developments in the county till 2041 under the title of Place Shaping. The emerging proposals will form part of a County Plan which will be a policy document to determine all future planning applications for housing and economic development in Herefordshire in the future.

The current phase of consultation includes identifying 50 village settlements for future houses. While Pembridge, Kingsland and Shobdon are identified for future housebuilding significantly Eardisland is not; therefore, losing its status as a settlement on the grounds of environmental constraints (due to its high risk of flooding with rising climate concerns).

This means it will be regarded as open countryside and for the first time since planning policies were established after the second World War, no dwellings will be allowed to be built in the village.

This clearly is a significant development, and it is important the community properly discusses and contributes to this consultation and influence any final determination.

The Place Shaping Consultation documents can be found on the Consultation platform [Have Your Say Today – Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 – Commonplace](#) or on HC website [Local Plan 2021 - 2041 – Herefordshire Council](#). The closing date for the consultation is the 29 July 2022. I would be grateful if you could copy me into your submissions also.

Clerking summit

In June I invited all my Parish Clerks, Local Ward Planners, our Balfour Steward and Community Police officer to meet up – the first time we had all been physically together since before covid.

I made a presentation to our retiring Clerk Alison to thank her for all the support she has given to me over the years as clerk to Eardisland PC. She has been a great strength also to all the team of clerks and has literally supported her parish through floods and festivals, planning, potholes and a pandemic. My very best wishes for a well-deserved retirement and I look forward to working with our new parish clerk Debbie Cottam.

The agenda and discussions were wide-ranging and included new emerging Planning Core strategy timetable, planning enforcement, speeding, highway matters and engagement with large agri-businesses. Most importantly for me is the opportunity for all these key people who service the local community to strengthen their contacts and experience with each other and feel part of a local team.

As ever if you think I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Roger

MORTIMER MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

The Practice has recently received negative comments about the role of the Physician Associate (PA) following a recent BBC1 Panorama programme. The programme unfortunately was misleading and focused on a General Practice run by an American company and which appeared understaffed. The PA was new to the profession and was not given the support of the GP's and was clearly overwhelmed.

The Mortimer Medical Practice Physician Associate (PA) is Dave Harper. He supports the duty GP on a Tuesday at Kingsland surgery enabling the Practice

to help meet the demand for acute problems. He sees patients face to face with a few telephone appointments during the afternoon. He has the support of the GP as needed throughout the day. He was appointed by the North and West Primary Care Network (N&WPCN) in February 2022 and has over 10 years' experience which includes Accident and Emergency, Trauma Orthopaedics, Vascular, General Practice and teaching new PAs at University.

A PA Graduate has undertaken post graduate training and works under the supervision of a doctor. A PA is trained to perform a number of day-to-day tasks including, taking medical histories from patients, performing physical examinations, diagnosing illness, seeing patients with long term chronic conditions, performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, analysing test results, developing management plans, providing health promotion and disease prevention advice for patients.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like me to raise at our PPG meetings, please contact me.

Diane Lee
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EARDISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



As a relatively new arrival in Eardisland I had been trying to get details of the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme but discovered that it was no longer active. As I feel that having an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme would help with crime prevention, I decided to set up a scheme in the hope that others might be like-minded. I then found out that a number of villagers had already registered their interest with the Police in the hope that a scheme would be set up, and it has. If you are interested in joining this scheme, you will need to become a member and then join the Eardisland scheme using the following link <https://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join> to register by providing your personal details. Once you have done that and you are in your account, select the 'Manage Schemes' option in the 'dropdown' under 'Neighbourhood Watch Tools' in the top banner on the page, then click on the yellow 'JOIN OR APPLY TO CREATE A NEW SCHEME' bar and follow the process, selecting Eardisland to join this scheme. If you previously expressed an interest to the Police, you should find that you are already members of the Eardisland group.

Not only will Neighbourhood Watch help to increase your peace of mind by helping crime prevention, once registered you can then also officially confirm to your home insurance company, that you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch. Most will give a discount on your policy for being a member. Members

will receive a window sticker and discount on selected security products, and it is hoped that we will be able to obtain some new Neighbourhood Watch street signs that could be put up around Eardisland.

Your information will be only be used by Neighbourhood Watch to administer the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and to send you crime prevention messages and information and newsletters relevant to the work of Neighbourhood Watch and this scheme.

Your information will be kept completely private and confidential under the Data Protection Act; this information is only used so that we can send you updates and crime alerts. If you do not have a computer do not worry, drop me a line or give me a call with your name, address and contact details so I can arrange your membership; once I have your details, I will arrange for hardcopy information and updates to be delivered.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining our scheme and have any questions.

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(that's eardisland_neighbourhood etc.) Ed.

EARDISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

The E&SG has regular meetings, and anyone interested in making Eardisland a more sustainable parish is welcome to come along.

Energy Saving Eardisland and Thermal Images

27 properties in the parish have had free thermal images taken as part of the project (funded by a Climate and Nature Grant from Herefordshire Council). A follow up meeting was held on the 21st June with parishioners attending to discuss what the thermal images of their properties may show and what next steps could be taken.

Notes from the meeting, which contain some ideas about how to save energy and further sources of information including grants, can be downloaded from the Parish Council website here: <https://www.eardisland-pc.gov.uk/climate-crisis/>

The Great Collaboration: Please Sign Up

The Great Collaboration is an interactive website that the Parish Council is using to find out what carbon reduction actions the local community is doing, and what actions people may need more support with.

Eardisland has a personalised page on the <https://greatcollaboration.uk> website,

on which you can explore and commit to over 60 actions that will help reduce your carbon use. The Parish Council has access to anonymous statistics so can then make informed decisions about where to focus future help.

Some sample actions are:

Meat Free Mondays

The UK Climate Change Committee suggests we have two or more days a week without meat, poultry or fish.

Bye-bye to Standby

Electrical items left on standby can use up to 85% of the energy they would use if fully switched on. Turning them off saves money and emissions.

Trees and Hedgerows

We hosted a talk in the Village Hall by Sarah King from The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. 23 people from at least 6 parishes attended and heard Sarah talk about the importance of understanding and maintaining trees and hedgerows in the county, as well as where best to plant new trees.

We are planning to carry out some Hedgerow Surveying in the late summer. Anyone can take part and there will be some free training sessions run by The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust in September.

The Eardisland group is surveying trees during the summer as part of our tree audit project, helping to understand the importance of Eardisland's trees and how we can look after them. Anyone is welcome to get involved, just get in touch.

Some Significant Eardisland Trees

Austrian or Black Pine – Pinus nigra (by the bridge)

Height: 27 metres

Trunk diameter at 1.5 meters high: 124cm

Leaf area: 1017 square metres

Carbon Dioxide stored: 2141 kg to date

Carbon Dioxide removed: 37 kg a year (about what a car uses driving 200 miles, or 2 ½ days gas use for an average home)

English Oak – Quercus robur (by the Recreation Ground gate)

Height: 18.6 metres

Trunk diameter at 1.5 meters high: 120cm

Leaf area: 760 square metres

Carbon Dioxide stored: 5944 kg to date

Carbon Dioxide removed: 79 kg a year (about what it takes to produce 500 g of beef or 160 kg potatoes)

Norway Maple – Acer platanoides (on the bank of the millstream)

Height: 8 metres

Trunk diameter at 1.5 meters high: 28cm

Leaf area: 242 square metres

Carbon Dioxide stored: 170 kg to date

Carbon Dioxide removed: 11 kg a year (about what it takes to produce 7 single use plastic bags)

Source: <https://treezilla.org/> and <https://www.co2everything.com/>

Plastic Free Eardisland

The group has started the process of Eardisland being recognised by <https://plasticfree.org.uk/>. This doesn't require the community to be totally plastic free, but aims to reduce single use plastic (e.g., bottles, cups, sachets, packaging). We're hoping other Eardisland based groups, events and businesses will support this initiative. It would be great if representatives of some local businesses would agree to be on a steering group which would meet a few times a year. More details to follow or get in touch if you're interested.

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EARDISLAND MEMORIAL WALKS

Judging by brochures sold, the Memorial Walks are less popular than last year, but the advertised (March edition) Herefordshire Festival Walks saw moderate success with three selected: Pte Thomas Cook, Pte Ernest Morris and the village's 13 Gates Spectacular.

About now is a good time to explore all three: Pte Thomas Cook which takes you to Aymestrey and back home along the River Lugg, which is obstructed on the higher ground, but in parts a broad passage has been cut through riverside undergrowth for a considerable distance, which can be used as an alternative.

The 13 Gates walk is a day's outing but stops in Monkland and Pembridge enhances the enjoyment. Much of it is on road surfaces, but these are generally quiet lanes with good views. For the immediate future, a few guides can be picked up in the Community Shop.

Pte Ernest Morris includes a circular around Staunton on Arrow which remains popular with walking groups. A chance to make it a day out is an option: on returning to the Arrow bridge on the way back, walk up to Pembridge where there's plenty to see and do, as well as coming back to Eardisland via Upper and Lower Hardwick using the Pte John Lewis Walk. (If that's the plan, don't forget to

pick up Pte John Lewis' guide, along with Pte Ernest Morris', before you leave the village!) Of course, you can return to the latter by walking back down to the bridge and home via Twyford and the lane.

If you've chosen to walk back from Pembridge on the Pte John Lewis Walk through the Hardwicks, watch out for the Pte John Lewis Memorial gate on the left, before you reach Pigmoor Common. Further on, walkers are invited to enjoy the 'easigates' now replacing stiles up to the A44. Please close them after passing through. The idea of easigates is to provide a passage for the elderly and less abled, while supporting compliance with new safety British Standards relating to stiles. The Walk in the opposite direction is named after Pte George Roberts, who died in Millbank Military Hospital in 1914. He is buried in our churchyard, by the southeast corner of the church.

In terms of the Project's wider objectives, the inspiration behind the improvements rises from the fact that after the First World War, over two million soldiers, relatively young men, were left permanently disabled. In modern times, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – especially due to improvised explosive devices – are responsible for British Army casualties numbered in hundreds.

Thanks to respective landowners for their assistance and permissions.

Hugh Vernon



Once again dog fouling is a serious issue, particularly on the Recreation Ground and in the churchyard.

A small number of dog owners allow their animals to run off out of their sight and control. This is leading to dog waste being left in public areas and contaminating the play area.

It is illegal - and very bad manners - not to clean up after your pet. Don't just expect someone else to do it for you!

If the problem does not improve, the parish council will have to reconsider whether dogs should be allowed off a lead on the recreation ground.



Bag it, bin it!

Either in your own black wheelie bin or a public waste bin.

EARDISLAND DOVECOTE

Avid readers of this section of the magazine will recognise the yawning gap between our aspirations and results relating to the Dovecote's upstairs improvements.

But trustees can soon begin again to show their faces in public, once an imaginative lighting scheme is operating to the great advantage of showing off new displays.

The History Group's maps and photographs have been moved into the room to the left – with pieces now open to view. Later in the year, the Group's showcase will contain other items which we hope will be of general public interest and especially for parishioners more familiar with the area around our village.

The idea of rolling exhibitions across the space (right hand side as you enter), is now a reality, and initial plans to display local artists' work have been set aside as an option for the future. While a First World War display was removed pre-Covid and replaced by Eardisland Memorial Walks items, we have now an opportunity to display items lent by Major David Seeney, a renowned local collector and historian, maintaining and greatly improving our historical military theme.

Herefordshire has a substantial Armed Forces Community, and historically contributed to the defence of the realm across earlier centuries, the border with Wales being the most actively contested battle area before Offa built his dyke. We have more definitive historical information available since the origins of the Hereford Militia in 1539. In modern times there were six Battalions of Home Guard in the Second World War, to include Auxiliary Patrols whose role was to fight on after any enemy invasion. No 'Dads Army' then! The Herefordshire Light Infantry was disbanded in 1957, but other entities remain - with 25 or so to explore.

Please feel free to pop 20p in the relevant slot to help pay the electricity bill.

Hugh Vernon

EARDISLAND W.I.

The Eardisland WI had an informative visit to Hereford Archive in May and a visit to Byecroft Garden in Bircher in early June. The weather was favourable, and all the ladies enjoyed the beautiful, scented roses, some very unusual plants (including Cardiocrinum, large Himalayan lilies which were due to come into flower) and some splendid home baked cakes. This visit was part of the Open Garden Scheme and helped to raise funds for charity.

Our final meeting before the summer break will in the garden at our President's home on the 11th July at 2.30 p.m. Once again, we are hoping that the weather is kind to us.

Our meetings will resume on Monday September 12th at 2.30 p.m. in the village hall with a talk "Creating a buzz about bees".

Helen Kirkham
On behalf of the Eardisland WI

JUST A NOTE ABOUT PAGINATION IN THE MAGAZINE

Trying to fill the pages in the magazine is a bit of a nightmare jigsaw puzzle.

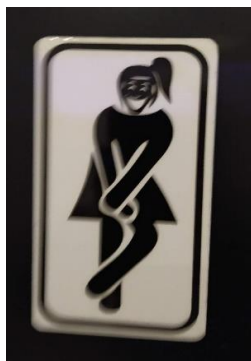
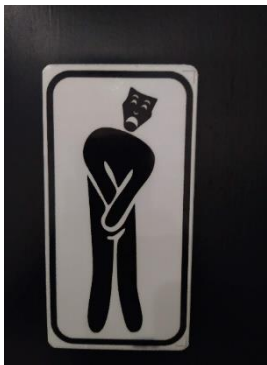
Sometimes it falls into place easily, often not. If you sent a whole page of copy and find it split over two pages, it's simply because I think it the best way to fit the information into the basic structure. This format is, roughly: index, editorial, obituaries (if any), parish (civil) notices, church information, gardening, history, points of interest, advertisements and contacts. There are some exceptions, but my aim is to fill each page, so that it 'reads' well, and looks vaguely professional.

So, apologies if your carefully crafted 'page' ends up in pieces.

Editor

HELPFUL SIGNS

Just in case your Spanish is not up to asking for the toilet, the Teatro Timanfaya in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, has it in hand, so to speak.



Chris Bivand

BIG NUMBERS

We humans are quite good at understanding the size of numbers if they fall within our everyday life experience – after that they get a bit tricky. Well, this might help.

If you were lucky enough to win a million pounds, delivered in £1 coins in a very big bag, and you laid them edge to edge (the coins have twelve sides, but flat to flat let's say), they would reach very approximately 14.5 miles – say from Eardisland to Hereford.

Now suppose Elon Musk (Mr Tesla) moved in. He is reportedly worth some 200 billion pounds. A billion is 1000 million. Again roughly, his considerable coinage would stretch to a rather heady 2,900,000 miles.

If you went around the earth just once, you would travel about 24,900 miles. So, poor old Elon is going to spend quite some time laying his mountain of £1 coins around the earth, because he would have to do it just over 116 times. I do stress these very approximate calculations. Even so, it gives some idea of what a very large number is in real-world terms.

For the record, we have all heard the use of 'trillion' with reference to national debt. A trillion is defined as a million million or 10^{12} , if you know about Standard Index form. Scientists use Standard Form to save writing '0' endless times. So, for example, the previous figure of 2,900,000 in Standard Form is 2.9×10^6 . I do hope I've done my calculations correctly!

Chris Bivand



The Recreation Ground
Saturday 3rd September 2021
2.00 – 4.30 pm

Prizes will be awarded at 4.00 pm

£1 admission charge for adults
Children free

Eardisland Village Hall Management Committee (EVHMC)
Registered Charity 1108366

Section A**COOKERY**

- 1 A fruitcake (see recipe on entry form)
- 2 A jar of homemade jam
- 3 A jar of homemade marmalade
- 4 A jar of homemade chutney
- 5 6 biscuits (same type - please specify)
- 6 3 jam tarts (any type - please specify)
- 7 A loaf of bread (any type - please specify) men
- 8 A loaf of bread (any type - please specify) women

Section B**DRINKS**

- 9 A flavoured gin
- 10 A flavoured spirit
- 11 A non-alcoholic drink

Section C**FLORAL ART****No artificial fruit or flowers**

- 12 A star wreath
- 13 Commonwealth Games
- 14 A wine bottle decoration

Section D**CRAFT**

- 15 A landscape scene (any size, any material)
- 16 A piece of jewellery (any material)
- 17 Commonwealth Games (1 piece of craft, any medium)

Section E**HORTICULTURE - Division 1**

- 18 A single yellow rose (Megan Lloyd Trophy)
- 19 Roses (3 stems, any variety)
- 20 Garden flowers (3 stems, any variety)
- 21 Sweet peas (5 stems, any colour)
- 22 Free choice (a single flower head)

HORTICULTURE- Division 2

- 23 3 cooking apples (Leslie Evans prize)
- 24 3 tomatoes
- 25 A display of garden fruits (any size)
- 26 A display of garden produce (any size)
- 27 A hand-tied bunch of fresh herbs (may be displayed in a jug)
- 28 Free choice (1 item of produce)

Section F**PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 29 An Eardisland scene
- 30 A black and white photograph
- 31 Commonwealth Games

Section G**ART**

Pictures may be mounted but not glazed. Stretched canvases are acceptable

- 32 A painted pebble
- 33 A lino print
- 34 Commonwealth Games (1 piece of art, any medium)

Section H JUST FOR A LAUGH... (entries free and open to all ages)

- 35 Limerick beginning, "In Eardisland you can always find a ..."
- 36 A vegetable animal
- 37 Heaviest pumpkin

Children of 16 and over are encouraged to enter the adult categories. Please put your age on the Entry Form so that it may be taken into consideration by the judges.

Children under 5

- 38 A greetings card
- 39 A painted pebble
- 40 A sewing creation
- 41 A pizza
- 42 A lego model

Children 5-10

- 43 A greetings card
- 44 A painted pebble
- 45 A sewing creation
- 46 A pizza
- 47 A lego model

Children 11-15

- 48 A greetings card
- 49 A painted pebble
- 50 A sewing creation
- 51 A pizza
- 52 A lego model

See Entry Form for details of how to enter.

Entry Forms available from the Village Shop, Parish Magazine or Parish Website from July.

Entries cost 40p per item for adults. Children may enter free of charge in the Children's Sections but fee payable in adult section.

Eardisland Village Show Entry Form 2022

Eardisland Village Hall Management Committee (EVHMC)

Registered Charity 1108366

Circle the numbers of classes you wish to enter. Entry costs 40p for the adults' section, children are free in the children section.

Complete and return this entry form with the fees in a sealed envelope marked 'show' to either my house or the Community Shop by Friday 26th August.

Jo South, Tivdale, Church Rd jo.evhmc@yahoo.com

COOKERY	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8							
DRINKS	B9		B10		B11										
FLORAL ART	C12		C13		C14										
CRAFT	D15		D16		D17										
HORTICULTURE			E18		E19		E20		E21	E22					
	E23		E24		E25		E26		E27	E28					
PHOTOGRAPHY			F29		F30		F31								
ART	G32		G33		G34										
JUST FOR A LAUGH (free to enter)					H35		H36		H37						
CHILDREN	I38	I39	I40	I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46	I47	I48	I49	I50	I51	I52

Full name: _____ **Telephone number:** _____

Exhibits must be your own work. Judge's decisions are final.

Entries should be taken to the Recreation Ground on Saturday 3rd September between 9 am and 10.30 am. Judging will take place during the morning and the marquee will be open to the public from 2pm. Prize- giving and raffle draw will take place at 4pm. Prize money will be paid out after the announcements. Any prize money not collected by 5pm will be returned to Show Funds. All exhibits must be collected by 5pm.

CHURCH MATTERS

All are most welcome to services and will find a friendly and caring community. Come along and find out more; contact us too, if you are interested.

If you would like to volunteer to read a lesson, lead prayers, become a welcomer, sing, play, look after the church in any way or choose a hymn for a special occasion, please let us know.

Priest-in-Charge:	Rev. Julie Read, The Rectory, Kingsland. 07826 194400, rev.julie@hotmail.com	01568 708255
Curate	Rev Katie Smith:	07775 486521
Reader	Rosie Capon:	07811 436412
Churchwarden and Lay Co-Chair:	Richard Kirby:	01544 388810
Deputy Churchwarden and Organist:	Annette Blyth:	01544 388241
Treasurer:	Mike Coleburn:	01544 388486
PCC Secretary:	Avis Denny:	01568 780874

Services at St Mary the Virgin, Eardisland and in the Benefice

Date	Time and type	Which church?
Sunday 10 th July	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 17 th July	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 24 th July	9.30am Morning Prayer	Eardisland
Sunday 31 st July	10.30am Benefice Service	Kingsland
Sunday 7 th August	10.30am Benefice Service	Aymestrey
Sunday 14 th August The Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am Special service for our Patronal Festival (our church is named after Mary the Virgin)	Eardisland
Sunday 21 st August	10.30am Lammas (first harvest)	Leinthall Earles HR6 9TR
Sunday 28 th August	10.30am Songs of Praise	Kingsland
Sunday 4 th Sept	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 11 th Sept	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 18 th Sept	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland

FROM JULIE READ

Thank you to John Hope for hosting the Rogation Service and allowing us to enjoy the views and land up at Lower Hardwick. There was a goodly crowd and we enjoyed Nick Read, one of the Borderlands Chaplains, talking about the current farming issues.

We have celebrated well and enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with ceremony and party, with services and mementos. Special books have been distributed to all families in Eardisland with lovely pictures and prayers about the Queen's 70 years and how she prepared to live her life of service to the country. As others embark on their lives post school and post college, we pray for them that they will find a fulfilling path for themselves and as part of the community in which they live. We have celebrated with local families recently as two local weddings have taken place in Eardisland Church and shared the joy of families and friends. June has been a busy month!

Thank you to Richard Kirby and his team who organised Open Gardens also in June. It was lovely to have some new gardens to enjoy as well as revisit some of the local favourites. The weather was not good on the Saturday and there is nothing we can do to change that, but on the Sunday the sun shone, and a goodly crowd turned up for a walk around Eardisland. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year and we are thankful for those who made this a worthwhile weekend.

One of the privileges of my role as the vicar here is to be a governor at Kingsland Primary School along with 3 Eardisland Governors, and next week the whole school is involved in a concert of ISING POP - a Christian-based set of songs that the children learnt in 3 days along with dance moves and background information. I'm looking forward to the concert because the last one, a few months before lockdown, was splendid, spectacular, and inspiring and provided a resource of songs to use with the Christian Values assemblies.

Over the Summer month of August, we will be moving to a rotation of services around the benefice at 10.30am 7th August is over at Aymestrey, 14th August we will be celebrating the patron saint of Eardisland (Blessed Virgin Mary), 21st August is at Leinthall Earles for a Lammis Service, celebrating the early wheat crop, and the process of bread-making (give us this day our Daily Bread) and 28th August a Songs of Praise at Kingsland. Do come and enjoy the hospitality of the surrounding churches and enjoy worshipping together in greater numbers.

In the Autumn we look forward to working with the families in the parish and setting up some appropriate children's work in the church. Some of the Eardisland families come over to Messy Church in Kingsland and we are hoping to expand this work to cover the other parishes in the benefice. Watch this space.

I hope you get some holiday time, time to refresh and restore, time to move forward to new chapters in your lives and new challenges.

Looking forward to catching up with some of you in the coming weeks.

Every blessing,

Julie

BE SAFE!

BP FUEL CARD SCAM ON FACEBOOK

A fake BP fuel card offer is currently circulating on Facebook, the advert claims to give you the chance of getting 200 litres of fuel for a very minimal cost. The advert alleges BP is diverting leftover fuel from Russia to the UK.

You are advised not to click on any links in that message as you will then be tricked into handing over personal details.

Always check a brand's official website before clicking on any links, as Scammers can easily impersonate genuine brands

Take Five To Stop Fraud

- **Stop:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect:** If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

From West Mercia Police

THE STAICK HOUSE

I know that many people in Eardisland, and elsewhere, are interested in the Staick House and its renovation, now being undertaken by Border Oak. I am happy to report that Merry Albright has given me some interim information, and I hope to share more in future editions of the magazine.

The context for the text below is that there was an organ in the house, which has been surveyed by an expert, Mr Jonathan Bowden, of Henry Willis & Sons Ltd., the famous organ manufacturer. He wrote:

“The organ from Eardisland was surveyed in 1920 and was listed as being built as a Barrel Organ in 1834 - maker unknown. It was given to the church new by Miss Evans of Burton Court.

In 1864 it is reported to have been converted to a "finger organ" with 1 manual of keys and placed in a gallery.

In 1920 it was replaced by a larger organ in memory of an officer killed in WW1 and the Barrel/finger organ was reported to be in a private house nearby.” (There is more, asking for photos, which Merry supplied).



Editor

OUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION

The Burlison and Grylls East Window in Eardisland Church

This fine window is a treasure of national significance, particularly so because we possess Thomas John Grylls' original watercolour design for the window panels. This is so valuable that when I drew the attention of the late George Alderson to it he obtained the agreement of the PCC to lodge it with Herefordshire Record Office for safe keeping.

The window is some 6.5 metres tall and dominates the view eastwards along the whole church. It was commissioned by Mrs Edith Clowes of Burton Court to commemorate the safe return of her husband Colonel Peter L Clowes from the South African war (see note below).

The window was installed in 1902. The makers, Burlison and Grylls of Newman Street, Westminster, were at the time regarded as the country's leading designers of church windows. They were featured prominently in an exhibition to mark the centenary of the death of G.F. Bodley R.A (1827-1907), the most prominent church architect of the late 19th century: Burlison and Grylls were his usual first choice for window design and execution.

In the same year 1902 that the firm supplied Eardisland's window, they also installed the Rose Window and twelve apostle lancets in the south transept of Westminster Abbey. Our window in Eardisland could not have a more impressive provenance!

Footnote: For further information supplied by the Grylls family please ring Barry Freeman 01544 388226. There is also a wealth of information on the internet.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE ON LIEUTENANT COLONEL P.L. CLOWES

Lt. Col. P.L. Clowes had served in the VIII King's Royal Irish Hussars in both India (1870s) and Afghanistan (1880s) and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1897 prior to being summoned back to full time service for South Africa.

The regiment was appointed to the 4th Cavalry Brigade with Lt.Col. Clowes as commanding officer. Their full war establishment embarked from Albert Dock, London on 17th January 1900. Headquarters and A, B and C Squadrons were in total comprised of 19 officers, 586 non-commissioned officers and men, 29 chargers and 458 troop horses. A reserve squadron of 500 personnel and 200 horses remained behind.

Barry Freeman
(from notes made in conversation with the late Jim Collins)

A design drawing for this window is reproduced on the back page of this magazine.

EARDISLAND: A BRIEF ETYMOLOGICAL NOTE

“Where did the name Eardisland come from?”

“How did it get that name?”

These were the two most frequent questions from intrigued customers during our thirty-five tearoom years.

The first question was addressed by Paul Selfe in his Eardisland Year Book under the heading “Some possible origins of the name Eardisland”. Here he listed 13 alternatives, finally concluding: “There appears to be no definitive explanation ... but historians are generally agreed that the village has been occupied and farmed since Saxon times”.

Fired by the necessity to answer the two questions coming from so many visitors, I produced a fairly easily remembered short explanation:

‘A Saxon chieftain called Eard

Cried out one day, so I’ve heard,

“Oh isn’t it grand

I own all this land”

Ever since then it’s been called EARDSLAND’.

Please note, traditional pronunciation has no ‘i’.

Barry Freeman

THE MYSTERY OF THE EARDISLAND WORKHOUSE

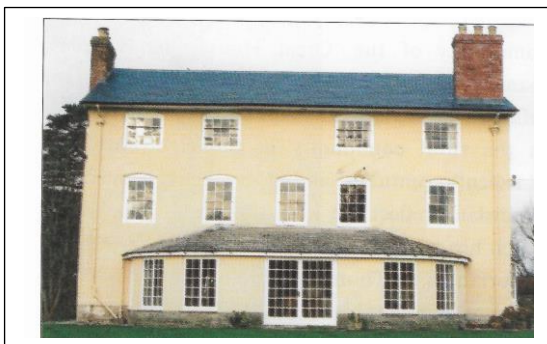
It is known from documentary sources and from an examination of the Tithe Map (1842) that there was a workhouse in Eardisland in the 18th. century. Full details of where it stood, and when and why it was first introduced and then disappeared, are still open to research. However, I make some suggestions in this article about these questions, and what may have happened to it.

There is documentary evidence to show that Eardisland, like so many parishes, had a workhouse, the origins of which date to The Statute of Cambridge, 1388. The decision to provide such places in a parish resulted from a concern about the increasing numbers of impoverished people following the Black Death in England, so the state became responsible for the support of the poor who might otherwise become rebellious or a social danger. Under the terms of the Elizabethan Poor Law every parish looked after its poor through a body known as the Parish Vestry (being the place where such meetings were held). The poor laws gave the local government the power to raise taxes as needed and use the funds to build and maintain alms-houses or other places to provide indoor relief (ie., cash or sustenance) for the aged, handicapped, and other ‘worthy’ poor; and provide the tools and materials required to enable them to work. The workhouse became known as ‘a house of correction for the vagrant

and disorderly'. The buildings were often just local houses rented for the purpose. Specially designed and constructed workhouses followed later. There was a threat of imprisonment for those refusing an allotted place and who had no other means of survival.

As far as Eardisland is concerned the local historian Norman Reeves notes that in 1575 a suggestion was made that an application should be placed with Lord Weymouth who was then Lord of the Manor of Eardisland, to enclose some land in Bearwood (at that time part of the Eardisland parish) and build a workhouse on it. But this request was refused. At some point after that it is apparent that a demand for a workhouse was successful. The question remains at what date and where in the village was it established?

In 1811 a wealthy individual, J.R.Smythies, moved into Lynch Court in Eardisland.



Lynch Court

He owned a substantial amount of land in various places but took much interest in the parish for which he became Lord of the Manor. Whether he was philanthropic in his attitudes to the local population or more interested in his rights and dues is a question historian Chris Wolland considers in a chapter he wrote for the book, 'Burton Court, a Case Study' (2006). Smythies was certainly a powerful man in the community. He was a landlord, a major employer, and a magistrate. In addition, he oversaw the administration of the Poor Law in the parish. By the time Smythies came to Eardisland there had been a great increase in the national population and employment and wages had fallen. Smythies took a special interest in the changes which were occurring with regard to the poor laws. The Royal Commission investigating the problems sent out a questionnaire to every parish in the country. As local Overseer, Smythies responded to it. Chris Wolland reports that it is apparent from the responses of Smythies that he saw agriculture in decline in England and stated that there was a need for a well-regulated workhouse for those who soon would become in need of help. Oddly,

he does not seem to be aware that there was a workhouse in Eardisland at the time and in reality, he owned it. (It may be that he saw it as old fashioned and inefficient and discounted it.) Yet, it must have contained a substantial number of paupers. There was a potentially large group who might become inmates. For example, in one year, it is recorded that 37 small occupiers of land in the parish were excused payment of rent on the grounds of poverty. As Lord of the Manor of Eardisland he had control of all common land. He duly sponsored an Enclosure Act which enabled landowners to remove squatters without compensation. More land could be ploughed and more dispossessed went into the workhouse.

Between 1790s and 1830s there had been major changes in rural society. The causes were a rise in population, changes in farming practices, increased use of enclosures (which meant these labourers had no land they could use) and a war with France. Small farmers and cottagers lost their ancient right to own and use small amounts of land. Agricultural labourers and their families had to rely on subsidies from the poor rates to survive independently. Those who failed to do so went into the workhouse.

It seems from references to decisions made in Vestry meetings that a workhouse was in operation in Eardisland from the middle of the 18th century. Reeves found that, for example, in 1761 the Vestry agreed that 'Thomas Owen is to take a House for the Poor and to have a sum of £6 & 6 shillings for taking care of them for one year'.

In 1762 they allowed £40 to Mr Preece for the maintenance of a poor house and to pay the rent of the barn. In 1775 the workhouse keeper was Thomas Ambler who was paid £65 'to keep the poor'

In Eardisland in 1830, the Vestry records that 'there are many persons burdensome to the parish and it being necessary to find employment for them. It is resolved they should be employed by the different occupiers of estates within the parish'.

In 1832 there were 56 people receiving weekly pensions to support themselves or their children. (Not all were housed in the workhouse. Some of those who were found themselves in trouble for having dogs with them; keeping fowls was also forbidden).

The workhouse in Eardisland was still occupied in 1836 when John Smith and his wife from Hardwick were obliged to enter it. In 1840 Thomas Dubberley of Drury Lane was given 10shillings (50p) towards his arrears of rent to keep him out of the village workhouse.

Life in the workhouse

The idea of 'a workhouse' still carries negative implications that those who became inmates were a potential menace to society. This institution being one way to deter the poorest, who had not committed a criminal offence from becoming a danger by removing them from life in the parish. The workhouse had

to maintain them (but at a lower level than would have been achieved as normal members of the parish). Life had to be harder inside than outside. There are no specific details of how the Eardisland workhouse was supplied with goods to sustain the inmates. However, in 1842 an advertisement in the Hereford Times indicated that contracts were required for Weobley workhouse for the provisions of bread, meat, grocery, shoes, coffins and best Welsh coals, for a period of three months. This workhouse had places for about 80 people, so the organisation was considerable. Life there was perhaps not as grim as might be imagined. It seems that entertainments were sometimes available in this workhouse. In 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Dion the Master and Matron organised an evening of entertainment for the inmates. The dining hall was used for the occasion, and a stage was built at one end, where many acts took place, including some performed by the children.

It is also reported that there were some excellent waxworks on display. James Bell, on behalf of the inmates, thanked everyone who had given them such a wonderful evening, and spoke in high terms of the kindness they had always received. By comparison, the Eardisland workhouse was on a much smaller scale and perhaps typical of those in such villages who had to cope with the destitute of the parish, was less convivial. An Inventory, of the contents of the Eardisland parish workhouse in 1799 listed all the goods and chattels of the Workhouse... "Belonging to the Inhabitation (sic) of the parish of Eardisland and delivered up to William Jones, keeper of the Poor' which included 'four beds with a variety of bedclothes.. two pewter spoons and four Dishes.' This suggests there were not many people living in the workhouse at that time and that room was limited.

When did the workhouse in Eardisland close?

In 1834 the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed, and a Union of parishes were formed each with a central workhouse. The Weobley Poor Law Union was formed in 1836. There were 24 members of the Board of Guardians representing 21 parishes. The workhouse there was built which had room for 80 inmates. The building can still be seen today. It seems likely that the Eardisland workhouse closed about the time the Weobley Union workhouse was opened in 1837 at White Hill. There must have been impoverished people from Eardisland who became inmates there at that time and indeed later. In 1995, Jim Taylor who had lived in Eardisland since 1914 recalled one old man he met as a child whose name, he said, was 'Ranter Jack'. He had lived for some years in the Upper Mill in the village until his eyesight got so bad, he needed constant help. He was sent to Weobley, probably in the 1920s, for his security and died there.

What was the function of the local workhouse?

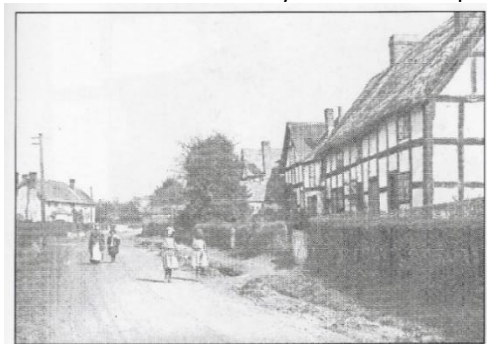
It could be argued that the Workhouse was a positive means by which those who fell on hard times could be assisted by their community. Rather than leave people to live in total desperation by living on the streets (as still happens

today) the Poor Law ensured that those so categorised were housed, clothed and fed. Children who entered the workhouse would often receive some schooling. In return for this care, all workhouse paupers would have to work for several hours each day according to their abilities.

The workhouses were run by “Guardians” who were often local businessmen, wealthy landowners, or significant members of the parish. Each workhouse was administered locally. The inmates were those who had no clear means of survival but who could earn their keep with help. Others in the workhouse were orphaned and abandoned children, the physically and mentally ill, the disabled, the elderly and unmarried mothers. Often, the daily work was backed up with strict rules and punishments. Laziness, drinking, gambling and violence against other inmates or staff, insubordination, or using abusive language, were strictly forbidden. There is some evidence that some of those in charge had liberal attitudes towards the poor. For example, in 1867 it is recorded that the Clerk informed the Weobley Board that they had received a communication from Cpt Clowes of Burton Court offering to give an order of admission of a girl from Eardisland into the Hereford General Infirmary, providing the Guardians will give an undertaking for the payment of 3/6 weekly (17p) towards her maintenance. This was agreed to.

Where was the Eardisland workhouse situated?

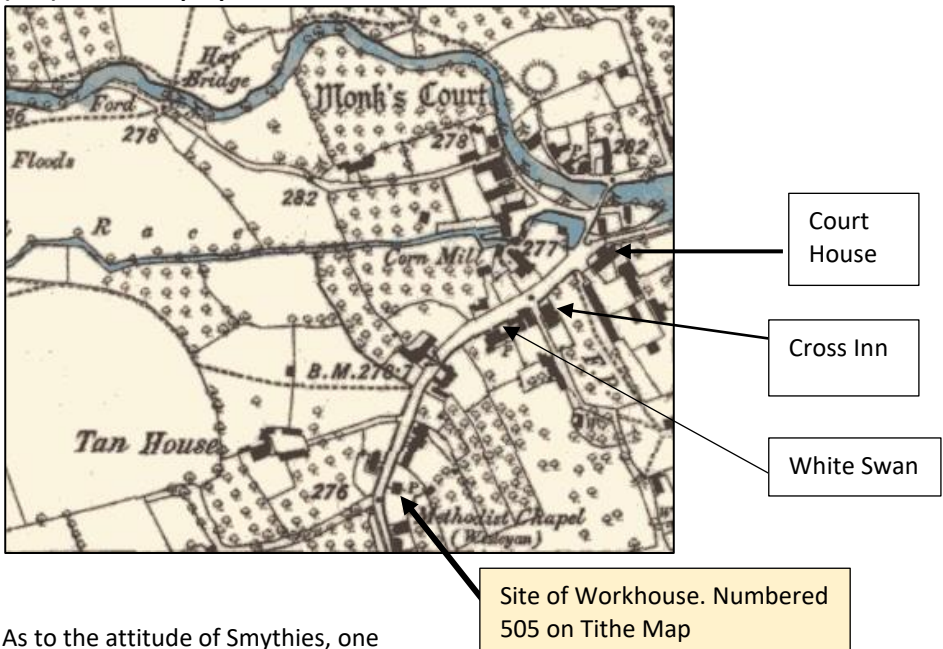
The interesting question remains, as to where the Eardisland workhouse was situated. It is not easy to resolve. The Tithe map of 1842 indicates that it was a building numbered 505 almost opposite the road known as Green Lane. It may have consisted of a row of cottages known then as Robinson’s Row (formerly Tomkins Row). A handwritten account recently discovered indicates that when owned by Mr Tomkins, (a local stonemason) it was originally one long house with a gateway through the middle and converted into 6 cottages. This would have been ideal for the needs of Eardisland Vestry to house their poor.



Photograph believed to be Robinson’s Row (c.1910)

This Edwardian photograph may show the site of the Eardisland workhouse, all remnants of which have subsequently disappeared. If they are the cottages used for this purpose, a recently discovered handwritten account states that they were burnt down in January 1917. If they had formed the original workhouse, they had long since served that purpose. The note indicates that the Kingsland fire brigade put out the flames and no one was hurt. The occupants of the cottages, Miss Neville, Mr Derry, Emily and Edith Lloyd and Mrs Owen were accommodated by friends and neighbours. The question remains, was this the site of the workhouse with all remnants subsequently cleared or was a property rebuilt there subsequently?

A map of the village centre (c. 1880) shows the position of the old workhouse (505) and other properties.



As to the attitude of Smythies, one suspects that he had a traditional view that life in the workhouse must be harder than anything that the paupers might have endured if they were living and working locally. The idea of life in the workhouse was intended to be as off-putting as possible. The able bodied were often given hard work such as stone breaking; the elderly or infirm simply sat around with little to do. Parents were allowed limited contact with their children. If work became available, they were encouraged to leave and undertake it. Those who were a burden on the parish were candidates to become inmates. They were then prevented (or at least deterred) from becoming offenders by poaching or stealing from others in the community.

Chris Wolland notes from his researches, that there were clear distinctions between the lives of the wealthy and those of the poor in Eardisland. Class differences were stark. He notes that even the game laws from the 17th century which restricted the right to kill a wide range of animals could be seen as class legislation. Their purpose was to secure the rights of landowners against the propertyless. The offence of poaching could result in the death penalty or transportation of the offender. This was also a period in which rights to use common land were finally lost and the landless class expanded further. One of the consequences was the justification for the introduction of a workhouse. Those who were described as 'paupers' would be obliged to enter and live on minimal financial support. Presumably, the occupants of the Eardisland workhouse were transferred to Weobley when it opened in 1837, the year Queen Victoria came to the throne. The Eardisland workhouse would then have closed.

Later, in the 19th century workhouses increasingly became homes for the impoverished elderly, infirm and sick rather than the able-bodied poor who were out of work. The question as to whether, for the Lord of the Manor, the workhouse system had more positive values than the alternative of destitution, is a matter of debate. In his research Trevor May (*The Victorian Workhouse*) makes the point that for many Victorian observers, fear of poverty was a necessary stimulus to hard work and an incentive to get on in life. It was the source of wealth since without poverty there would be no labour and without labour there would be no riches and no benefit for those possessed of wealth. It also led to the concept of the virtues of charity. In these ways poverty was seen by those such as Smythies, to have many valuable social functions.

Eventually, the 1948 National Assistance Act abolished the last vestiges of the Poor Law, and with it, workhouses. Many of the existing workhouse buildings in the country were converted into retirement accommodation for the elderly, run by the local authorities. The Weobley Union workhouse was transformed into family homes. As far as Eardisland is concerned, there remains the question as to whether Robinson's Row, which is known to have burnt down in 1917, was the site of the village workhouse. There are one or two other possibilities in areas nearby. It would be interesting, for example, to know when Lynch Cottage was built and whether this was before or after January 1917. As so often is the case in such investigations, further research is required. As always, if anyone has further information, I would be pleased to receive it.

Paul Selfe

EARDISLAND WEATHER REPORT

The weather for Eardisland in May saw a change for warmer weather with temperatures ranging from 13 to 24 C, rainfall measured 52mm (2.04 inches) with barometer readings from 29.00 to 30.02. River levels were low at 11 to 12 inches. On the 16th of May there was a storm with thunder and lightning and with it 10 mm (0.394) inches of rain.

June saw warmer weather with temperatures ranging from 13 to 32 C, rainfall was 62mm (2.44 inches) with barometer readings from 29.5 to 30.1, river levels remained low from 10 to 11 inches.

The equivalent rainfall for 2021 was May 139mm (5.47 inches) and June 31mm (1.22 inches).

Nature wise in May, the martins arrived followed by the swifts and the spotted fly catchers which have been delighting us with their aerobatic flights. They nested and were perfect parents this time around! We have seen the kingfishers darting along the river and dippers too. A family of mergansers were out and about too on the river.

Doug Tantrum reporting from Kingfisher House

HELP FOR HEREFORDSHIRE PEOPLE WITH LONG-COVID: LOCAL CHARITY COMES FORWARD

Herefordshire Council joins local grant givers, Eveson Trust and Bulmers Benevolent Fund, to support the Marches Counselling Service (MCS) in working with people with Long Covid.

Sadly, physical symptoms have been seen by some as 'all in the mind', or alternatively the emotional impact of contracting long covid is not acknowledged. Aware that many people with long-covid are finding it difficult to access support. The service is offering group-work looking at management of the condition, which can be accessed online.

Courses are initially ten sessions of 90 minutes each and offer different approaches to managing long-covid. Course leaders are experienced therapists who recognise the core need for pacing, the variety of physical symptoms associated with this condition, and the potential for trauma being present. They are all experienced in helping people deal with difficult emotions and trauma reactions. Each course will accommodate up to twelve people.

If this is of interest to you, please contact us. You will be offered an initial confidential assessment which enables you to ask any questions, discuss payment and which course makes sense for you. Courses are planned to begin in September.

If you would like more information, please contact us on Marches.counselling@gmail.com or visit our website: www.marchescounselling.org.

REPORTING SCAMS

DIAL 159

As publicised in national media, **159** is the new emergency hotline has been launched for people to report and check financial scams as they happen.

159 has been set up by Banks and Telephone companies to fight fraud and, whilst it is still a pilot scheme, the majority of banks are now signed up to it.

When should you call 159?

- When someone contacts you claiming they are from your bank
- When you receive a call or email asking you to transfer money or make a payment
- When you receive a call about any financial matter, and it seems suspicious.

A potential victim who dials **159** will be automatically connected to their bank's fraud prevention service, thus often saving a long wait on hold.

Anyone who receives a call or message from somebody claiming to be from a trusted organisation and who suggests money should be transferred is being urged to hang up.

Then you should either wait for 10 minutes before ringing 159 to ensure the scammer has cleared the line or call immediately from another phone .

PHISHING

Forward any Phishing or suspicious emails to: report@phishing.gov.uk

SCAM TEXTS

These can be forwarded to **7726** - (this spells "SPAM" telephone keypad)

From West Mercia Police

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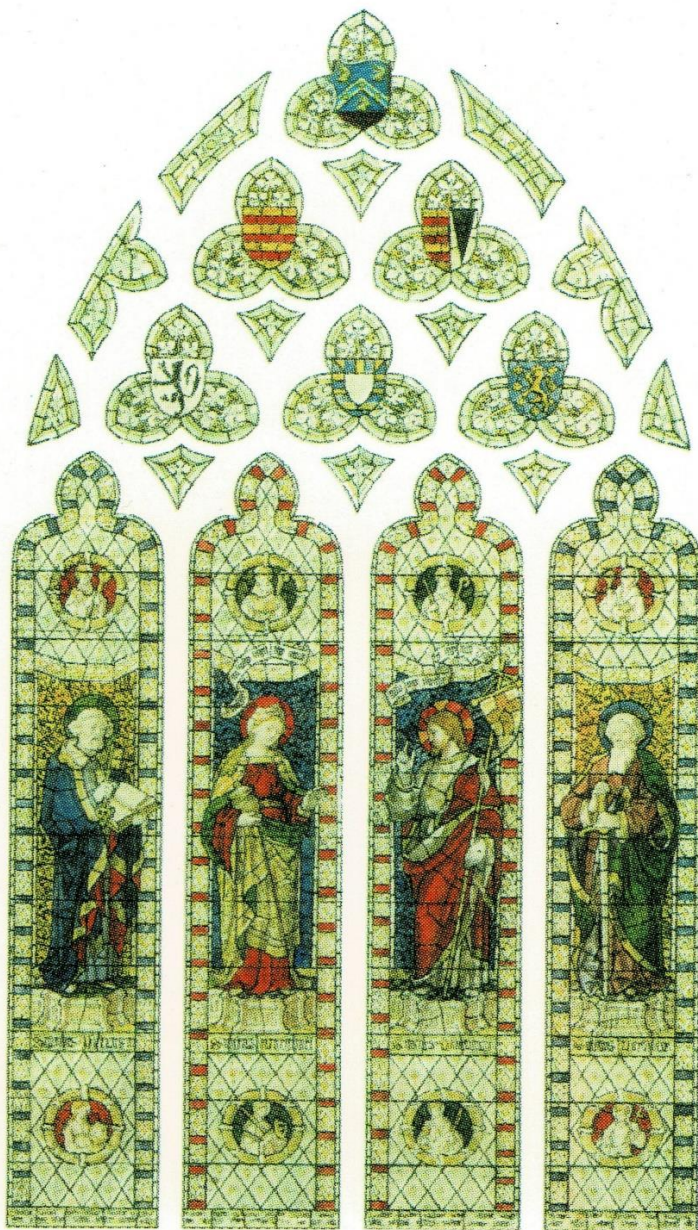
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