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The church of St. Mary the Virgin, Eardisland. The original building was a simple structure built at the end of the 12th century.

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EDITORIAL

The war in Ukraine is an appalling injustice. Thousands of innocent children, women and men are likely to die in an unnecessary and pointless war. There is no good outcome. It has touched our collective humanitarian instinct, and charities are channelling aid with remarkable speed. No doubt there will be scammers who will pretend to be helping by asking for donations which will end up in their own pockets. To avoid this, and if you wish to help with the aid effort, it is best to give to the *Disaster Emergency Committee* (DEC) which raises funds for essentials for people fleeing the horror. The organisation acts as an umbrella organisation for 15 well-known charities such as British Red Cross, Save the Children UK, etc.

Importantly, all the money raised goes on aid and is matched by the government (up to £20m). You can donate at a Post Office, or directly. The DEC homepage – just Google DEC, has a quick method to contribute and, importantly, is safe.

On local matters, which seem trivial in the light of the above, we returned from holiday to face the last of the three storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin. Flooding was in our minds. However, whilst the river was high, the Leominster end of the village was unscathed, whilst the Pembridge end of the community suffered (again).

Keith Knight took an interesting picture of the water outside his house at the bottom of School Lane at the S bend, showing a Land Rover going at such speed through deep water that a considerable bow wave was created. This is driving 'without due care and attention', and the Police will prosecute if the car number plate can be identified. Unfortunately, this car's identity cannot be ascertained. I do hope that future offenders are photographed and prosecuted for thoughtless driving.

Chris Bivand

EARDISLAND PARISH DIARY 2022

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Thursday 8 th September	Parish Council Meeting
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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)

Please note that there is a complete list of projected dates for the Village Hall on pages 17 and 18, in addition to events listed above.

The same is true of interesting Craft Events, which are listed on pages 20 and 21.

Together, there are too many to list in the main diary. Please have a look and note those things in which you are interested.

All the church dates can be found in the section ‘Church Matters’, starting on page 22.

PARISH COUNCIL (PC) UPDATE:

1. The parish council now meets in person but for the next few months, if you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk on parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk or 07789 322771, as we continue to work for everyone's safety and wellbeing, please check the website to ensure a meeting is going ahead.
2. **Are you prepared for the next flood event?** Please make sure that you have your Personal Checklist 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 07789 322771 for a copy of the Plan.
3. The official opening of the new kitchen at the village hall is on Saturday 23 April at 10 am. ***Did you attend the school when it was still open?*** If so, please contact the Parish Clerk. The PC is very grateful indeed to all those local businesses and individuals who have so generously donated, and we are very nearly there financially. But there is still a £2,000 shortfall in the funding required to complete the project. ***So, hopefully for the final time, we are appealing for donations from businesses in the parish and parishioners – with your agreement, your name will be added to the list of donors.*** Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help the community.
4. There will be an Open Meeting to plan events for the Queen's Jubilee. Please come along with your ideas on **Wednesday 30 March at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.
5. 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 the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility. Ring 0800 032 1155 to arrange a visit.
6. Come and join the Environment and Sustainability Working Group. All welcome – please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to attend.
7. **Can you help, new Tree Warden needed!** Are you interested in finding out about trees to be able to advise other parishioners? The PC is a member of

- the Herefordshire Tree Warden Network which provides free information sessions – please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.
8. ***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 (parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk or 07789 322771) and we will be pleased to bring you one.
 9. 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.
 10. The following planning applications have been considered or noted at the November and December meetings: **P213617/F, Folley Farm**, HR6 9BS – Proposed removal of condition 2 of planning permission DCNW2005/1275/F (Retrospective application for the replacement building which also includes office accommodation) – Supported. **P213978/AM, Kiln & Brick Storehouse Barns, Lynch Court**, HR6 9AR – Proposed non-material amendment to planning application DCNW2003/1432/F (Conversion of barns into one dwelling) - slight modifications to window and door openings – Commented; Approved with conditions. Noted **P212455/J, Bridle Goose**, HR6 9BU – Yew TPO405 reduction by 25% to reduce weight on canopy and continue to carry out a good practice of work for retaining a veteran tree within close proximity to the house. Multiple Beech Crown lift and reduce weight over garden side to allow more light on to garden below. Cypress - reduce by 30% to a natural line that is noticeable when viewed from garden to allow more light into garden – Consent Approved. Noted **P211339/F, Twyford**, HR6 9JY – Proposed construction of access track way, circular equine deep sand gallop and equine all-weather surface outdoor school/ menage and consequent change of use – Approved with conditions. Noted **P213575/AM, Roselynn**, HR6 9AR – Proposed non-material amendment to planning permission 210755 (Proposed two storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling) - Replace external finish of painted brickwork on upper storey with unfinished larch cladding – Approved with conditions. Noted **P212433/F, Oak Grove**, Pembridge, HR6 9HE – Proposed steel portal framed agricultural building for general agricultural storage, machinery and sheep housing – Approved with

conditions. Noted **P211917/F**, Home Farm, HR6 9DN – Proposed agricultural manure store – Approved with conditions. **P214050/K**, The Manor House, HR6 9BN – Removal of mature Golden Cypress as the tree has outgrown its location – Commented. **P214073/F**, Land adjacent to Arrow Lea, HR6 9BU – 6 no. dwellings with garages – Objected. **P214003/L**, Staick House, HR6 9BU – Proposed removal of roof coverings, repair and re-roof – Supported. Please see Parish Council minutes for any comments made.

11. 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
Parish Clerk

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

from your local County Councillor ROGER PHILLIPS;
rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

The Eardisland Flood Group of local residents swung into operation in February and although it wasn't as an extensive a flood as some in the past, it gave the opportunity to test some local reactions and resilience. The work done on flood preparation with various agencies helped get the main highway blocked off at both sides to the village. However reckless drivers still drive through with one vehicle getting struck.

Significantly when vehicles drive through the bow waves lap against walls and send waves into people's property causing damage and potential flooding to domestic property which would otherwise have stayed dry. **Drivers need to be aware of the selfish action they are undertaking.**

I have fed back to the Emergency Planning Team and will continue to encourage agencies and public services to work with the local community. The official alert did not come till 7.30 am on the 21st by which time water was already high and many residents had been up all night.

Thankfully the Titley monitoring station, which residents dial into, gives advanced indications of the expected levels some 4-6 hours ahead of the village down-stream and remains the community's most valuable asset in flood preparation.

Herefordshire Core Strategy 2021-2041 Consultation

The County Core Strategy sitting alongside the National Planning Policy Framework from Government and any local Neighbourhood Plans are the three legal documents that planning applications are determined by. Therefore, the revision of Herefordshire's Core Strategy has a big impact on our communities in the years ahead and throughout this year several public consultations will be taking place.

The first, just concluded, was on the basic principle of where future housing should be allocated between Hereford City, Market Towns and the rural areas. Five options were broadly given for preference, and I have encouraged my Parish Councils to support those which allow more development in order to give housing growth balance to the county and support the environmental, economic and social substantiality of my communities going forward. Some options reduced new house builds in rural areas of the county to 3-4 houses built per year in the entire ward, which I believe will put pressure on local services, business and schools, fracturing my communities.

A proposal to create a new village of 1500 houses on the railway line at either Pontrilas or Wellington would take that number from the rural allocation and result in only 2 new houses per rural ward each year till 2041 – I supported the rate of 7-8 houses per year in the whole ward aimed at the economy actively and provision for a more ageing population.

Currently outside the city and market towns, 87,000 people live in rural Herefordshire (total population 194,000) in villages, hamlets, isolated housing and farms, with 82 adopted Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Plans were adopted after a community referendum, extensive local parish consultation and considerable work by those who served on their project teams. While communities still need to revise their NPs I think it would be wrong for Herefordshire Council to make them obsolete.

LETTER

Many thanks for publishing my Rawbone enquiry and I'm delighted to advise that one of your readers, Mr Selfe, responded to me with some useful information. I thought you'd like to know.

Kind regards,

Peter Rawbone

Grant Update

The group are pleased to announce that the Parish Council have been awarded a Climate and Nature Grant from Herefordshire Council of £2,275.50 to help with two of the projects detailed below.

Eardisland Eco Event – Saturday 26th March 11am to 3pm

We will be holding Eardisland's first Eco Event in the newly re-opened Eardisland Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about what the E&S group, the Parish Council and The Community Shop are doing to help tackle the climate crisis, biodiversity crisis, pollution and flooding. There will also be the chance to get involved in the new parish-wide projects we're organising. There will be free drinks and biscuits and free drop-in crafting workshops for children.

The Great Collaboration

The Great Collaboration is an interactive website that the Parish Council are using to find out what carbon reduction actions the local community are 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 a range of 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.

Examples of actions include:

- I will offer rarely used equipment or tools to my friends and neighbours.
- I will stop buying air freighted 'short shelf-life' foods.
- I will check out the most energy efficient setting for all my appliances and make sure that they are all working to their maximum efficiency.

The website is being rolled out across the whole of Herefordshire, with Eardisland one of the first parishes to start using it. It will increasingly support the development of policies and actions at parish, county, and national levels.

Why should we join The Great Collaboration?

- Reducing your carbon footprint slows the rate of global warming.
- Every small change we make helps.
- The Parish Council can gain an understanding of where they can help with support and initiatives.

Energy Saving Eardisland and Thermal Images

We are all noticing the increase in energy prices, and one of the best ways to reduce your heating costs (and use less carbon) is to insulate and draught-proof your house.

We've been funded by the Climate and Nature Grant to take free thermal images of the outside of a selection of properties in the parish. We'll also provide information about any grants that are available to help with the cost of insulation and other similar improvements to your house.

We'll be launching this project at the Eco Event on the **Saturday 26th of March**, and you'll be able to sign up to have images taken.

If anyone is interested in helping by learning how to use the camera and taking pictures (this will be during the first week of April), then get in touch or come along on the 26th of March.

Why should we insulate our homes?

- Better insulated homes use less energy (and lower your carbon footprint).
- Using less energy lowers your heating bill.
- Cold or damp homes are bad for your health.

Carbon Auditing and Recording of Trees

The Parish Council has a record of all the trees it has responsibility for, and we have got Climate and Nature Grant funding to move this information online using the <https://treezilla.org/> website.

Treezilla is a citizen science project that is aiming to encourage members of the public and local groups to collaborate in mapping, measuring, and monitoring trees across the United Kingdom. Trees are extremely important features of our environment. Among other things, they provide homes for other wildlife, improve the look and feel of our surroundings, store carbon dioxide, and remove pollution from the air.

Understanding the number of trees in the parish will give us useful information as we look to encourage tree planting over the coming years. To help with this we are going to map more trees, starting with those accessible from the roads and footpaths, and encouraging people to map trees in their own gardens. We're also exploring doing the same for hedgerows using survey methods on the <https://hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org/> website.

If you're interested in carrying out a survey in your garden, or on land you own, then contact us or come along on the 26th of March and find out more. We'll be offering training in measuring and identifying trees and have bought equipment you can use to help measure the height of trees.

In the long term we'll be looking at encouraging the planting of more trees and hedgerows in suitable locations and providing free trees and plants where grants are available.

Why should we plant more trees and hedgerows?

- Trees and hedgerows store carbon and offset our carbon footprint.
- Trees and hedgerows provide homes for insects and birds.
- Trees and hedgerows create shade and shelter.

Please get in touch if you would like to be part of these projects or get involved in The Environment and Sustainability Group.

Ben Woodcock
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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Eardisland Community Shop has been a part of the life of this village for over a decade, thanks to the wonderful volunteers who turn up to serve in it. Because of dedicated helpers, it even continued all through the pandemic, either as a delivery service or fully open with reduced hours. We hope to have enough staff to stay open for longer after Easter. We would like to thank the newcomers to the village who have volunteered their services and helped so much to keep the shop going recently.

We are always asking for new volunteers and need them to spread the load, but of course a crucial way of keeping our community shop going is to shop there and use it to buy items between big stock ups from the supermarket.

The shop committee is keen now to look to the future. We would very much like to support the efforts of the Environment and Sustainability Group to make this parish a greener community. Everyone is aware of the increasingly devastating effects of climate change and while individually we can only do a little, collectively we can do enough to make a difference.

The shop has a number of lines which are eco friendly such as Bio loo cleaner, fabric conditioner and fabric wash. Also Faith in Nature shampoo and conditioner and Eco waste bags. Look out for promotions on these products as we are keen to sell them at competitive prices. Wherever possible we buy from local firms so that their produce has not travelled a long way.

The list is impressive:

Old Pearmain apple juice.

Bearwood honey.

Monkland cheese.

Frank's biscuits.

Parry's fruit and veg.

Two Farmers' crisps.

Free range eggs, jam, marmalade and pickles from Country Flavours.

Ice cream from Bennetts and Kelsmor.

Bread and cakes from Swifts.

Bacon, ham, sausages from Tudges and Quarry Farm who also supply sausage rolls and pasties.

Brick House fruit juices.

Soft fruit from Moorcroft and Pitch Farm.

Milk, cream, orange juice and yoghurt from Teme Dairy.

Drinks in glass bottles from Radnor.

Cakes from Sally's Pantry.

However, while we are striving to make the shop more eco friendly and responsibly sourced we are also mindful that it needs to serve the village community. Some of the eco products are more expensive and less convenient. We can't offer cheap bacon any more as we are concerned about animal welfare but we have made sure that we continue to sell store cupboard essentials at very reasonable prices so that if you run out of an ingredient the shop should have it; if you fancy an inexpensive treat without having to travel to town, the shop will have it. We would like to hear ideas from you if there is anything else you would like us to stock regularly.

One of our aims is to reduce the amount of plastic we use and we are attempting to phase it out little by little. The far-reaching harmful effects of our dependence on plastic are well documented. This is one area where every little thing an individual does to reduce their use of plastic actually makes a difference to the well-being of the planet.

We have stopped selling soap in plastic pump bottles and reduced the number of plastic drink bottles. We research products and we stock environment-friendly alternatives whenever possible. A good example of this is the Two Farmers crisps provided by a local firm featured recently on television and praised for their farming methods and their compostable bags. We are able to sell these at a competitive price so do come and try them.

We would love to hear of any ideas you may have to help us reduce our use of plastic.

**Together we can all contribute to limiting the effects of climate change.
Please help your shop to play its part.**

Eardisland Community Shop Committee.

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.

For further information visit:

- <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

EARDISLAND MEMORIAL WALKS

Herefordshire Festival Walks has become a popular annual event and deserves to be recommended to all of those who recognise the benefits drawn from recreational walking in groups.

It runs from Saturday 18th June for a full week: details are easily found online at <https://www.herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk/our-walks>

Some time ago, Sandy Ross created a walk joining all 13 Memorial Gates; the route much like a figure 8 and passing through the village - more or less half-way through the walk. Together, the two loops cover just about 16 miles in distance, over quiet lanes and paths as well as parts of our Memorial Walks to create an imaginative, not too strenuous and enjoyable day's walk. Of course, walkers can complete a single loop if they so choose, in either the morning or early afternoon.

Sandy's walk begins at the War Memorial in the heart of the village, close to the Community Shop (snacks and drinks available). The start time is 9:00 a.m. on Saturday 25th June, finishing by 4:45 p.m., arriving back at the War Memorial, close to our pubs. Walkers contemplating the 16-odd miles should take along a packed lunch.

The Pte Thomas Cook walk can be joined at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 18th June, beginning at the War Memorial. It reaches Aymestrey via Shobdon and returns to our War Memorial via Kingsland. Normally, walkers are back at the War Memorial around 4 p.m. Bringing along a packed lunch is a good idea; there are a variety of picnic spots along the way.

The Pte Ernest Morris walk begins at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 21st. It explores Staunton on Arrow, having passed the outskirts of Pembridge. This is a circular walk. Bringing along some food and drinks is again recommended, with pleasant places around Staunton to rest at and enjoy a break. Dogs under control are welcome, although some stiles along the 10 mile way leave dogs requiring assistance. Expect to be back at the War Memorial around 4.00 p.m.

Interested readers should please visit the Festival website (details above), or go to www.eardislandmemorialwalks.org.uk- or buy a brochure/guide from the Community shop, or the village pubs. All options are an option!

Hugh Vernon

EARDISLAND TWINNING ASSOCIATION: Please Help Decide the Way Forward

EARDISLAND TWINNING ASSOCIATION originated in 2004, when local historian Paul Selfe wrote an article for Eardisland Parish Magazine detailing the remarkable historical background that connected Eardisland with a similarly small French village, La Vieille Lyre in Normandy. For some 250 years after the Norman Conquest, we in Eardisland paid taxes to our Norman overlords, initially William Fitz-Osbern, Earl of Hereford, who channelled them to endow and enrich the abbey in La Vieille Lyre.

INITIAL TWINNING DISCUSSIONS in both Eardisland and La Vieille Lyre led to a preliminary signing in Normandy in 2006 and a final signing here in 2007. Over the years there has been a series of lively Association events in Eardisland, along with exchange visits, incorporating cultural, historical, sporting and other fun activities. Many well-established and new friendships have developed both within Eardisland and with La Vieille Lyre.

MEMBERSHIP – the Association’s Constitution states that **all Eardisland parishioners and interested residents of neighbouring towns and villages are welcome to attend all Association meetings/organised events**. There is no formal membership or membership fee.

THE WAY FORWARD - please come along to the Special General Meeting (see opposite page) to discuss plans for the future of the organisation. Recent and longer-standing residents of Eardisland would be most welcome, as would fresh, new ideas. There will be no obligation to join a committee unless you are interested! Please contact me (01544 388375/ 07773 706147/ ruthbrintonbivand@gmail.com) if you would like more detailed background information. Thank you.

Ruth Brinton-Bivand, Founding Chair, Eardisland Twinning Association





SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

EARDISLAND TWINNING ASSOCIATION

**Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.00pm
in Eardisland Village Hall**

AGENDA: PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Eardisland parishioners and interested
residents of neighbouring towns and
villages are welcome to attend all
Association meetings/organised events
– there is no membership fee**

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING AND TASTER DAY

APRIL 23rd 10am – 3pm

**The Opening Ceremony will be conducted by the parish council.
Come and look at the new kitchen.**

**The Taster Day is sponsored by IGNITE; OUR COMMUNITY CAN and will
provide some taster activities. Come along and join in, no pressure, no
commitment but the opportunity to take these activities further should
we wish to!**

Programme:

10 am:	Opening Ceremony
10.30-11.15 am:	Tai Chi with Enid Gill
10.30 am:	Gardening Club Anyone?
11.45-12.30 am:	Dance with Enid Gill
11.15 am:	Sewing Group. Come along and have a go!
1pm-1.45pm:	Sing Out Strong. Singing for pleasure so join in and make a joyful noise.
2pm-2.45pm:	Mixed dance/stroll with Cool Moves

**Pop-up table tennis and games available too. If you are interested
in a Walking Group, maybe you might meet like-minded walkers.**

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Charity Number 1108366

I am loathe to tempt fate, but I am going to risk it; the new kitchen at the village hall is almost ready and we are making plans to get the hall fully back in action. This month's contribution to our Parish Magazine from EVHMC is largely a list of the events we have planned. We have been fortunate in securing grants to finance the events until June, so make the most of the free activities.

April 11th Morning:

Recipe Swap and use the new kitchen. Ingredients provided. Bring your favourite recipe to share with others and we will attempt to cook two simple recipes using the new facilities. Numbers Limited for obvious reasons. *

April 23rd 10am -3pm. The Official Re-opening of the Village Hall and Taster Day. See details on page 16.

April 26th Afternoon:

Café Culture at the Village Hall. Come and have complimentary tea/coffee and cake. Play scrabble, cards, chess, drafts etc or simply chat. Drop in, open to all.

April 29th Evening:

Craft Event. Cookery Demo. See details via village Facebook page, posters and elsewhere in this magazine.

May 9th Afternoon:

Cheat's Cakes. Come and learn how to take the short cut when baking. Ingredients provided. Limited numbers*

May 30th Morning:

Craft Event. Children's Jubilee Biscuit Workshop. See details via village Facebook page, posters and elsewhere in this magazine.

May 31st Afternoon:

Café Culture: Details as above.

June 5th Afternoon:

Jubilee Village Picnic on the Recreation Ground. Details later, watch out for posters.

June 13th Morning:

Cookery Demo. Details to follow. *

June 14th Evening:

Craft Event. Jubilee Mug Workshop. Details will be available on the village Facebook page and posters.

June 17th Evening:

Craft Event. Needle-felting Workshop. Details will be available on the village Facebook page and posters.

June 28th Afternoon:

Café Culture: Details as above.

Morning Events are 10.30am – 12.00 midday

Afternoon Events are 2pm until 4pm

Evening Events are 7pm-9pm

For events * contact: carole.evhmc@yahoo.com

For craft Events contact: jo.evhmc@yahoo.com

Carole Millin
For EVHMC

EARDISLAND W.I.

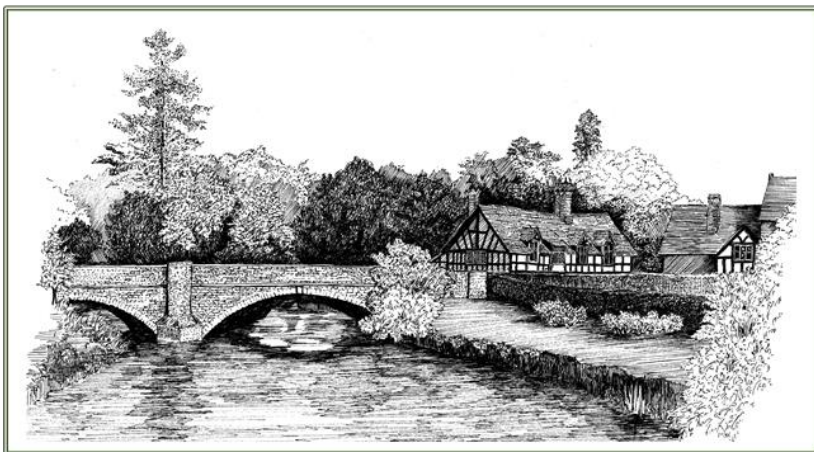
The Eardisland WI met for two diverse meetings in January and February. The first was an interactive session with Tricia Carter from Kingsland enabling the members and guests to make their own hand cream and learn a way to do a hand massage. The February meeting with Kay Pritchard and Jane Roberts covered their charity work in Uganda where they provide essential voluntary support to a rural maternity unit and centre for children with disabilities for the charity Ugandan Dream.



In March the Eardisland W.I. will be holding the AGM for members at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 14th March. Any guests may join the meeting at 3.00 p.m. for a talk with Felix Rawlinson of West Mercia Police on current policing issues.

Helen Kirkham

EARDISLAND OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2022



**Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June 2022
11am-5pm**

Admission £6 Children under 16 free.

**A wide variety of gardens in our multi-award
winning village.**

Car park, tickets, refreshments etc at Village Hall.

All locations signed and easily accessible.

**HELP FROM A FEW MORE PEOPLE
WOULD BE VERY WELCOME**

PLEASE RING RICHARD KIRBY 01544 388810

THANK YOU

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT
WILL SUPPORT ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, EARDISLAND.**

EARDISLAND VILLAGE SHOW CRAFT EVENTS

(EVHMC) Registered Charity 1108366

EVHMC has secured funding from the Herefordshire Council to run more craft workshops in 2022. These will be advertised in the parish magazine, the parish noticeboard and the parish Facebook page.

Friday April 29th 7-9pm- Jubilee Cookery Demonstration

Come to see the new Village Hall kitchen in action! Tori and Sarah from Cook & Bake (Pembridge) will lead a Jubilee-themed cookery demonstration. (I'll bring tea and coffee, but do feel free to bring any snacks and drinks you want).

Saturday April 30th 10am-12- Children's jubilee biscuit workshop

A fabulous opportunity for the children to try out the new kitchen- offering the opportunity to prepare, cook and more importantly eat all they make; as well as taking away new baking skills.



May 14th 10am-1pm- Platinum Jubilee mug making drop in!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a morning of creativity! Bryony Burn will support you to make your very own Platinum Jubilee mug. Refreshments will be available. No need to book in for this session - just drop in! Mugs will be fired and available to collect at the Village Jubilee event (Sunday 5th June).

May 27th 7-9pm- Needle felting landscapes

Jen, from the Prolific Crafter in Church Stretton, will be teaching us how to make a needle felted landscape.



These workshops will be a great time to start thinking about your show entries. The events will be fully funded, and all resources will be provided, but numbers are limited so please e-mail me ASAP if you would like to attend.

jo.evhamc@yahoo.com

SPONSOR A LILY 2022

March 2022 already and Eardisland Church Flower Guild invite you to help sponsor the lilies at St Mary's Church this Easter. This could be to give thanks for a special occasion or to remember a loved one. A gift of £5 is suggested for each lily but lesser, or greater sums would be equally welcome and with your usual generous support, we hope to have a wonderful display of flowers on Easter Day.

As usual the names of all the people or events being remembered will be posted in the church and any monies remaining after the purchase of the lilies will be used by the Flower Guild to help buy flowers to decorate the church throughout the rest of the year.

Sponsor forms can be found on the table at the back of the church and in the Community Shop.

Thank you,

Wendy Priday
on behalf of
Eardisland Church Flower Guild

CHURCH MATTERS

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

Date	Time and type	Which church?
Sunday 6 th March	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 13 th March	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 20 th March	9.30 Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 27 th March Mothering Sunday	9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	Eardisland
Sunday 3 rd April	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 10 th April Palm Sunday	10.30am Benefice Service	Aymestrey
Thursday 14 th April Maundy Thursday	7pm Gospel Reading and Simple Supper	Eardisland
Friday 15 th April Good Friday	2pm The Last Hour	Eardisland
Sunday 17 th April Easter Day	9.30am Holy Communion An Easter Celebration	Eardisland
Sunday 24 th April	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Tuesday 26 th April	7.30pm Annual General Meeting – all welcome	Eardisland

If you would like to volunteer to read a lesson, lead prayers, become a sidesperson, sing, play, look after the church in any way or choose a hymn for a special occasion, please let us know. Everybody is welcome to services and will find a friendly community.

Thank you to everybody who joined in with the Coffee Morning on 22/2/22 – we raised £280 towards our kitchen and toilet facilities. It was good to see so many people there.

100 CLUB

If you are a member of the 100 Club, **now is the time to renew your subscription** ready for the first draw of the '100 club year' in April. £15 a year will give you the chance of winning a cash prize in one of the monthly draws - £30, £20, and two prizes of £7.50. Unlike everything else, this has not increased in price in many years!

If you are not a member, why not join us and help towards keeping our church flourishing? New members are always most welcome – and if you wish, you can hold more than one number to increase your chances of winning. Several members even hold numbers for each of their grandchildren!

Cheques should be made payable to 'Eardisland PCC' and can be handed to any PCC member, dropped through my letterbox or left in the shop for collection. Thank you! I really would be most grateful if I had to do very little 'chasing-up' of subscriptions – it really is most time-consuming.

Annette Blyth, Arrow Cottage
01544 388241

FROM JULIE READ

Everything I do at the moment is prefaced by thoughts and prayers for the situation in the Ukraine, so here is the prayer I have been using

God of peace and justice

We pray for the people of Ukraine today

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow

That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

For wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear

That you would hold and protect them

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

(prayer given by Archbishops Justin and Stephen)

Many are wanting to know what we can do to help and I encourage you to support one of the disaster funds that can access what is needed in bulk. There will be an event in Kingsland Church on Tuesday 15th March at 11am with coffee and soup to raise funds for Ukraine and I hope we can work together for this, so all are welcome.

Also in March we have our annual concert organised by the benefice to cover communal costs, if you remember the last one was in Eardisland and was by my family, but this year it is in Aymestrey Church on Saturday March 19th at 3pm and will be Vivaldi Gloria and other Spring pieces performed by Hay Madrigals and followed by Afternoon Tea. We will be asking for donations in a retiring collection so hope that you will join us there. Thank you to those who supported the coffee morning in church in February on the 22nd – all the twos! £280 was taken towards the building project and it was a lovely chance to see folk after all the lock down isolation. For the next magazine there will be a simple questionnaire for you to fill in to help us gauge support and reaction to the plans for a simple catering facility and attached disabled toilet to help us make the church accessible for all and welcoming to all who come for weddings and funerals from afar and simple refreshments on a regular basis. Please do fill it in when it arrives for it will help our applications for funding to show the community is behind the project. We will have displays up in the church and our Annual Meeting at the end of April will include bringing together information for all to see.

Mothering Sunday is on March 27th, and we will be having a service at 9.30am on that day, for all those who mother us, and in thanksgiving for our mothers whether still with us or having gone on before us. During Lent we have a group that meets on Mondays starting on 14th March at 7pm in the Rectory and will be run by Nick Read entitled Women in the Bible, it is the study we started 2 years ago that was stopped in its tracks when the pandemic started, and we are going to give it another go and hope that we can complete it. All are welcome if you fancy coming along, let me know.

As part of our Holy Week activities this year we are having a reading through the whole of Mark's Gospel on Maundy Thursday at 7pm and when we get to the part that talks about the last Supper, there will be a simple sharing of the bread and wine. This is different to usual and maybe you would like to hear the whole story of Christ in one sitting. We hope to get to Easter with joy in our hearts so let us hope that there will be things to celebrate when we get there.

With every blessing

Julie

EARDISLAND CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The annual church electoral roll revision will take place during March & April. Anyone not already on the roll, who wishes to be included, should complete an application form. The period for applications is from 15th March to 5th April. Application forms will be available in the church from 7th March onwards.

Michael Coleburn
Church Electoral Roll Officer



**'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them'**

Last month, we restarted our regular speaker meeting programme. Held in the the Cross Inn, Mick Atkinson gave us an illustrated talk on Napoleon's 1812 Russian Campaign.

We again return to the Cross Inn in Eardisland on March 22nd when our speaker will be Dick Hallam, a veteran soldier, amateur historian of over 30 years and a previous speaker.

In his talk 'The Tartan Pimpernel', Dick will describe the amazing World War II exploits of the Reverend Donald Caskie. His ministry at the outbreak of the war was in France, where he remained following Dunkirk. Rev Caskie was instrumental in setting up and operating what was to become the greatest escape line out of France. A great opportunity to hear of a hero about whom we know very little.

We recommend you arrive at The Cross a few minutes before 7.30pm to get your order in and find a seat. The meeting ends at 9.00pm. All are welcome. You don't have to be a member, nor is it obligatory for you to join. There is no charge.



Introduction to Bats

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EARDISLAND IN BLOOM

By the time you read these notes the E Team will have returned to the usual Thursday morning stints. Our workload for the year is very much dictated by the number of volunteers we can raise, but one of the first tasks will be the completion of the rockery on what used to be the site of the boat. The main beds will require a good weed and once better weather returns, we'll probably be refurbishing some of the benches.

For the benefit of newcomers to the parish, the E Team, as we've become known, is a voluntary group of individuals who try to keep the appearance of the public areas of the village looking good, for the benefit of the parishioners and visitors alike. We are not publicly funded and raise all monies through fund raising events, more of which you can read about below.

If you would like to help us you we will be delighted to see you, just turn up at the dovecote around 10am on Thursday mornings, perhaps with a garden fork or trowel. Last year our numbers grew by four, including three lovely ladies, which makes us a mixed gender group. There is no need to commit to every week and if Thursdays don't suit, why not help out for an hour or two at a time that does?

LITTER PICK

The litter pick this year will take place on **Saturday 19th March**. Simply meet around 10am by the shop, collect a reflective jacket and gloves (or bring your own), a black sack and a grabber, tick one of the suggested routes and help improve the environment. On completion sacks should be left inside the entrance to the village car park to be collected later by Balfour Beatty.

Many thanks to Ben Woodcock for coordinating and liaising with the authorities.

PLANT SALE

This event will take place for the first time in 3 years on Saturday 14th May, in the village hall, opening at 10am and closing at 1pm or until everything is sold. Wendy Cross will be present selling her delicious homemade delights with teas and coffees also available.

We are very grateful for the help of Suzanne Evans in running this show and to all the volunteers who have offered help on the day.

We'd be delighted to hear from anyone willing to donate either plants or vegetables for sale, or indeed anything connected with gardening. Either speak with any E Team member, phone Phil on 07767781073 or bring them along on the day. This event is held in support of Eardisland in Bloom.

EARDISLAND CRAFT & PRODUCE FAIR

This increasingly popular event will take place this year on **Saturday 1st October**, slightly earlier than previous years, but avoids clashing with both the Leominster Apple Fair and hopefully the annual flu jabs!

The layout of the show will be broadly in line with 2021, when stallholders were offered the opportunity to bring along their own gazebo. The price of a stall inside the church and marquee will remain the same as last year, although those with gazebos will see a small increase to £15, which still offers terrific value for money.

Demand for space always outweighs that which is available, so this year we are introducing a new booking scheme, which offers those who were unsuccessful in obtaining a place last year, first option this time round.

How to book

If you are interested in reserving a stall and live in the parish of Eardisland, you have first option. Please email eardislandcfair@btinternet.com or phone Phil Milchard on 07767781073 on **Monday 21st March, after 09.00**.

Bookings for those unable to secure a 2021 place will open from 0900 on **Wednesday 23rd March**, with general bookings from, **Saturday 26th March**, again from **09.00**.

When making contact please state the nature of your craft, where you would like your stall (church, marquee or gazebo) and supply a contact phone number. Please wait for confirmation that you have been offered a place and once this has been received make your payment within 7 days.

TELEPHONES

You may have heard that it is intended that the whole telephone system will go digital by 2025 – this is true. It means that you will need to use a mobile phone or go on to the internet. If you use a cordless system, the base unit will be plugged into the rear of the router and not a BT socket. This means that, if you have a landline, you will have to change to internet connection.

I have read before about digital this and that – remember all radio going digital? It happened, but only on a minor basis with DAB radios. So, it will be interesting to see if this telephone target is met. I am doubtful. I will keep you up to date with any developments. The main thing is not to get worried about this, for even if the schedule is maintained, there will be solutions so that you can use a phone more or less in the same way as now.

Chris Bivand

KINGSLAND CUB SCOUTS

Kingsland Cub Scouts are now running normally at Kingsland School on a Monday night 6 – 7.30pm.



We have a small pack and have spaces for children between the ages of 7.5 and 10.5.

In the last year we have awarded a Chief Scout Silver Award to Seth Davis (the first Cub in our pack to equal his dad in gaining the top Cub award). To gain this award the Cubs have to complete 7 Challenge Awards and 6 activity or staged activity badges.

This term we are working towards our International Activity Badge and the World Challenge.

If you know of someone who would like to join us please contact Karen Jones on 01432 760 591 or email kingslandcubscouts@googlemail.com

EARDISLAND 1922

Why is 1922 such a significant date? There have been almost daily references to it in various media. It is described as the year that marked the birth of modernism. James Joyce published *Ulysses* and T.S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*; it is the year the BBC was founded as well as the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics. In addition, the Tomb of Tutankhamen was discovered, and the first Reader's Digest was published. But what of Eardisland? Why is 1922 equally important in the lives of villagers?

The reason is that this was the year that the Eardisland Football Club was formally established. Newcomers to the parish may not be aware that the village once had a very extensive sports field on which football was played in the winter and cricket and tennis in the summer. The Bowling Club had various sites including a green in this field before settling on its present position on the recreation ground. The field which was developed for sports events was owned by the Clowes family in Burton Court whose family members lived there from 1863 until 1949. With a pavilion under the great Lime tree, and stories of teas being sent down from Burton Court with maids and a butler, it was clearly a special feature of village life throughout the year.



The pavilion under the lime tree



It duly became known as 'the old cricket meadow' with the first match taking place in 1866 with the schoolteacher Mr Leigh in charge. The Burton Court Club began in the early 1870s. The cricket score book for that time indicates that opposition teams came from far afield, Malvern, Downton Castle and Hampton Court. Complications of travel did not seem to deter them. The Clowes family were great benefactors to the village and provided several team members, many others being estate workers.



The Colonel & Mrs Clowes had one son who, in adolescence, played for the Eardisland Cricket Club as wicket keeper. Sadly, he was killed in France on 30th March 1918 aged 20. In the background (standing) can be seen the Butler serving tea at a family picnic.



Although sporting events on the field finally ceased in 1939 when it was ploughed, the ownership of the field duly passed into the ownership of Leslie Evans (1913-2012) the famous bellringer. He kindly allowed the field to be used once again for annual cricket matches for a few years between 1998 – 2002.



**The sports field in 1998:
A match between The Cross X1 & The White Swan X1**

The story of the football club was recalled by a few members of the team interviewed in 1993-95 by the Oral History Group, which was active at the time. We were informed that the teams' shirt colours were red and white and before they played on the old cricket meadow, they first had a pitch in another nearby field (known as 'Old Lions Orchard'). Harry Davies (who celebrated his 100th birthday in 2020) said he started playing in 1932 as a young lad, initially being selected when the captain was hard pressed to field a full team. He described how the shorts he was given to wear came well down below his knees as did his shirt. Harry told us how the teams changed in the Cross Inn and then they came back there for their teas and to spend the evening socialising (those old enough to do so). Another informant at that time was Mrs Edie Williams whose father was the publican at the Cross. She remembered how they had to cater for "what seemed like hundreds of young men there on a Saturday, both the teams and their supporters". They also provided facilities for the players to change. She said, "They used tin baths upstairs for which my dad had to cart the water in jugs, since there was no such thing as a shower."

Harry remembered four players from the days in his team: Arthur Davies, two Jones brothers and Tom Morris, who he said was an outstanding goalkeeper. We

also spoke to Jim Taylor (b.1907) for his recollections of the team. He had many fond memories – but also related with a smile the day that Tom beat him in the finals of a Bowls' competition in the 1930s for which Jim was the favourite. Jim Taylor was the Secretary of the football club for many years and recalled how the team had a big local following and attracted players from Leominster to play for them. By 1925 the Eardisland Trophy had been instituted and in the final that year, which was played on the Eardisland pitch, the Hereford Police beat Kingsland 2-0. The Cup was donated by Mr Levick, who was a businessman from Birmingham who came to live in Arrow Bank and set up the fisheries locally.

Unfortunately, the football committee did not have sufficient funds to provide medals for winners of the competition. However, Mr Arthur Greenhough, MC, of Staick House, on hearing this offered to provide them, which was kindly accepted by the captain of the Eardisland team, Mr Will Wakely and the Vice-Captain, Mr Rolph on behalf of the committee.

The glory days

The Eardisland team played in the North Hereford League and was under frequent pressure to raise funds. Jim recalled a successful dance held in what was then 'the School Room' (now the village hall). The duties as MC were shared between Mr Arnett and Mr Crump. A report in the local press noted the details of the prize draw. It announced that Mrs Chamberlain, from Yarpole, won first prize, which was a cockerel provided by Mr Arnett. The music was provided by the rather exotic and expensive sounding 'Renown Orchestra'.

In February of that year the team was doing well, standing 5th in the league of 13 teams, only three points behind the leaders Kington Reserves. The outcome by the end of the season is not recorded by any interviewee we met. What was mentioned, however, was the fact that the league was strictly administered, and representatives of the teams were frequently called before the Committee to explain the behaviour of their players. In 1925 Eye United was fined one shilling and sixpence (8p) for being 25 minutes late for a match versus Eardisland. Later Eardisland was ordered to pay New Radnor's expenses for an unfulfilled fixture.

Jim Taylor recalled the occasion when representatives from Eardisland were called to a meeting in Builth Wells. They went on motorbikes. He explained how he and Tom Haines went on one and Mr Crump and Will Wakely were on another. Jim explained how they had trouble with reading the Welsh names on signposts. He described the occasion with some humour: "Crump was on the back of Wakely's bike and Bill was saying "What does that sign posts say?" And Crump shouted back "Llanbloodysomewhere.. I don't know.." They eventually found their way to the rendezvous. Tom Mainwaring, whose family had lived in the Nun House, remembered playing in a match in the early days of the club in Old Radnor on the right wing. He described the problem of playing with a heavy

wet leather ball with thick laces. He said kicking or heading the ball was like playing with one made of lead and almost as dangerous. He described, too, a great occasion when there was a final against a team from Hereford. He had to go and collect the medals to be presented after the match concluded from a shop in Leominster. He arrived back 5 minutes before the match ended uncertain of the result.

By 1937 there were increasing problems in getting a regular team out and in December of that year Eardisland was 10th in the League of 11 teams, only one point above Dolhir, having played 3 games more. Nonetheless the team still had some good players. In one match in that year there was a remarkable result.

In October 1937 in the match against Presteigne the score was 2-2 after 10 minutes' play. Both the Eardisland goals were scored by J. Stoker. At half time Presteigne were winning 4-2. But Stoker got his hat-trick early in the second half and a fourth goal just before the end of the match which Eardisland lost 9-4. There can be few examples of one player scoring 4 goals and ending on the losing side by a margin of 5.

The club disbands

By the end of the 1938 season Eardisland finished at the bottom of the league and was unable to raise a regular team. Jim Taylor remembered that the Club was finally disbanded before the war started the following year and the ground ploughed and many members conscripted. He explained that there was a small sum left in the bank account, so it was agreed to donate it to the village Children's Outing Fund. In Jim's words, "That finished the football club." No one we spoke to at the time (or since) has any photographic records of any of the teams which played between 1922-38. Nor is there any knowledge about what happened to the Eardisland Trophy or other cups or medals. Perhaps they are still to be found in a bank vault somewhere. Although the cricket club folded at about the same time, as did the Tennis club, there are a few photographs of players. It would naturally be interesting to see if there are any other records of the sporting events of Eardisland to be found. There was a small cricket bat awarded to the winning team of matches played annually between two Eardisland sides (the White Swan versus the Cross) between 1998-2004 which it is hoped is still hanging on one of the pub's walls. This must be one of the last signs of the village's sporting achievements. So, 1922 proved to be a very important one for the sportsmen and women of Eardisland just as it did for the modernist novelists and poets, James Joyce, Virginia Woolf and T.S.Eliot. For critics and sports people alike there is enduring interest in what happened in that year.

Paul Selfe



The White Swan (above)



The Cross Inn was also the home of the rifle club

HISTORY BOOKS & DISPLAY

The Eardisland History & Heritage Group have copies of two of their publications for sale, available from Rita's Tea Rooms:

- (i) Eardisland: Portrait of a Village
- (ii) A Case Study of Burton Court (& the wider parish)

There is a display of photographs in the upper room of the Dovecote Heritage Centre which provides details of the changing history of the parish. Some of the artefacts discovered in local excavations can also be seen. A further exhibition will be produced in due course.

Paul Selfe

EARDISLAND WEATHER REPORT



The weather for Eardisland in January brought heavy frost and cold mornings with temperatures ranging from 4 to 14 degrees C. Only 32 mm (1.26 inches) was recorded with barometer pressures ranging from 29.2 to 30.34. The river levels started the month at 28 inches going down to 12 inches. Storms Malik and Corrie passed to the north of England.

February saw an increase in rainfall, with storms Eunice on the 18th and Franklin on the 21st bringing a total of 93mm (3.66 inches) of rain

for the month. The river rose to 62 inches on the 22nd. Temperatures ranged from 6 to 12C and barometer pressures from 28 .8 to 30.12.

Equivalent rainfall in 2021 was January 123mm (4.84 inches) and February 81mm (3.19 inches).

Doug Tantrum reporting from Kingfisher House

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