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Minister's Message

The beginning of October is likely to see many of our churches featuring some level of Harvest Thanksgiving service, and although in today's society we do not regard Harvest in quite the same way as Agrarian communities of yesteryear would have done, with deep set thankfulness, rejoicing and celebratory meals, it is still a festival in which many communities like to take the opportunity to give thanks to God for all that has been grown, manufactured, farmed and harvested, especially in rural areas such as ours.



Now I love the season of Harvest, and usually in our churches we would be singing special hymns of ploughed fields, scattered seeds and raising a song of Harvest Home. But not this year! This year, although some church services may benefit from a choir singing a relevant Harvest anthem, our favourite hymns will not be sung, and we will be unable to share a Harvest meal together, due to the restrictions imposed on us because of the Coronavirus.

However, despite these restrictions, there is still much to rejoice over. For our farmers have continued to bring in a harvest, factories have continued to produce food, and loyal shop workers have continued to stack shelves and provide us with food, even during the most challenging weeks of Lockdown. For their hard work and sacrifice, especially over the last few months, we must, this year, give a special thanks.

Yet it is God who founded the Universe, and the world in which we live. It is His creation we celebrate at this time of year, as the leaves turn to the beautiful golden browns of autumn; It is He who provides the times and seasons which give the rhythms to our daily lives, and it is to Him we need to give thanks for all that He continues to provide for us, even during the hard times.

For we all liked to be thanked, and indeed the more we are thanked, the more we tend to give. When we give thanks to God, we are blessed in our relationship with Him, and the more thanks we offer, the deeper that relationship becomes. St. Paul encourages us to give God "thanks in all circumstances", but maybe this year, this seems harder, given the challenges and uncertainties we currently face. Yet God's grace, love and provision never changes, and just as the sun rises every morning and sets every night, God will always provide for the children He loves, even though their journeys of life may at times be tough.

Therefore, as we give thanks for our harvest season, let us also give thanks for God's greatest gift to us, that of His Son, who died so that when our bodies die, we might live with Him for ever. And then, even though we cannot sing, let us rejoice in all we have in our lives to be thankful for. So happy harvest everyone!

Allison Davies



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

A number of services around Bredon Hill are now planned for October:

Sunday, 4th October

- 9.00am Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. Mary's, Elmley Castle *with Canon Roger Spiller*
Harvest service
- 10.30am St. Faith's, Overbury - *lay led*
Harvest service
- 4.00pm Holy Trinity, Eckington - *lay led*
Harvest service



Sunday, 11th October

- 9.00am Holy Trinity, Eckington *with the Rev Allison Davies*
- 10.30am St. John the Baptist, Beckford *with the Rev Allison Davies*
Harvest service

Sunday, 18th October

- 9.00am St. Mary's, Elmley Castle *with Canon Roger Spiller*
- 10.30am St Giles, Bredon *with the Rev Catherine Lack*

Sunday, 25th October

- 9.00am St. Barbara's, Ashton under Hill *with the Rev Doug Chaplain*
- 10.30am Holy Trinity, Eckington *with Bishop Michael Hooper*

Please observe social distancing rules in church and note:

- On arrival, those attending will be asked to sanitise their hands
- For social distancing, many pews will be partitioned off
- There will be no singing, apart from the socially distanced choir members
- There will be no shaking of hands, kisses of welcome etc.
- Face masks must be worn

Bredon Community Play and Recreation

Well, it's been a long time since Bredon Community Play and Recreation (BCPR) last wrote an article, 6 months in fact. What a lot has happened during that period! We won't dwell on the obvious, other than to say we hope you are all fit and well. What a pleasure it's been to see so many people, young and old, making use of our fantastic facilities during this time.

We may have been quiet recently, but behind the scenes BCPR have continued to work hard to maintain and improve the playing fields and we have some exciting new developments to share with you.

Firstly though, we would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to the people who work alongside us helping us to keep our facilities looking great. Starting with Wendy James and her Sunday maintenance crew, you may have seen Wendy and her team of volunteers with their fluorescent waistcoats going about their business, keeping our park clean and tidy. They meet on a Sunday morning once a month and carry out duties such as pruning, tidying, and cutting back trees and shrubs to help keep our park a safe environment. We are always on the lookout for more Sunday volunteers so if you enjoy being outdoors, would like to help make a difference to our much loved park, and can spare an hour or two on a Sunday then please get in touch. No experience is necessary, and tools can be provided. We welcome volunteers of all ages.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Adam Gallagher for his continued work over at the park from grass cutting to the more arduous tasks of fencing and repairs. Adam, it is very clear you take a personal interest in the park and work tirelessly to help keep it in tip top condition. We very much appreciate everything you do.

Lastly, thank you to our unseen helpers, you know who you are, for your regular litter picking. The park has had so much use over the last 6 months, and we would like to thank all of you for respecting the facility and in general taking your litter home. You have all been fantastic.

So, we mentioned exciting developments within the park. Congratulations to Declan Shields and his subcommittee for the development of what will become a natural wetlands area with dipping pond at the bottom of the playing fields where the bridge is. This has had the added benefit of facilitating the renewal of the pathway, and steps have been introduced so it is now much easier to access the Eckington Road via the small footbridge. Keep an eye on this area as it promises to become an area of fun and natural beauty.

So, on to our exciting news! Drum roll please we can now announce that we have had Parish Council approval to install some brand new play equipment. We will be installing new junior swings for our older age group of children, which will include an Inclusive swing. This is something our Junior Playing Fields Reps at Bredon Hancock's school have been asking about for a very long time and we are thrilled that due to the generosity of our village residents during our fundraising events such as Bredon's Big Day Out and the Santa Sleigh, we are now in a position to proceed. We will also be replacing our worn out orange bowl swing with a brand new one AND even more exciting we are now able to install in both these areas a hardwearing, all weather, rubber mulch surface which means we can remove the current bark surface to create an even safer place to play. You may have noticed we have just installed a brand new hut roof and we have replaced our toddler swing seats. None of this work would have been possible without your generosity and support during our fundraising, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



On the subject of fundraising, unfortunately one of our principle fund raisers Bredon's Big Day Out had to be cancelled this year. We know it has been missed by many and thank you for the kind messages we have received. Don't worry, Big Day Out will be back bigger and better in 2021. Our lack of fundraising this year means that our 200 Club fundraiser has become more important to us all than ever. It costs just £15 per year to join and your name will be entered into our 6 prize draws throughout the year with cash prizes of between £10 - £50 per draw. A huge big thank you to all those winners who have kindly donated their winnings back to us, what a fabulous bunch of villagers you are. To join our 200 Club you can email us, message us on Facebook or fill in the 200 Club form on our website. Finally, we would like to say, we are all living in testing times but you all help make our village and its park a fabulous safe place to be. Have a great month and we look forward to advising you of more exciting developments and idea's in the coming months.

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Bredon WI

WE NEARLY HAD A MEETING

Well, we nearly had a meeting. 15th September was all set for about twenty of us to use the Village Hall for our first monthly meeting since February. It was not to be, and our disappointment was clearly visible. President Joan had been guided around the spotless Village Hall by a member of our Parish Council, and was hugely impressed by the work which had gone in to making us safe and legal and cared for. Thank you, Parish Council. So now we await our next chance to get together. It is ages since we sang "Jerusalem", and we would not have been allowed to sing it in September, anyway, but it is good to be reminded that our special song still exists. I wonder how many of us sing it in the bath? Hopefully, the next issue of the Parish Magazine will contain more concrete news.



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Do Not Worry

...Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

Luke 12:22

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?

Luke 12:25



Bredon Outward Bound Association

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It may seem early to be thinking about school holidays next year whilst we are still dealing with the Covid-19 crisis but it is a good time to think about an adventure next summer.

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We had 7 young people booked for courses this last summer but these were cancelled because of Covid-19. However, all 7 are rebooked for courses in 2021. As a result of bookings being carried forward from this year there will be fewer places available next year so it is important to book early. Outward Bound is the original outdoor pursuit organisation established in 1941. The mission of Outward Bound is to “**unlock the potential in young people through learning and adventure in the wild**”. The courses take place in Wales, The Lake District or Scotland. Participants will be involved in many exciting experiences including trekking expeditions, kayaking, sailing, rock climbing, gorge walking and much more. As a result they will learn new skills, practice team working, become more self confident, make new friends and have lots of fun.

An Outward Bound course is an excellent way for preparing for major life changes such as changing schools, going forward to higher education or starting work.

For more information, contact Ray Lane at: thelanes27@yahoo.co.uk, or Richard Cowley at: richardandcarol@oakgardens.co.uk. For information about what a course involves you can also go to the Outward Bound web site: www.outwardbound.org.

Bredon Outward Bound Association

September Draw		£
109	C Warren	50
37	M Daniels	50
20	B Bland	5
1	R Greenslade	5
162	K Foster	5
172	E Chambers	5
141	J Cox	5
193	M Harrison	5



October Draw		£
184	K Whittacker	50
98	B Vacy-Ash	50
21	K Ashbridge	5
101	A Allen	5
95	C March	5
45	F Taft	5
58	E Foxen	5
198	B Willy	5

Richard Cowley / Ray Lane

What I Love About ... Devon

What is your favourite place in all the world? What makes it so? Did you grow up there with happy memories? Did you go to school there? Did you earn your first wage there? Did you holiday there? Did you meet your wife and get married there? Do you keep going back there and it grows on you every time? What have I missed?



Give me all of the above reasons and I have to conclude that Devon, the land of red earth, sea and moor, cream and swedes must be the place I love, although I have to say that Bredon, our home for forty seven years of happy memories and many friends, would beat it if I was being strictly honest but then this article would be dead in the water!

If there was a blue plaque marking my birthplace, it would be in the middle of the M5 South carriageway 12 miles from Exeter, as the house where my parents lived was pulled down in the name of progress. I was two when the Second World War started, and like many of my rural contemporaries, we were successfully sheltered by our elders from the horrors of the conflict: yes, we had an air raid shelter: yes, we had evacuees living with us from the worst-hit parts of London: yes, we saw the distant fires from a blitzed Exeter but my memories of it all are scattered. Mrs Lindsay, our neighbour, insisting on cleaning her doorstep despite being told by an exasperated Royal Marine on an exercise that "you're dead": my father's tale of the day their local Home Guard managed to "blow up" their own commander during another exercise: most vividly, standing by the A38 and watching all the vehicles going by, on their way to the ports for D Day. There always seemed to be food on the table, even though we were rationed until well into the 1950s (Some of this courtesy of Billy Burgess, a grocer in a local village, who came every week to take orders, bringing a mysterious brown case, from which he produced "treats" for his loyal customers.)

My schooling was all in Devon. I started at Miss Gauntlet's nursery. From the age of 8, I travelled daily, first by steam train and then by school bus. The independence we were given in those days is staggering: I went alone, walking to and from the stations, cycling to the bus, and in the holidays was allowed freedom to roam. I had friends whose parents owned a farm and spent happy days harvesting, milking, sharing their lives. I even found myself in a main-line signal box, pulling levers to allow the Cornish Riviera Express roar by.

My first wage was earned, at 16, driving the new innovative tractor, the Massey Ferguson "Fergie" with milk churns on the back. I delivered milk every day to all the local houses, pouring the milk out in pint or quart measures into the jugs left on doorsteps. The housewives preferred me to the usual roundsman because they said I gave fuller measures - well, I knew them all! But the farmer was content because they all paid me regularly instead of trying not to - well, they all knew me!



When finally the time came for me to do my duty and undertake National Service, I felt that it would be good to get away from a county that I had only fleetingly left for holidays, say in my father's native Scotland. I, therefore, volunteered for overseas service: this I duly got: they sent me over the border to Somerset.



Yes, I did meet my wife in Devon: yes, we did get married there: yes, we do holiday there every year. However, it was Aristotle who said "Give me a child until he is 7 and I will show you the man." If that is so, is it any wonder I love the county of my childhood so much?

Jim McKay

Book for October

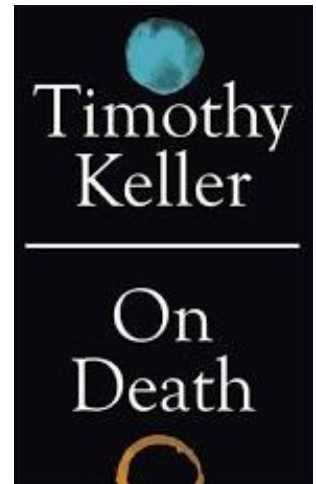
ON DEATH

by Timothy Keller

In a culture that does its best to deny death, Timothy Keller - theologian and bestselling author - teaches us about facing death with the resources of faith from the Bible. With wisdom and compassion, Keller finds in the Bible an alternative to both despair or denial. This short, powerful book on Death gives us the tools to understand the meaning of death within God's vision of life.

This vision of the future, which is the glorious hope that God has planned, is shown in the Bible to be founded on the fact of Jesus and his resurrection, and is promised to each of us who have placed our trust in him. Such a hope colours the attitude to death and eases the grieving in all the faithful at times of great loss.

Keller illustrates God's plan of salvation --



Timothy Keller

Quote:

*"In order to save us, Jesus became the "PIONEER" of our salvation through suffering and death. The Greek word is **archegos**. Bible scholar William Lane says it really ought to be translated "our champion". A champion was somebody who engaged in representative combat. When David fought Goliath, they both fought as champions for their respective armies. They fought as substitutes. If your champion won, the whole army won the battle, even though none of them lifted a finger.*

This is what Jesus did. He took on our greatest enemies -- sin and death. Unlike David, he didn't just risk his life, he gave his life, but in doing so he defeated them. He took the penalty we deserve for our sins -- the punishment of death -- in our place, as our substitute. But because he himself was a man [God-Man] of perfect, sinless love for God and neighbour, death could not hold him (Acts 2:24). He rose from the dead".

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Book introduced by Derek Cain



Derek Cain

QUOTE . . . UNQUOTE from Timothy Keller

So when Hamlet spoke of death as "the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns" he was wrong. Someone **has** come back from death. Jesus Christ has destroyed the power of death and "a cleft has opened in the pitiless walls of the world" for us. When by faith we grasp this, we need fear darkness no more.



Thank you Isabel Masters

Isabel has been involved with the publication of the Parish magazine for **42 years**. Isabel commented that if she had committed murder, she would have been released years ago.



Initially it was for production on a Gestetner duplicator when Isabel remembers typing up the 'skins' & having to correct errors by painting over a pink fluid, then replace the 'skin' into the typewriter at exactly the right spot hoping the errors did not show. At that time the Rector, The Rev Leonard Birch was the Editor.



His successor The Rev Colin Beswick who took over, but only for a short time, as his wife became ill. He asked Derrick Grainger to assume the editing job and Derrick did it for nigh on twenty years. During this time the church did purchase an electric typewriter for Isabel to use, but this was still using stencils or 'skins' with all its attendant difficulties.

Derrick handed the editing job over to Sylvia Powell (ably assisted by Roger) for five or six years until about 1998, when Moya Willis took on the mantle. Moya, in turn, passed the job on to Jenny Maslen and then on to Christopher. Assisting each of these editors, Isabel was the reliable cog in the wheel. She would type up the magazine text and take a hard copy to the Editor, later via email. Once Isabel had 'mastered' (!) the use of the Internet and sending emails with attachments. Christopher would send her all the material as it came in and she would return it to him as one document in the required Ariel font size 11 format as he preferred to see a hard copy of all the text.

Christopher has really appreciated Isabel's assistance in this way, as have the many editors before him. Roger Powell informs me that the magazine was **FIRST** published in January 1912. Amazing to think that Isabel has typed up 42 years worth of those 108!

THANK YOU ISABEL!

Pam Frith

Sylvia Harrington's Recipe for October

ROASTED TOMATO SOUP WITH COURGETTE PESTO – Serves 4

Ingredients:

1.25 kg ripe tomatoes,
roughly chopped
7 tablespoons olive oil
5 fat garlic cloves, peeled
a few sprigs of fresh rosemary
2 large onions,
peeled and thinly sliced
1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced
2 tablespoon tomato puree
2 teaspoons caster sugar
25 grams toasted pine nuts
50 grams fresh basil leaves
50 grams grated parmesan cheese
salt and black pepper
1 small courgette
ciabatta (optional)



Method:

- Preheat oven 200°C Fan 180°C Gas 6.
- Place chopped tomatoes & 3 tablespoons olive oil, 4 garlic cloves, rosemary, onions & fennel into a roasting tin, toss together & roast for 40-45 mins until vegetables are slightly charred and softened.
- When cool remove the rosemary leaves and stalks.
- Tip the vegetables into a food processor or blender (or use a stick blender in a saucepan). Add the tomato puree & sugar & whizz -- taste - - you may need more sugar if tomatoes are acidic. Add a little water to give a pouring consistency. Transfer into a saucepan and warm through.
- Clean the food processor and whizz the pine nuts, basil leaves (reserve a few for garnish), remaining olive oil & garlic & parmesan cheese to make a pesto.
- Season to taste.
- Grate the courgette and squeeze out excess juice then stir into the pesto.
- Spoon the soup into bowls with a swirl of pesto and reserved basil.
- Alternatively spread the pesto on toasted ciabatta to serve with the soup.



Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council



Bredon Village Hall Reopens

We are living in strange times and getting used to the new normal. The Council believes it should support the community wherever it can. One of these areas is looking after and running the Village Hall.

When lockdown occurred the Village Hall was shut and the manager put on furlough. Over the last month the Parish Council has worked hard to make the Village Hall COVID secure. We have created a one way system; installed automatic hand sanitisers; added social distancing markers and posters to remind users to distance, wash hands and keep safe.

Things may change and the hall may have to close again if a second wave of cases hits our local area, but the Council was pleased that we opened on Sunday 6th September. Many users are returning, with more hopefully returning in the future.

For the community's well-being, both physical and mental, the Village Hall plays a key part. A list of classes running is on Bredon Parish Council website. The Council also launched an Instagram account for Bredon Village Hall @bredonvillagehall - please follow to get the latest news & updates.



Police Report

On 27th August it was reported that a car had hit a tree and caused damage in Lower Westmancote, however, there were no vehicle details obtained and therefore no further action was taken.

On 29th August suspicious activity was reported in Dock Lane. No registrations were obtained and no offences were reported.

A number of complaints, dating back to the 18th August, were received of vehicles are being driven over crops in fields at Bredon's Norton during the evenings. No vehicle details have been obtained but patrols in the area have been increased.

Kemerton Conservation Trust reported that the lakeside hide at Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve was seriously vandalised during the weekend of 28 August. The hide is in Bredon parish and was built with contributions from parishioners. The police have issued several Community Protection Notice Warnings to individuals over the last year, but the reserve continues to attract high levels of anti-social behaviour.

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/20/01528 - 3 Oak Lane, Bredon. Single storey extension to rear, together with alterations to form a granny annexe. **PC has made general comments.**

W/20/01563 - 23 Blenheim Drive, Bredon. Alterations to existing carport and porch extension. Replacement rear fence. **PC has no objections.**

W/20/01592 - Meadow View, Mill End, Bredon. Erection of detached dwelling and associated parking. **PC has objected.**

W/20/01611 - 8 Blenheim Drive, Bredon. First floor side extension. **PC has no objections.**

W/20/01517 & W/20/01518 - Priors Garden, Dock Lane, Bredon. Re-building of collapsed wall. **PC has no objections.**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Parish Council

Monday 12th October

takes place in Bredon

Village Hall at 7:15pm

This meeting will take place virtually, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting.

Recommended Temporary One Way Footpath in Bredon

The public footpath behind Bredon Hancock's school is very long and narrow (between Dock Lane and Back Lane). To maintain the continued government recommended two metre separation, it is recommended by the residents of Dock Lane that we only walk **UP** the footpath from Dock Lane to Back Lane and **DOWN** the footpath from the church to the dock.

Thank you all for your cooperation.



Bredon Food Bank Donation Days



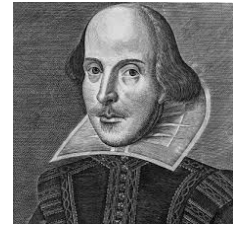
A BIG thank you to all of you who have donated to the Bredon Food Bank on 16th September. All items have been delivered to Tewkesbury Food Bank. Due to the overwhelming response on our first donation day, three more dates have now been confirmed for October, November and December.

We look forward to your continued support!



October Quiz

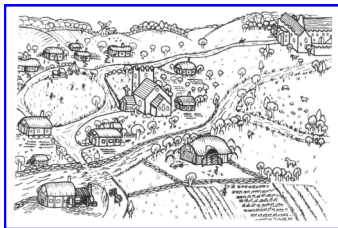
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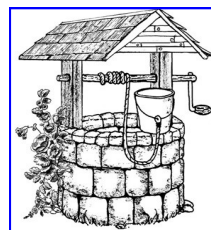
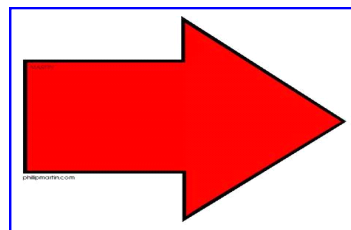
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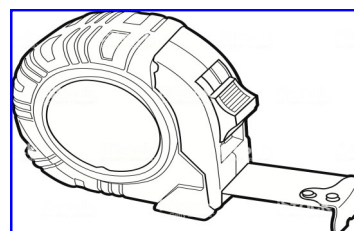
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Do you remember the engaging photo of Derek Ebbage in the September Parish Magazine? He was setting out on his bicycle to raise money for the Hospice, and we are delighted to tell you that all the contributors for that event raised £13,245 to which Derek's supporters gave over 10%. Thank you, again, to all who helped reach such a fine result.



A lovely (true) story: plumber finds excess copper pipe in his shed, made it into a copper heart. Many were made, as interest flourished. The Hospice was sent a few hearts along with £500 donation from said plumber. Hearts now selling well, and you can find out all about them on the Hospice website. They really are items of beauty.



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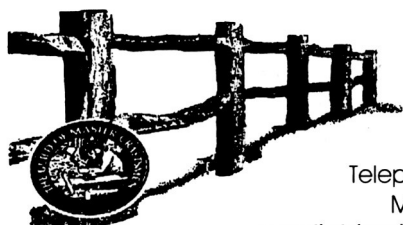
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Just a few words

Many of you probably know that Christopher Frith, the Parish magazine editor, is currently in hospital due to a sudden illness. I have been asked to take up the magazine editing job whilst he is recuperating. Like me, I am sure you would all like to wish him a speedy recovery.

Also, a big thank you to all those people who have helped me in putting the magazine together, especially Jim McKay for his contribution.

Anne Choi Fordham



Christopher and I would like to say how much we have appreciated all the love, cards, messages and prayers on our behalf since his admission to Worcester Hospital.

He suffered a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm requiring emergency surgery on Thursday, 3rd September. After 9 days in the Intensive Care Unit, then 2 or 3 days in High Care, he was promoted to the vascular ward.

He has been incredibly well looked after - not only by his Lord, who has obviously decided it's not 'his time' yet, but by all the nursing and medical staff. He described the team in ICU as 'a wonderful International Caring Community'. They were not only looking after their patients (and their relatives in the frustration of being unable to visit) but also one another.

Christopher is making slow but steady recovery and we're looking forward to having him home again.

Pam Frith

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QUIZ ANSWERS *First see the questions on pages 16-17*

- 1) The Merry Wives of Windsor; 2) Hamlet Prince of Denmark;
- 3) The Merchant of Venice; 4) The Tempest
- 5) All's Well that Ends Well; 6) Measure for Measure;
- 7) Two Gentlemen of Verona (yes, it is Juliet's balcony but she came from Verona);
- 8) OT(T)Hello

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