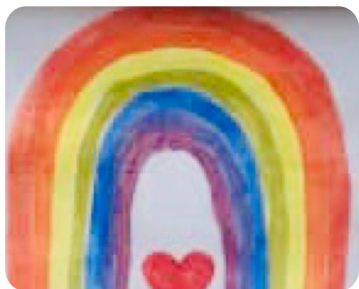
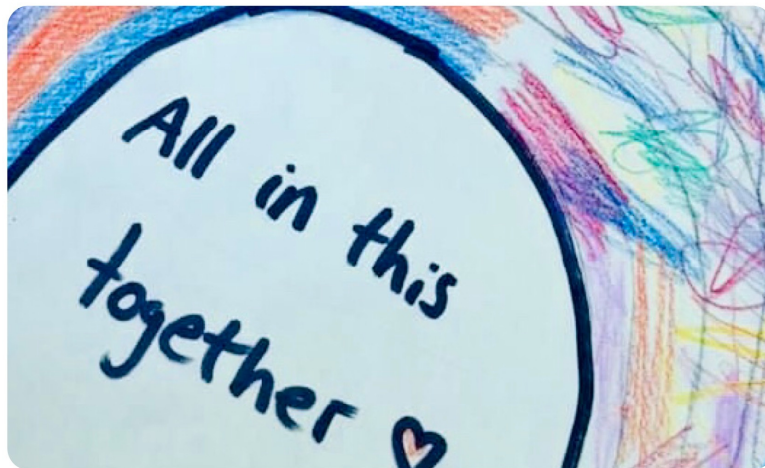
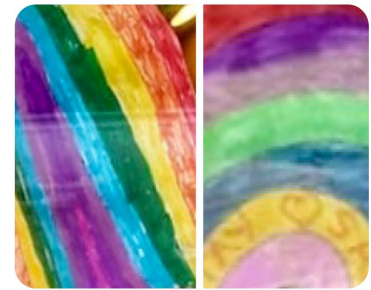


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



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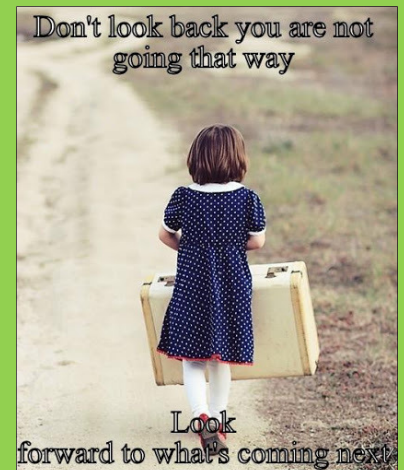
The editor received this thought-provoking piece, which gives an optimistic slant on the confusing days in which find ourselves. Can we play our parts in making it come true?

...And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Kitty Omeara



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Editorial

CORONAVIRUS : LOOKING FOR POSITIVES

Satan: "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil."

Jesus: "I will bring together neighbours and restore the family unit. I will bring back dinner to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust in me and not their money and material resources."



That provocative little piece has been doing the rounds recently. It has been attributed to CS Lewis - that is unlikely - but it resonates during this extraordinary pandemic. I have been asked twice, by thinking, sensible people, this alarming question: **HAS GOD, PERHAPS, SENT THE VIRUS?** It is a right thing to ask. After all, early in human history, God was fed up with the mess that the human race was in. *I am grieved that I have made them*, He said and He sent a huge flood to destroy every living creature. He saw there was just one righteous person, Noah, who *walked with God* who told him to make a vast boat for himself and his wife and family plus a pair of every animal, bird and reptile that they could find. When the flood eventually subsided, God sent a rainbow - to be a beautiful sign that never again would He destroy everyone and everything.

It is significant that rainbows are cropping up everywhere in Bredon at the moment [along with other places of course] and readers may notice a few in this magazine. Never again will God destroy everyone. But it is almost incredible that such a vast number of people all over the world have already lost their lives to it. Rainbows give us hope. Despite our sheer wickedness, God still loves us and has a bright future for us if we turn to Him. We face what is undoubtedly a terrible plague and, as the Archbishop of Canterbury urged us, we must pray fervently to be delivered from it.- that was his word and it keeps coming back to me.

I am still not sure whether God has sent the plague. He has, at the very least, allowed it. And there are . many, many **lessons to be learned** from it. Please ensure that, even if you don't read much in this magazine, you look on page 5 and read Dr Elizabeth Harnett's *Coronavirus and Climate Change*, written especially for us, and see some lessons which will make an environmental difference. If the human race is going to make better decisions and go forward in a way which fits with our Maker's intentions, it has to begin with people like us.

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GRATITUDE is proving to be a big positive in this unprecedented lock-down. Often one hears this expressed in different ways, shouted across the road, physically distanced as we are. Incidentally, it is strange for us, taught by Jesus' Good Samaritan parable not to *go by on the other side*, now to be commended for doing just that!

- **Gratitude for Bredon**, where people are caring and neighbourly, doing our best to look after one another. The Bredon corona-help-groups are excellent examples. Many of us find ourselves feeling sorry for the vulnerable elderly and then realising we are the vulnerable elderly! Receiving such generous, spontaneous help is truly amazing.
- **Gratitude for the NHS.** It is moving to be outside our front doors at 8pm on Thursdays, clapping, banging saucepan lids, cheering our health service and all key workers and realising that the whole community, the whole country **are** joining in. Not long ago, we used to hear murmuring about the NHS. Not by me; I have always been treated incredibly well by them, but many didn't feel like that. Now we all are realising what a national treasure we have.
- **Gratitude to be safe and healthy.** It can't be taken for granted.



Rainbows to be seen in Back Lane and [on the right] Mill End



Good Friday 2020 Bredon Hill during the Covid19 Pandemic

The Hill was quiet today
 No line of pilgrims toiling up the slopes,
 No shoulders aching from the wooden cross,
 no minibus from Overbury
 no slightly crackly sound
 no clergy, rather warm in their attire,
 no Archdeacon,
 no gracious words, handshake or smile
 not even one cross.

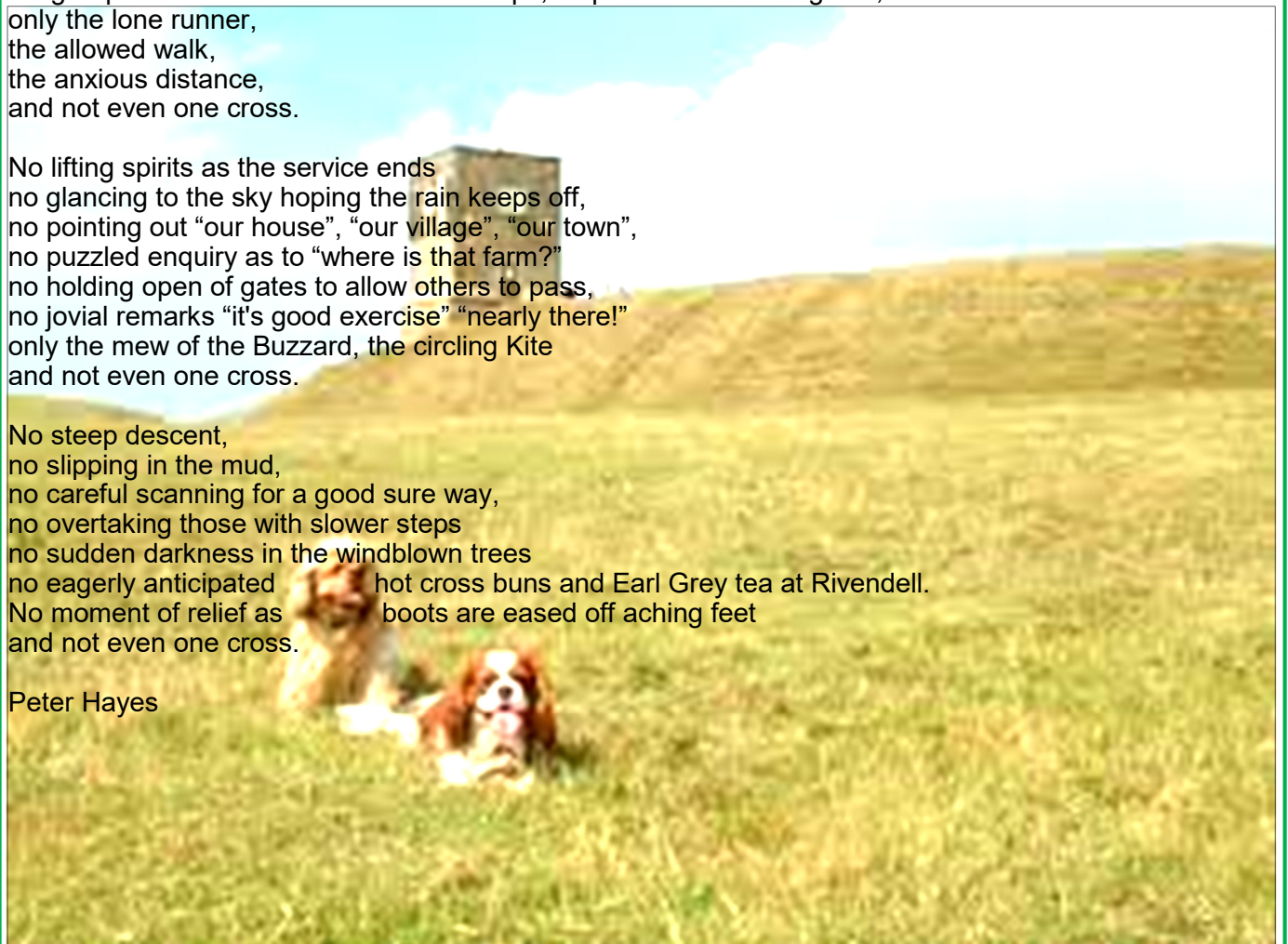
No hymn sheets caught in the breeze before being handed to unsuspecting walkers,
 indistinguishable from the faithful other than by a note of slight alarm,
 no excited dogs,
 no noisy children,
 no phones taking snaps to later share on Facebook,
 no bottled water slaking the thirst
 no annual reunion with friends "we always see"
 no, not even one cross.

No collection,
 no embarrassed fumbling in the trouser pocket,
 no bucket filled with good will
 no address,
 no words,
 only the sound of the wind, the skylarks, the lambs;
 no distant sight of busy motorway filled with other pilgrims on their trek to Michaelwood, Gordano,
 Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane, no - only those with an "essential journey".
 No groups of hikers kitted out with OS Maps, step counters and cagoule,
 only the lone runner,
 the allowed walk,
 the anxious distance,
 and not even one cross.

No lifting spirits as the service ends
 no glancing to the sky hoping the rain keeps off,
 no pointing out "our house", "our village", "our town",
 no puzzled enquiry as to "where is that farm?"
 no holding open of gates to allow others to pass,
 no jovial remarks "it's good exercise" "nearly there!"
 only the mew of the Buzzard, the circling Kite
 and not even one cross.

No steep descent,
 no slipping in the mud,
 no careful scanning for a good sure way,
 no overtaking those with slower steps
 no sudden darkness in the windblown trees
 no eagerly anticipated hot cross buns and Earl Grey tea at Rivendell.
 No moment of relief as boots are eased off aching feet
 and not even one cross.

Peter Hayes





Ah! No choir singing? What can I do? by Amanda Bath

Under Lockdown, there are no concerts, no church services and no choir practice. In the last month I should have sung at two concerts, four church services in St Giles, one at Bredon's Norton, one on top of Bredon Hill and lots of rehearsals. It wasn't long into Lockdown before I really started to miss it. I signed up on line for Gareth Malone's 'Home Chorus' and a sing-along Messiah and waited. I thought about looking at my collection of music scores (books of music) and playing music on YouTube and singing along. But somehow it was all lacking something.

Then a friend sent me a link to a short video of him singing along in harmony with his daughter. Two videos, recorded separately but playing simultaneously alongside each other. I asked him how he had done it and it turned out he was using 'Acapella'. I realised what I was missing was singing *for* people. It is why I sing in the church choir.

So I had a go. I encountered a number of problems along the way:

- ◆ The free version allows for only 30seconds max of recording. Until I thought it was going to work, I didn't want to fork out on the subscription.
- ◆ It is impossible to look at the camera and look at the music at the same time. So do I look slightly away from the camera with the music held off screen? Or maybe fully sideways would be better? Or a combination? This is getting trickier!
- ◆ Lockdown hair!! It was only after doing the recording that I realised I should have paid more attention to being visible. Oh well.

Being an online edition of the Parish Magazine, it is possible to click on the link below and hear our efforts. I say 'ours', because I talked my son, David in to helping out with 'My Peace', but the other two pieces I did on my own while he was at work.

My peace

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Nunc dimittis

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Ubi Caritas

https://mixcord.co/acapella/p/6h_96jEDCa-3GdFEDLk3Zw/



After having a go at the 'acapella' videos, I decided to try something else. David had more time at home and he also had recording software on his computer. He hadn't used it since leaving home a couple of years ago, so he downloaded the latest version, set up a microphone and we were ready. It was Holy Week and we wanted to record something to send out to those who would have been at church. In particular, I wanted to record 'There is a green hill' which seems so relevant to the Bredon Hill Group.

Bless the Lord, my soul - click here www.bit.ly/BlessTheLordMySoul

There is a green hill - click here www.bit.ly/GreenHillFarAway

And the online singing? Well, the Messiah seems to have had technical hitches, as I've not heard anything yet. The 'Home Chorus' has taken off, but I have to admit that I have not joined in yet. I'm not sure why, but possibly it is because although I may be singing *with* people, I won't be singing *for* them.

Amanda Bath, long term choir member, St Giles.



If you enjoy singing, do come along to sing with us. Fridays 6-7pm rehearsal for church service Sundays 10.30-11.30am, once the Lockdown is over.

Coronavirus and Climate Change - Reasons to Hope for Environmental Revival

By Dr Elizabeth Harnett

As governments and health workers around the world battle to contain the spread of coronavirus, save lives and protect the vulnerable, there is already much debate about what this crisis and our response to it might mean for the environment and our fight against climate change.



As societies and economies have closed down, we are already seeing short-term environmental benefits. Global air travel is down by almost 50%, the number of car journeys has fallen sharply, and heavy-emitting industrial processes have slowed down. During the peak of the crisis in China, it is estimated that carbon emissions fell by 25%. The Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air estimates that this is equivalent to 200 million tons of carbon dioxide — more than half the annual emissions of Britain.

Air and water quality have improved rapidly around the world – the fog of pollution has lifted from major cities, and residents in Punjab, India, have reported being able to see the Himalayas for the first time in 30 years. Venice's Grand Canal, normally polluted by boat traffic, is running clear. Stanford's Department of Earth System Science has estimated that better air quality could have saved between 50,000 and 75,000 people from dying prematurely in China alone.

However, we should be wary of thinking that the short-term environmental benefits of the shutdown outweigh the costs. Declines in economic well-being, mental health impacts and the difficulty in accessing health services during the pandemic mean that there are also longer-term health costs that will exceed the direct death-toll, and we do not know the long-term impacts on the environment as the world recovers and emissions are likely to rebound. However, even here there is cause of hope.



People are waking up to the value and interdependence of human life. Individuals and entire societies have shown that they are willing to make hard choices to preserve their own lives and those of others. Similar difficult decisions and behavioural changes to reduce climate change have often been argued to be too costly or too radical. **The response to coronavirus could be an inflection point.** The crisis has shown that decisive action is possible when we wake up to risks, even risks that were (until not too long ago) expected to impact 'elsewhere' in foreign nations or future generations. Similar to climate change, respiratory pandemics such as SARS as EBOLA were previously thought to be much less likely to affect developed nations. Coronavirus has

shown that crises are highly mobile and universal in a globalised world, and can strike at any time. But it has also demonstrated that we are more resilient than we think, and can adapt to new lifestyles when necessary.

The science behind climate change is clear that the time for change to protect the environment is now. **The response to this health crisis will shape the climate crisis for decades to come. As we adapt to lives that involve more working from home, fewer air miles, and a consideration of what counts as essential consumer goods, we have an opportunity to think carefully about what we need to live a joyful, fulfilled life. Above and beyond individual action, governmental efforts to revive economic activity — through stimulus plans, bailouts and back-to-work programs — will determine the shape of our economies, our lives, and our carbon footprints for the foreseeable future.** Whilst the recovery may seem a long way off, there is an opportunity for policy makers to use economic policy to support – rather than undermine – global effort to tackle the climate crisis. We must build on progress that has already been made, and not allow climate to fall down the political agenda or economic recession halt investments in low-carbon technologies. As governments decide which companies to protect, which projects to invest in, and what conditionality should be placed on any bailout packages, there is a growing call for these decisions to be made with environmental priorities in mind. Get it right, and governments can usher in a transition towards a more sustainable and equitable future.

As we continue life in lock-down, there is new opportunity to take time to notice and appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's creation. Think on how quickly it can change when we stop polluting it! Fewer cars

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and planes have meant that birdsong sounds louder, skies have appeared a brighter blue, and the air smells fresher. Nature is also undergoing its annual rebirth, with bluebells emerging and new blossom on trees. Let us take time this week to marvel at God's work, and pray that out of this tragedy might come green shoots and environmental revival.

Elizabeth is a Lecturer in Geography at Jesus College, Oxford, a member of President Macron's Committee on Climate Change, and a frequent visitor to Bredon. She is also the granddaughter of long-time members of St Giles, Pat and Jim McKay.

Elizabeth's photos of St Giles' glorious magnolia tree, and daffodils in the wooded area at the end of Dock Lane and Mill End, to illustrate nature's 'annual rebirth'



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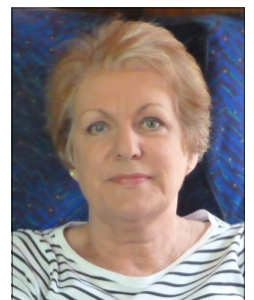
We hope that many of you will support this charity with the same enthusiasm that you support the usual house to house collection.

Mary Daniels and Viv Ebbage



Friends of St Giles Church

It was the intention to hold our Annual Meeting on Thursday 21st May. However, in line with Governments recommendations, this has now been cancelled. I do hope that I can reschedule and hold the meeting in July sometime. It is a case of "Watch this space!" I have lined up a speaker and therefore, it is my intention to



hold the meeting on a date convenient to him. So please be patient and I will publish details as and when I know how everything is going.

Joan Needham (Chair)

Bredon Bowling Club update

Bowls, like most other sports, has been shut down. Touring, County matches and all leagues have been cancelled for the year. However the club will be ready to start whenever the lockdown is lifted and friendly, internal matches will be arranged.

The club has its annual tour arranged for mid-September. This year it is to Bournemouth and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the situation will allow it to go ahead.



How our bowling green should look

The Green is still being maintained – it must not become field-like. The government has acknowledged that fine turf management is classed as essential work and permitted as long as social distancing is observed. It currently looks in tip-top condition and some bowlers are yearning to use it.



There is a hope that we may have restricted opening in the latter part of the season – but, like so many others, we just wait and see.

We have a new notice board situated to the left of the gate. This can be viewed from the pavement. But so far there is nothing to see!!

Jill Marchment



No cars



No bowls



From the Registers

During the pandemic, all services in churches have had to be suspended. Just before it took effect, we had two special Thanksgiving / Memorial Services at St. Giles:

7 March Jeanne Opal Patricia Vaughan [See pages 14 and 15]
17 March Kenneth James Rowland Godsell

The Revd Ken Godsell moved to Bredon, during his retirement. Here he met Angie again, having known her in Birmingham and married her. After living in Dock Lane they moved to a bungalow in College Road. He took services and preached quite often at St Giles. He was a great asset in the vacancy before The Revd Matthew Baynes became our Rector. His humour and his commitment to the Bible made him much appreciated. In recent years, he was unfortunately afflicted with dementia. He died at the grand age of nearly 98, having been lovingly cared for at home by Angie. She and his son David will be grateful for our prayers.



Other items from the Registers

7 March Quita Kirk-Duncan (interment of ashes)
20 March John Holloway (cremation at Cheltenham)
23 March Jean Wood (cremation at Cheltenham)
15 April John Francis Doney MBE (cremation at the Vale)
27 April Rita Sowerbutts (cremation at the Vale)

Our churches offer concern and prayer for comfort for all who have been bereaved, especially those named above.

JON DONEY, as he was always known, died recently. Mary, his wife and our churchwarden, hopes that, when the current necessary restrictions are lifted, a Memorial Service will take place at St Giles and give the opportunity to give thanks for Jon and all that he meant and achieved.

BREDON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

– Wednesdays (term time) Bredon Village Hall. 10:00-11:45 by **Cassie Woodcock**

We hope that everyone is keeping well, and that you are all finding things to do with your little ones during this challenging time. We have seen so many lovely rainbows and teddy bears around the village, which always draw a smile. It is great to know that we live in such a friendly and supportive community.

We hope to get back to running sessions soon, but are obviously waiting to be guided as to when this will be possible. We will keep our facebook page updated with any news about this. In the meantime, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can.

Our Facebook page is Bredon Baby & Toddler Group or email us at bredonsteppingout@googlemail.com. I can be contacted on 07990 973495.

Cassie Woodcock



BREDON PLAYGROUP by Tracey Ford

It's such a strange and uncertain time for all of us, at the moment, and we miss being at playgroup together.

We know how important it is for us to keep in touch with playgroup children and families, so our Bredon Playgroup closed Facebook page for our playgroup parents has proved to be vital. We've been able to share news, ideas for activities, pictures and much more with each other.

Children love learning through play and we knew that they would be missing our phonic sessions, singing songs and listening to stories – as well as missing the playgroup staff. With this in mind, our wonderful team have done some videos of themselves reading stories, singing and doing fun sessions with phonics.

It's just so amazing to see how much our children loved seeing a familiar face, joining in with the songs and actions and settling down to listen to a story. We will continue to do this over this difficult time.

How lovely to see so many families putting rainbow pictures in their windows. More recently, many homes are displaying bears, so that the children can go on a bear hunt during their daily walks.

We were so delighted that we had already planted our runner beans. The children have excitedly sent us photos of their beans growing really high and telling us what they have been doing to help them grow. We are all wondering if anyone planted a magic bean after reading Jack and the Beanstalk.

We miss seeing all of our children and hope everyone is staying safe, and that it won't be long before we can meet up again.



Thank you Tracey for adding to our rainbow collection. Ed

BREDON CUB TROOP

Bredon Cubs enjoyed our first camp of the year at Blackwell scout Adventure centre near Bromsgrove. We were concerned that the camp started on Friday the 13th and it was a full moon. What could possibly go wrong?

Thankfully nothing went wrong and the children had a fantastic time, at the extremely well equipped centre. We had an action-packed weekend, starting on the Friday evening and finishing on the Sunday afternoon. The weekend included orienteering, Treetops trail, obstacle course, blindfold trail and a woodworking project that saw the children using various DIY equipment, to produce their own hand-painted balance boards. There were some extremely proud (and tired!) looking children leaving camp on the Sunday.

The camp was a taste of luxury for the cubs and the leaders, as we were spoilt with the accommodation; we stayed in wooden camping pods, and so there was no putting up or taking down of tents, simples!!

We have temporarily suspended all Cub meetings but are looking into the possibility of holding online pack meetings in the future where each cub will be able to join our meetings from the comfort of their own home. Hopefully in the next parish magazine we will update you as to where this has got to.

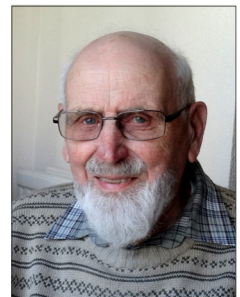


Stay safe Alice Clark



SAM MUSING

SAM WILKINSON is making good progress, following his stroke. His musing this month is another one written some three years ago, taken from the useful store, which he has written from time to time.



22. Ever Been Had?

I always thought that I was fairly astute and would spot a con-man with ease. However after a recent event, I realised that I was not wide enough awake to avoid being taken in. I had ignored all the signs that should have alerted me and it made me wonder why? I concluded that I had not accepted the fact that advancing years, probably after the fifties, were taking effect, I was losing the ability to react instantly to a set of circumstances. For example accepting a casual caller's offer to do a job such as cleaning paving without getting his name and address and then paying in cash, probably at an exorbitant price. In retrospect, how daft can you be on the spur of the moment? This inspired me to write these few words in the hope that they would help others to think about the unwelcome consequences of advancing years when put to the test.

If only I had ...

- ensured that I knew the name and address of the person that I was dealing with. Any reluctance to provide this should be taken as a warning that all was not above board. Don't be taken in with arguments that VAT was not being charged and the price would be a lot higher if you wanted a formal transaction.
- not ignored the warning implied by a scruffy van without a name on it, parked some distance away
- not agreed to pay in cash as soon as the job was finished Not been so sure of my own good sense and.
- not failed to talk about the job with someone else.

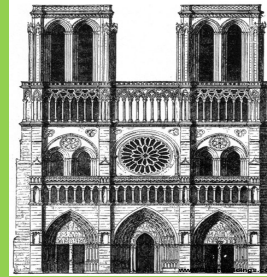
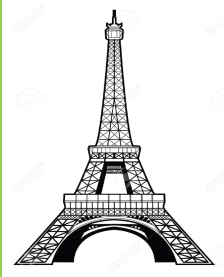
I suppose the overall answer to all of this is never allow yourself to be bullied into a quick answer; always sleep on it. If the person that you are dealing with tries to argue you into quick agreement, send them away, no matter how unpleasant they may become.

3rd Quiz Inspired by Schoolboy howlers

What do you call people from Paris?
Schoolboy answer - parasites



1. O.K. what is a parasite?
2. Oh, and what is the correct answer to the question? What do you call people from Paris?
3. Identify the following sites in Paris



4. Why is July 14th so important to the people of Paris?
5. Which famous TV detective from Paris is based on the books of George Simenon?
6. Which town in Yorkshire shares a TV series title with a film set in Paris?

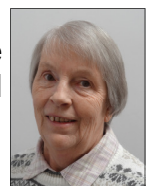
Billy has 50 cakes. He gives 2 to Rosie and 1 each to James and John. What has he left?
Schoolboy answer - tummy ache

7. Who is reputed to have said when told the poor of Paris had no bread - "let them eat cake"?
 Identify the following places with cakes named after them:
8. A town in Germany producing a multi-coloured cake covered in marzipan.
9. A city in Scotland producing a rich fruit cake.
10. A town in Lancashire producing a puff pastry filled with dried fruit.
11. A town in Derbyshire producing a shortcrust tart of jam and frangipane topped with ground almonds.

Quiz answers can be found on page 18

PLANTS FOR SALE

I normally sell a range of hardy perennial plants at various events to raise money for **Tearfund** – a relief and development charity which I support. Owing to the coronavirus all these events have been cancelled, and so I am offering my plants for £1 each to anyone who is interested. Please phone me on 01684 772470 and I will tell you which plants I have for sale. If I am unable to come to the phone, please leave your name and phone number and I will get back to you.



Mary Daniels



COMPUTER WISDOM by Jim Verrechia, a Bredon “Computer Doctor”

I've been meaning to put a column in the Parish Magazine for years. And while we are all in lockdown we are relying more on our computers to help with everyday tasks and keeping in touch with friends and family. So here are a few thoughts to consider...



Telephone and online scams

Conditions are now perfect for scammers and fraudsters so I hope my opening rhetoric will re-iterate the guidance and protection that people most at risk should follow. The golden rules are:

If someone you don't know calls you about your computer, your Broadband, your telephone or your bank account it's going to be a scam. Put the phone down!

Try not to get involved in any conversation because the caller will almost certainly have some information that they can use that allows them to convince you the call is real. The longer you stay on the call the more you are likely to be convinced

However, if you think you *have* been scammed it is important to contact your bank in the first instance – as this is likely to be the ultimate target for this kind of activity

If you are still concerned, don't keep this to yourself. Try to talk to someone (a trusted relative, friend, neighbour etc.) If your computer has been used to make a transaction unplug it and get someone to look at it to make sure you are 'safe'.

Also, if you know someone who you think might be vulnerable keeping an eye on them and reminding them that there are some simple actions that will help protect them may save someone from a lot of suffering.

Window 10 Updates

Microsoft has announced a major update to Windows (Version 2004 – also called 20H1) will be rolled out soon (May/June). If your laptop will not shut down, or takes a while to start up it is likely that an update is in progress. Patience in the first instance – or a reboot, will often fix the problem.

Zoom

Zoom has hit the headlines as an alternative to Skype. It has also hit the headlines because there are security flaws in the software! Hackers can gate-crash your meetings ('Zoombombing') without you knowing it. They can steal your login details and they can persist on your computer long after your meeting has finished. In short it is not safe and I recommend you do not use it. Uninstall the software if you can.

TeamViewer

If you need remote assistance during the Covid-19 lockdown it is unlikely someone will visit you to resolve the problem. I recommend you install TeamViewer (www.teamviewer.com) just in case you need help. There is a free version of the software (make sure you select 'for personal use') when you install it. You can then get remote assistance from someone if necessary. Note: TalkTalk users will not be able to install this without a call to their support department as they block these types of tools. Just ask them to lift the block.

That's it. I hope these articles help you survive the lockdown.

BREDON WI are all keeping our distance, and all regular meetings have been cancelled, we *do* know what is going on, because we now receive a regular “Bredon WI Newsletter” on-line, penned by our tech-savvy President, Joan Needham. The few who are not on-line are not forgotten, so they, too, can enjoy the odd crazy poem or cartoon, or, indeed, general useful information. You may be surprised to learn that we are (half) planning the GFWI Christmas concerts on 2nd December in Cheltenham Town



Hall. If you would like to be part of the choir, do contact me asap. Fortunately, many WI members are skilled craftswomen, and knitting needles and sewing machines can be heard all around the village, as there is actually TIME to produce some useful items, mostly as charitable donations. We all like to think we are good neighbours, especially in these difficult times. If you need any help or advice, do get in touch with any of those names on the back page of your 2020 WI card. Whoever coined the phrase “We're here to help”, was spot on. Keep safe, everyone, and keep smiling,

Viv Ebbage 773549



What I love about...

- our series about the passions of local folk

This article appeared in our April edition; although printed, many were not distributed owing to government recommendations and so we include it again.

This month's contributor to this series, **David Pickering Pick**, is the husband of Annie, who wrote the one for March. David was a probation officer for over 25 years but, in recent times, he has carved a career in his recording studio, which is in the converted barn behind their home in Eckington Road.

David writes...

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MAKING MUSIC

Music has been a big part of my life since my earliest memories. The sound of music on the radio probably came first but I can also remember seeing a piano for the first time, pressing the keys, intrigued and excited by the sounds.

I am as much absorbed by the actual sound of music as by the composition and performance. The way that an ethereal violin melody can evoke a picture or emotion; how the space in which the instrument is played affects its quality; how this changes as a second or third instrument plays with it; how harmony and rhythm paint colours and stir the imagination

For almost as long as music has entranced me, I have tried to make it. Noticing my fascination with any piano I came across, my grandmother arranged for her father's piano to arrive at our home. He was Charles Pearce, organist and choirmaster in Edwardian England, and a composer of church music. I started to take lessons at my first school – I was five or six. I continued to study piano up to 18, but by then I was becoming more interested in the guitar. These days I love to play both, though I still don't practice nearly enough.



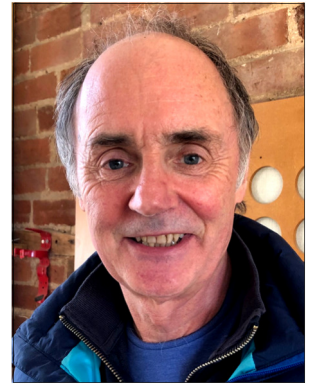
Not long after the piano arrived at our home, my father came home with a tape recorder. It was a Phillips open reel machine with a small microphone. Naturally my sister and I attempted to record ourselves playing music – she with violin and me on piano. We had a lot of fun doing it, but even at that age it was obvious to me that the results weren't very good!

The piano and tape recorder must have had a major impact on the course of my life ever since. I began writing songs and playing guitar at folk clubs, and started recording my efforts with a tape recorder on which I could add a second, third and more instruments after the initial recording. The results still weren't very good, but some progress was being made!

By this time, my wife Annie and I were performing fairly regularly at church events. We were able to record some songs in a 'real' studio, moonlighting in a BBC local radio station. Always pursuing better recorded sound, I set up a 4-track recording system in the living room of our tiny cottage in Cornwall. Meeting other Christian singers, I offered to record a local church band – the singer was Noel Richards, who later wrote 'We Declare Your Majesty' and many other worship songs. Feeling that we were now almost a recording studio, we needed a name. After not very much thought, we decided on Free For Good Recording (which was an accurate reflection of our charges at the time) and we are FFG to this day! The year was 1977 and I have been recording music continuously since then, for the last 27 years in our converted barn studio near Bredon. I have loved working with some amazing musicians – but I've never lost the feeling that I hope to do it better next time.

What do I love about making music? I find it almost impossible to put it into words, which is why I haven't been able to say much about that. Instead, I've only described how I went about doing it. Some things are beyond words, aren't they? Better to just make some more music!

Ps 81 1-2 "Sing for joy to God our strength: Shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre" (to which I would add, "and the guitars, bass and drums and huge string section!")



FOND MEMORIES OF JEANNE

Jeanne Vaughan was, for many years, a familiar figure in Bredon, often to be seen tending her garden in Back Lane and talking to anybody and everybody in her rich Barbadian accent, which became increasingly anglicised in recent years. For her last few years, she moved to a Residential Home in Hythe in Kent to be near her family. She died on the 9th January this year and on 7th March a Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving was held in St Giles Church, Bredon. The Coronavirus was already making people nervous about attending events, but a good congregation of folk who loved Jeanne assembled, representing her family, her village, her church, the teaching world and the Guiding world in particular.



There were two fine addresses appreciating her, by her niece Helen Vaughan Duprey, representing the family, and Jim McKay, representing her church and Bredon. Both Helen and Jim have given us copies of their talks, although Helen stresses that she didn't stick to the script! Both were greatly appreciated and, unusually on such an occasion, were warmly applauded.

From her Family by Helen : Jeanne Opal Patricia Vaughan

Jeanne was born in Barbados in 1931, the 4th child in the family. The oldest was my father, Colin, then Cicely, who some of you may know from her visits or Jeanne's stories. Carl was the 3rd and Jeanne was very close to him both in age and emotionally.

Jeanne's upbringing was quite strict and she herself could be quite formidable. I remember as a child that, although she was funny and friendly, the power of one stern look from her could stop me in my tracks. As the parents and teachers among us are aware, this is tantamount to a superpower and one I often wish I had. Jeanne's expectation of respect and good behaviour was palpable and served her well in her role as teacher. I actually met a grown man in his 40s once whom Jeanne had taught and he claimed to still be afraid of her!

Jeanne was brought up in an age of 'make do and mend' and 'waste not want not'. She would painstakingly unwrap any gift with utmost care to preserve the paper, which she would fold and store for later use. She had organised shelves for unused disposable toothbrushes and socks seemingly from every transatlantic flight she had ever taken...

Jeanne came across to London from Barbados around 1952 to study Geography and Geology and she loved Britain. She said it was a geographer's paradise... Such a small island with rocks from the very oldest to the newest; lowlands, peat bogs, rich in coal, minerals with fertile soils (– especially the Vale of Evesham!) the warming Gulf stream, amazing climate...and so close to the continent too!

Jeanne had many passions in life: she loved God and set aside time every day for devotional activities. The rest are in no particular order:

She loved Bredon and St Giles church and community and served here for many years as warden and vergger.

She loved the Girl Guide Movement and served as a guide as a child in Barbados and then throughout her adult life as a leader, staying in touch and attending conferences and activities right up till she became ill in her early 80s. Lord and Lady Baden Powell were both an inspiration to her.

Jeanne was a keen sportswoman, in school and university teams for hockey and netball; captain of the netball team and a netball coach. She was an avid walker, rock climber and skilled skier; even when she was overweight she had an elegant, graceful style.

She loved her native Barbados and after she retired spent several months there during the winter snorkelling, swimming and catching up with dear friends from childhood. She would also visit the more chaotic island of Trinidad, where many of our family lived and live: her brother and sister and their families – multitudes of young people who all loved and respected their aunt Jeanne.

Jeanne loved her little cottage with 'expanding walls', as she always said (one night in 1996 I think 10

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of us stayed there after a wedding, including in the shed). She loved her garden and tended it well for as long as she could.

Jeanne enjoyed music, piano-playing, singing and the English language. She was an overachiever at Scrabble, unfeasibly using all the letters and raking in maximum points...I think I was a somewhat disappointing competitor.

She took great delight in her pets and those of others. I particularly remember Tiggie the cat and Jodie the dog. She generously supported a wide range of charities working to minimise the suffering of animal and human populations.



Helen Vaughan Duprey we are all sad to say goodbye and grateful to give thanks for her life.

The last few years have been hard, but in preparing for this memorial, recent years have melted away. Photographs and conversations have brought back memories of a life full of vitality and fun. Jeanne has family and friends in many continents and

From her Church Family and Village by Jim McKay

When I mentioned to a group that I had been asked to speak about Jeanne, the reply of one member was instantaneous. "When we arrived at church for the first time, Jeanne was the first person we saw. She welcomed us with a broad smile: she knew who we were: asked if there was anything she could do for us: we knew we had made the right decision to come here."

There you have Jeanne: **Joyful Energetic Always No Nonsense Effective** Jeanne.

Joyful and exuberant - dedicated in her faith, willing to express it

Energetic in all that she did - whether on the Local ministry team, on the PCC, as churchwarden or in charge of the church room

Always there - committed and available, reliable and consistent, ready to help. It was as true outside church as inside. Whenever we walked down the snicket Jeanne seemed to be in her beloved garden, always ready to talk and to share, whether it was her produce or her expertise in pruning trees: children particularly were inspired to a knowledge of the stars or horticulture by her quiet sharing. She even shared her garden shed with a homeless man for a while when he needed support.

Jeanne was no pushover - there was a **No Nonsense** determination and forthright defence of what she believed to be right.

All this use of her talents led Jeanne to be an **E**ffective witness to her faith. We miss her and are grateful for knowing her and acknowledge all that she did for our community.



Jim McKay

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Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council



COVID-19 Coronavirus

Hopefully by the time this is published we will have been past the peak. The Council would like to thank all residents for sticking to the lockdown rules dictated by government. The isolation has made a real difference to the number of deaths occurring locally. Our thoughts and prayers go out to friends and families who have lost loved ones to this horrible virus.

We would like to thank the great community effort that has taken place over the last couple of months, from the volunteer groups, set up to help the vulnerable and isolated residents, to the support shown to our key workers through donations and clapping on a Thursday evening.

Also a big thank you goes out to the locally businesses, who have adapted the way they work, so they can continue to supply the Parish with food supplies. Let's hope once things get back to normal, residents will continue to support these fantastic local companies.

A special mention goes to Bredon Surgery for how they have engaged with the volunteer group and altered their practices to protect both patients and staff. And a thank you to Bredon Hancocks School for looking after the children of key workers.

The Council has already started planning for things returning to normality. We have agreed for all our facilities, including the village hall; bus shelters, benches and playground equipment to be given a deep clean prior to reopening.

Foodbank Details

A number of residents have asked if there is a Bredon Foodbank they could donate to, so help can be provided to those residents who find themselves in financial difficulty during these strange times.

The Community Volunteer group spoke to Tewkesbury Foodbank and it was decided their set up is brilliant and works really well, and due to the small numbers in our area that may request for help, it is not viable to open a separate Bredon Foodbank.

If anyone would like to donate money, to help families in the local area, they can visit <https://teokesbury.foodbank.org.uk/> where there are instructions on how to donate electronically saving unnecessary journeys, or they could send a cheque, payable to Tewkesbury Foodbank, to the following address:- **Tewkesbury Foodbank, 76 Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5RX**

If anyone needs help, please contact our local partner, Neville King on 07592 041858, who can help according to need.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/20/00427 - Box Cottage, Watery Lane, Kinsham. Repair timber frame structure and infill panels, replace roof coverings, add pitched roofs to dormers, repair or replace windows and doors, demolish and rebuild porches with associated rainwater goods and internal modifications. **PC has no objections.**

W/20/00592 - 43 Blenheim Drive, Bredon,. Single storey rear extension. **PC has no objections.**

W/19/01355 - Field SO 9239, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton. Buffer landscaping area of 20m deep now included (compared to 3m front hedge previously), achieved by deleting the plot nearest to the road. Amendment to plot layout with 2 static caravans and one touring now placed on the plot nearest the road behind the landscaping area with one of the touring caravans stored on a piece of land at the rear of the site adjacent to the railway line. **PC has no further comments – please see original objections.**

Date of Next Meeting:
Monthly Parish Council

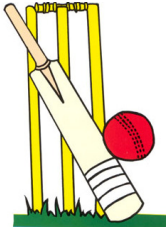
Monday 14th May
takes place in Bredon
Village Hall at 7:15pm

If we are still in lockdown, this meeting will take place via Zoom, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting

Bredon Cricket Club by Derek Ebbage

Usually at this time of year, we would be reporting that cricket had started in earnest and successfully in our first few league matches. We have been informed and instructed by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) that all cricket, in every aspect, is suspended until further notice. A range of options to begin cricket later in the summer is being modelled for various contingencies.

The Bredon Cricket Club committee is busy applying to local councils, the ECB and the Worcestershire Cricket Board, through the Emergency Support Programme for both loans and grants. There are, of course, many expenses which Bredon Cricket Club must meet, even though no cricket is being played, and we are hoping that the ECB Investment Management Scheme will be able to help us financially. We have also made an application to Sport England for funding.



For the fourth year, we have planned to incorporate the "All-Stars" programme for five- to eight-year olds into our summer of cricket. We have heard from the ECB that the kit will be posted to all parents who have applied; also, a "2020 Activity Booklet" will be posted to all parents of all past and present participants. We were also to begin the first introduction of the "Dynamos Cricket" for eight- to eleven-year olds, but this will also have to await a start date from the ECB.

Our stalwart and committed groundsman, Adam Gallagher, has been working hard at keeping the outfield and square in excellent order. It is essential that when, and if, cricket starts this summer, we can open for business immediately. We are, however, concerned about the security of our premises; the Club is locked down and no one is allowed to use it at present. If, on your recreational exercise walk or cycle ride, you see someone at our lovely ground, please let us know.

The spring issue of the Association of Cricket Officials (ACO), which is the magazine for umpires and scorers, has arrived, with a large headline across its front cover of "PLAY SUSPENDED". It also contained guidance on the Laws of the game, with flow charts on safety guidance and fast bowling directives. Hopefully, some of the guidance will be very useful shortly!



Derek Ebbage

DECLAN SHIELS' FINE ISOLATION PHOTOS, taken during his exercise walks



*Declan's 4th photo is also on p15 (rainbow hands on the school railing). So, it is replaced by a recent **Bredon sunset** by David Bath.*



Vulnerable? In need of help?

There are and will continue to be many people in our community who will be self isolating at home due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). If you are vulnerable or just need help during this difficult time and would like to be contacted by a helper or volunteer there are a number of options.

Find out how to get help from the **Worcestershire Here2Help** website:-

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

Their dedicated number is: **01905 768053**.

(Monday to Sunday between 8am and 8pm)



We're in this together

Contact our **Local Volunteer Group Leader Neville King** on **0759 204 1858**

Each area has a separate group leader and lots of local and able volunteers to help with food, prescriptions or any other business.

Also please contact Neville if you, or a close relative, would like to join your street's WhatsApp group. It is a quick and simple way to ask for help from neighbours.

Our local Spar village shop in Bredon is now doing deliveries to help those vulnerable customers in isolation. Please call **0730 552 9669**

Keep up to date with local news by following **Bredon Parish Noticeboard** on **Facebook**



TEWKESBURY AND BREDON HILL PROBUS CLUB

The Club for retired and semi-retired Professionals and Businessmen
 Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Bredon Village Hall [except during
<http://probusclub.net/tewkesbredon/> lockdown]

When the Government declared the lockdown and the ban on gatherings of people in close proximity, it was inevitable that Probus Club would have to suspend our meetings for the foreseeable future. Over the last two to three years we have been running a campaign to bring in new members and this has been very successful with more than ten new members being welcomed to the Club over that period. This raised some concerns amongst members of the Committee that once people get out of the habit of attending on a Tuesday then the membership could drop away, just when we had got to full strength.

So one of our members suggested a weekly online Newsletter and this has been enthusiastically taken up with a small editorial team producing it every week. It goes out on a Tuesday so that members can maintain their link with the Club just as they would normally do at our Tuesday morning meetings.

Our Editor, Steve Tucker has been the driving force behind the Newsletter primarily by encouraging members to submit articles. The response has been terrific and every week we are receiving articles on a wide variety of subjects, such as members' experiences on holiday or in their career, their hobbies or family history. One member is now running a weekly quiz to tweak members' brain cells - we even have an "Items for sale" section.

It is a measure of the enthusiasm and involvement of Probus members when, after the publication of the Newsletter several members usually submit some feedback commenting or expanding on items published the previous week.

We all look forward to our weekly Probus Club meetings with interesting speakers and the vibrant conversation over coffee. Whilst we earnestly hope that we will be getting back to normal in the not too distant future, at least we have maintained the spirit and ethos of Probus Club through our weekly Newsletter.



Chris Brown



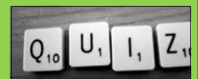
THE JUNE PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for getting material to the editor, Christopher Frith, is **Tuesday 12 May**. Send it to bredonparishmaged@hotmail.co.uk or Cover Point, Back Lane, Bredon.[01684 773164] When the necessary restrictions are lifted, we have every intention of printing paper copies again and delivering

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QUIZ ANSWERS *The quiz is on page 10 : please see that first!*

1. An organism that lives within or on a host and uses its resources to fuel its life.
2. Parisians
3. The Eiffel Tower, The Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral
4. The Fall of the Bastille in 1789, recognised as the start of the French Revolution
5. Maigret
6. (Last Tango in) Halifax
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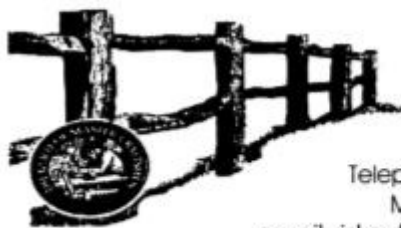
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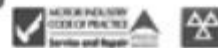
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