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- **Morning and Evening Prayer** said services Monday to Saturday
- **Sunday Services:**

Morning Worship from 10.30am

All Age Worship from 4.00pm

- **Tardebigge's Café Church 'Byte Size'** goes live every Sunday at 9.30am via Zoom (an app which can be downloaded for free):
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A pre-recorded version of Café Church is then uploaded to the the following YouTube channel (or search 'Café Church Tardebigge').

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April



From Richard, the Team Rector



We thought we'd go online for a special edition of the Tardebigge and Bentley Parish Magazine, as we celebrate Easter together.

Easter to Ascension is a journey through the wonder and the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. Dying on a cross was no big deal on its own; the Romans may have been cultured, but they were ruthless, cruel and bloodthirsty. What was

shocking about the first Easter was Jesus' rising from the dead. Without the resurrection, Jesus would not be the Christos, that is, the chosen one of God. He was not just chosen by God to be born, to die in a cross and to rise from the dead, but to be the one to be the gate through whom everyone from every language, tribe, nation, tongue, social class or income group could enter.

It is unsurprising, therefore, that Jesus' resurrection was revealed to the women at the tomb first, and that the first appearance of Jesus after his resurrection was to Mary Magdalene, whose devoted love clearly meant more to Christ than status or gender. That's part of the challenge that Jesus, now resurrected, gives to us. On the shores of Lake Galilee, with Peter, who has denied that he knew Jesus on the night before the crucifixion, Jesus does not disown him, but he challenges him:

"Simon, son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" Jesus says this because Peter has boasted that he would not desert Christ, shortly before Peter denied that he knew Jesus. Peter, however, has learnt his lesson. He replies, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you". He does not exaggerate, nor he does he claim to be more special than the other disciples. He knows that Jesus knows him on the inside, and he knows that Jesus knows that Peter loves him.

Two questions arise from this: do we know that Jesus loves us? And, do we love Jesus? These questions are not as easy to answer as they sound. For one thing, our present society has distorted the meaning of the word love in so many ways that it can pretty much be used as a justification for anything. Some people want love to be the answer, but we cannot all agree what love truly is. The Bible describes love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, but a more

specific definition and example comes from 1 John 3: "By this we have known love, that he laid down his life for us". John then tells us that God is love, and continues

"This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

Before the denial, Peter had seen himself as the supreme example of love and devotion; but in fact it was Jesus who went all the way to the bitter end for those he loved. As Paul puts it in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Our love, however deeply felt and however extravagantly expressed, is a puny and temporary thing compared to the love of God, which is by far the greatest love in the entire universe. God is love, but love is not God. God is God, and he reaches out to us in love.

Richard

Verse for the Month

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures

1 Corinthians 15: 3

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Richard's Ramble 23rd April 2020



For the moment at least, lockdown is here to stay, although it is encouraging to hear news of a possible decline in deaths through the Coronavirus, and the beginning of trials of a possible vaccine.

It is important not to allow ourselves to be drawn into speculation about the future, nor to allow ourselves to be disgruntled about the response of the government or the NHS. This is a

uniquely challenging situation that no one could have possibly foreseen, and we should be thrilled to live in an age where so much healthcare is available. We can also give God great thanks for the low level of victims so far, and the high number of hospital beds that have been made available and remain unfilled. This is a time of considerable personal sacrifice not just for NHS and other key workers and their families, but also for many NHS patients who are further back in the queue than they would have been otherwise.

We, however, have the words of eternal life. These are words that people always need to hear, but some may feel a greater need to hear them now, such as: *"God is our refuge and our strength an ever-present help in times of trouble"*, and *"Come to me all you who labour and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest"*, *"Cast all your care on Him for He cares for you"*, and perhaps even try to commit to memory Proverbs 3:5-7:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."

When we feel weak, or frustrated, or depressed, or experience any other negative emotions, God is there for us, for our support and our blessing, and not only to forgive us and to help us to forgive others, but also to help us forgive ourselves.

Could we all please pray for those who could or should be asking for pastoral or spiritual support, but this is not something they have in mind, or are getting round to. People may be unaware that we could visit them pastorally via Zoom or Skype and help them with issues that they are facing. Others would benefit from finding our services online and we will want to pray that they are prompted to do so.

I hope people have been able to access the services that the clergy team have been putting on Facebook and YouTube. You can also find messages from myself – I post up one on Wednesday or Thursday every week - via the Tardebigge Facebook page, and Café Church services via the Café Church Tardebigge YouTube channel.

The weekly timetable is:

- **Tardebigge Café Church** is live on Zoom at 9.30am Sundays (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8025844896> - PASSWORD 388617) and is available on YouTube later in the morning:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepafX9lQwOsG8ZC60NghGA>
- **The main Holy Trinity Team Service** is available at 10.30am on the Holy Trinity YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsh_dWJnm8n82G2NwBzrdcw
- **A Holy Trinity Team All Age service** is available at 4.00pm
- **Morning Prayer** Monday – Saturday. This is usually posted by 9.00am.
- **Evening Prayer** Monday – Thursday. This is usually posted at 3.30pm.

I think that now we have got into the habit of posting web material we will probably do so afterwards; with so many people unavailable, or away, or ill on a Sunday morning at some point in the year being able to post services that bring Jesus' love, hope and inspire faith, is a practice we will want to retain in some form after the lockdown is over and we can all go back to our church building for services.

Finally, here is a challenge. If you have a garden, why not send me some pictures? They must be of your own garden taken after April 12th, and no more than 6 per garden, although you can send me just one if you like. I will publish the best online. Send them by email to trhtredditch@gmail.com.

The Lord bless you with his love, his peace, his joy and may all the fruits of the Spirit well up within you and be seen in your life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard', with a stylized flourish underneath.

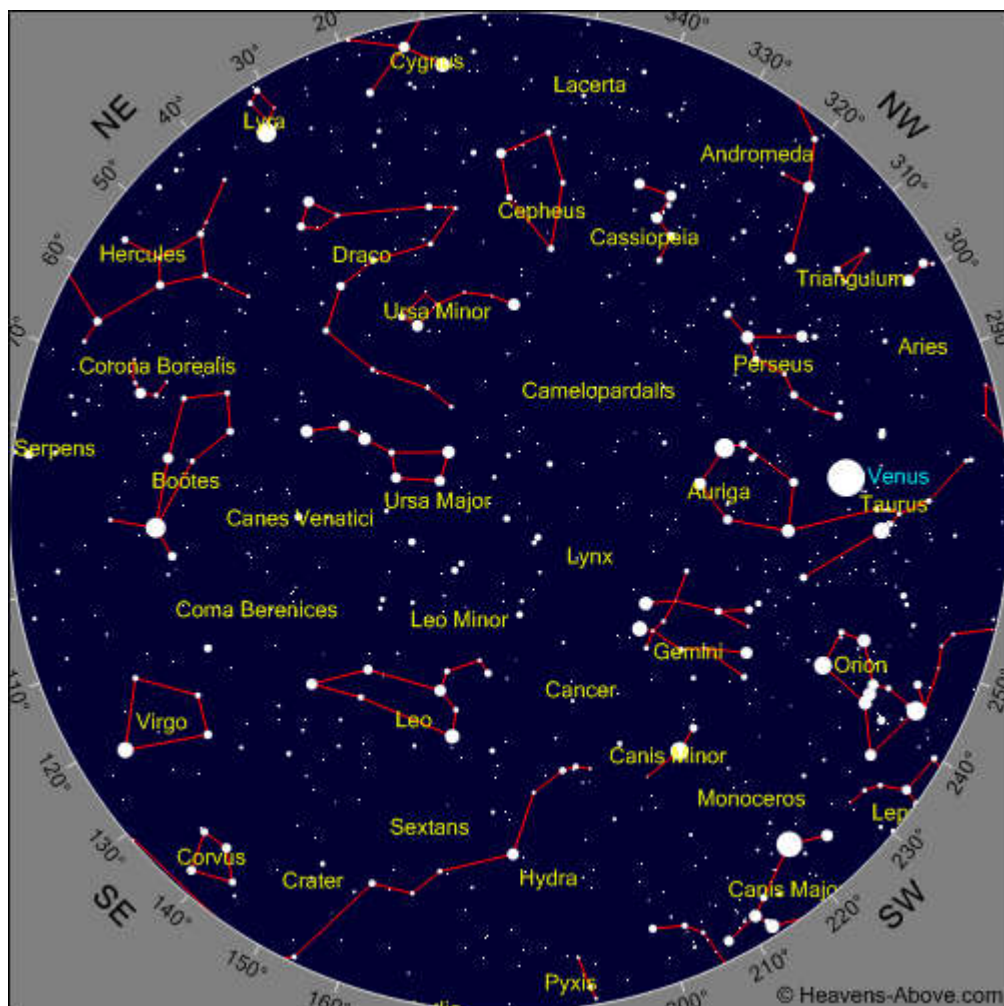
Celestial Corner

As the poet wrote, "O to be in England, now that April's here". April, the third and last month of Celestial spring, the Sun is north of the equator and there are more daylight hours than dark and we can look forward to warmer weather.

Orion and his companions are now slipping down towards the horizon. At ten o'clock (BST) Canis Major with Sirius is almost gone in the afterglow, Eridanus has gone and so has most of Lepus. Only Auriga, Taurus, Canis minor and Gemini are still well placed. Taurus is well marked this month with Venus lying close to Aldebaran around the 14th. On the other side of Venus we come to Auriga with bright yellow Capella. Close to Capella lie three fainter stars in a triangle, known as The Kids. On the map the two stars of the triangle base, nearest to Venus, are very close together as you see. Auriga has the Milky Way passing through it, with a number of clusters embedded, including three in Messier's catalogue, M36, M37 and M38. Unfortunately none are visible to the naked eye, although the Messier trio are easy enough with the old 10x50 bins!

Gemini is another constellation, like Orion, where the two major stars appear to have "changed places". Castor, the right hand one of the two, is designated Alpha (a Gemini) and yet is only 1.58 mag whereas Pollux (beta Gemini) is 1.16 mag and therefore is slightly brighter (remember brightness DECREASES the higher the number, the full moon is -12, the Sun is -26!). There is one Messier in Gemini, M35, which lies not far from the second star in Castor's left foot. Below Gemini lies Canis Minor with 1st mag Procyon. To the right of Procyon is a 3rd mag star with one of 4th mag close by. To the left of Procyon is another 4th mag star and these are basically the only ones that the average eye can pick out unless you are in one of the few really dark skies in the UK. Then if we look left and down from Procyon we come to a star that stands out because it is the only bright star in the area. This is Alphard, "the solitary one" in Hydra, (the water snake), a long, straggling constellation which dives down below Leo and Virgo and ends below Libra! The map is for 10pm on the 14th.

Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are still morning objects, low down in the South- East. They will be easy to find around the 14th as the Moon passes them, but you will have to be up at 6am! On the 14th, looking right to left, we will have the Moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. On the 16th the crescent Moon will be just below Mars in the constellation of Capricorn. With this lovely conjunction, I'm not taking bets on the weather, our climate has the habit of spoiling these sort of things!



R.B.

March Anagrams: Answers - Bonnie Scotland

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| 1. Glasgow | 6. Inverness | 11. Ben Nevis |
| 2. Isle of Skye | 7. Edinburgh | 12. Isle of Lewis |
| 3. Aberdeen | 8. Loch Lomond | 13. Mull of Kintyre |
| 4. Loch Ness | 9. Firth of Forth | 14. St. Andrews |
| 5. Stirling | 10. Aviemore | |

The Parish of Tardebigge St. Bartholomew with St. Mary is alive and active

Although our church buildings are closed due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are very much open. The Church is here to support you pastorally and spiritually and we hope you are able to access the online services provided by the Redditch Holy Trinity team ministry, which we are part of.

You will appreciate we are unable to take collections at weddings, baptisms and at our regular services in church as these are currently suspended. However, we still have substantial financial commitments in respect of the maintenance of our buildings, as well as general running costs, mission and ministry.

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2 Corinthians 9: 7

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May Magazine

Please send your articles and items to our central email address:

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News from School

You are no doubt aware that due to the current COVID-19 situation, all schools closed and our pupils are now learning from home.

The teachers are in contact with our pupils and their parents/carers on a daily basis via the internet giving them work and learning opportunities at home; these have included sudokus, a microscope challenge and a virtual zoo, and we have enjoyed receiving videos and photos of the children enjoying numerous learning activities such as painting, baking and planting.



However, what you may not realise is that the school is open to care for those children of key workers who need to go to work; this includes during the Easter school holidays.

Mrs Hartle, our Reception teacher recorded an Easter Collective Worship with her husband, especially for our children. You are very welcome to watch it; it can be accessed via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cb1uNHU6Rw>



J.E.H

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'Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' Matthew 13: v 32

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1 Corinthians 13: 13



**'Where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also. Luke 12: 34**

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- Legacies specifically for mission and children's work.

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If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about setting up a legacy for Tardebigge, please contact one of the Church Wardens.

**Alternatively you can contact the National Legacy Officer,
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A photograph of a forest floor with green trees and purple flowers. The image is split vertically. The left half shows a dense forest with tall, thin trees and a ground covered in green foliage and numerous small purple flowers. The right half is a solid light blue background containing the text of the poem.

Love

Love is a bridge that spans all realms
Of life, of time, of space,
An emotion that transcends each aspect
That can touch the human race,
Love is like an angel
Watching from up high
Who comes floating like a feather
From a cloudless Summer sky.

Love comes as a deep experience
That can forgive our every shame
That can understand each misdemeanour
Committed in its name,
Love reaches out across the years
Touches every milestone that we know
Can survive each problem and become richer,
From hardship always grow.

Love is eternal, ever present,
Beside us through each day,
As we face danger, loss and separation
Love will forever stay,
Finally when our life is over
When from a loved one we must part
Love will stay forever part us
Beyond the beat of every heart.

L M Wadlow

Norita Bernice Young - A Tribute



Norita Bernice was my neighbour for over 45 years; I never called her that - she was always Nita to me and often just Nit. It was that kind of relationship. Nor was she just a neighbour (though why people say 'just' denies the truth). She was a friend, a confidante, a challenge, and a support for me as I was to her. She was, and needed to be an independent woman managing a job, an increasingly dependent mother and running the household with all that entails. And she called me Pol - the name my family always use. It was nice to still be that person.

Losing her will leave many spaces in the patchwork of my life. From the moment we met all those years ago we got on - Pol and Roy, Ada and Nita - neighbours and friends.

Nita was 36, her mother Ada with her red hat and glorious red lipsticked smile was 76, but they were like two peas in a pod. Both had an infectious joy at being alive and an open hearted welcome to all they met. It was a glorious gift that I so much appreciated; many of you must have felt the same.

My daughter was always disappointed if it was 'only us' for Christmas dinner; Nita joining us made it fun - a bit more special. That was the gift, lifting the occasion, giving it ceremony and importance. Only recently I went to the local paper shop with Nita and marvelled at the small exchange that took place. They were pleased to see her and she them. Such an everyday event, buying the paper, had become a small moment of joy for all of us. Around the town there must be many places now missing that small moment of warmth and laughter with a virtual stranger who touched their everyday lives.

My children regarded her as an extra branch of the family. The maiden aunt who spoils you with treats, provides a place of refuge when aged 10 you decide to leave home once and for all, the welcome extra at family events.

Once when Stephen was 7 and Tesco was in the middle of the town, he lost us and we lost him. With mounting panic we repeatedly searched both floors of the shop, eventually contacting security guards outside Boots. At that moment Nita and Stephen came through those doors. She had come back from work to find a small boy sitting on the outside wall knowing he had done something wrong. There was no inquisition, no reprimand or castigation, no being made to feel silly or foolish. Hand in hand they walked back to town because "Mummy and Daddy will be missing you and they might be worried".

She gave people their value - young or old, rich or poor, black or white.

My family have good memories of the times we spent with Nita. They loved her difference, the eccentricity, the unexpected Stirling Moss driving style, the long painted nails and bright lipstick - a legacy from her glamorous mother. She peopled her life with characters - real and imagined - cats, dogs, cars, shopping trolleys. Once when we came back from holiday she had named all the fish in the tank and assigned them personalities. Never a dull feeding session after that.

Norita was in her late forties when her mother died giving her freedom to create an independent life. And what a rich and interesting life she had - not a world stage but where most of us are - in the everyday small events, activities and thoughts that make our own patchwork of life.



A few years ago, due to fly to America for a long holiday, I had a huge sense of dread and foreboding. Nita was reassuring and promised to look after the cats should anything happen. But a few days later she returned with a small silver St. Christopher charm. It is still attached to my keyring.

I hope St. Christopher now protects her on the journey she now makes.

Pauline



Norita pictured at her 80th birthday celebration in January 2020.

Funerals



3rd March

Norita Bernice YOUNG



10th April

Jane & Rob Oldaker



10th April

Val Richardson

Daisy Morgan

15th April

Nicholas Watkins

Dean Hall

17th April

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21st April

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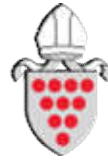
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An Easter Message From the Bishop of Worcester

In the week before Easter, Christians reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus. This year has been very different with suffering and death surrounding us in these unprecedented times. The whole world has been transformed in an extraordinarily short space of time and the suffering of Jesus finds new resonance in everything that is happening around us.

For some people, the death of Jesus is just one among billions across the globe that have taken place in the past two thousand years, but for Christians it is different – different because of what happened on Easter Day, different because Jesus was raised from the dead.

God brought good out of the horror of the crucifixion through the resurrection. He brought good out of evil. That is what God does: he turns suffering to joy and death to new life.

I pray that he will bring good out of all the suffering that we are witnessing around us now. How wonderful it would be if this extraordinary 'lockdown Easter' led to our society becoming more loving, compassionate, just and free. I see seeds of it happening in, for example, new found respect for those who dedicate their lives to caring; resurrection in the here and now. May those seeds grown and blossom.

In the end, Christians believe that God's resurrection love will prevail on earth as in heaven. As the Book of Revelation puts it.

God himself will be with us,
he will wipe every tear from their our eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

So my message to you this Easter is one of hope.

Happy Easter!

Bishop John

COVID-19



The Hospital Chaplaincy Team at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch would value your prayers and support.

You may have seen in the news that one of the nurses, Julie Omar sadly died recently.

Do please pray for Julie's family and friends, and also for all the staff working at the Alex and all Worcestershire healthcare workers at this anxious time.

April Anagrams: Canals in England



- completely or partially in use, at least half of which are in the West Midlands.

(If you need help, there is a list of canals in England on Wikipedia)

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| 1. Brr we shy us | 6. Adoring nun (2 words) | 11. Nervy cot |
| 2. Waterbed rig | 7. Sun rosehips ion (2 words) | 12. Grouted ribs |
| 3. Smartened entry (3 words) | 8. Orchid Wit | 13. On tanned knave |
| 4. Decimal clefs | 9. Provost and not s fur 3 words | (3 words) |
| 5. Clean rats | 10. We rectors and Gin harm ibm | 14. Jocund gin rant |
| | (3 words) | (2 words) |

Bentley Pauncefoot WI

The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the cancellation all our meetings and outings for the foreseeable future. Some of our members are shielding and a lot are self- isolating, but life goes on. Many members have been on a swift “tech” learning curve. It’s amazing how the shortage of essential supplies can hone previously non-existent skills to hunt down a shopping slot and complete an online order from scratch. Suddenly Skype or Zoom or even House Party don’t seem nearly as daunting if it means you can talk to and see relatives and friends or do a virtual quiz!

Our President, Monica Carden, was determined that Bentley members would stay in touch and help would be available where needed. She organised a “buddy” system; in effect each member of the Committee was assigned a small number of members to keep in contact with so no one would be alone or without help in lockdown. Telephone calls to exchange news, advice, information and just have a chat seem to be working well and do help to pass the time and stop us feeling isolated.

We also have a newsletter. In the April edition we shared what we doing to help keep sane. For example: Sarah is learning Latin and teaching herself to play the piano. Monica has bought an Ipad and is learning how to send and receive emails. Chris is painting her shed and sowing seeds. Lynne is trying to finish the rag rug she started last year and to knit her granddaughter a cardigan. Shirley and Doreen are crocheting and knitting headbands to help keep face masks on whilst Yvonne and other members are making drawstring laundry bags for NHS workers. Rosie is delivering food parcels for the Acorns hospice.

We have also shared favourite poems. Liz Every collated and circulated them online. The choices ranged from the ones that make you laugh like “The Archers and Adultery” (from An ABC of the Archers), “Smart Phone-Dumb User” (Rick Cotton) to some that just seem right for the time such as “On A Lane In Spring (John Clare) and “The Horse” (Ronald Duncan). Particularly poignant, however, is “People Stayed Home” written by Katherine O’Meara in 1869 after the Irish Famine. It has real resonance for the times we find ourselves in.

Finally, we are planning for the future. Lockdown won’t be for ever and we will be ready! Top of the agenda will be a really good party to celebrate being able to see our friends again, but we will also have lots of fundraising to do to help the vulnerable who will have suffered much more than us over the last weeks or months

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AGM Entertainment Report

It's has been a very busy year for us all but we have also had time to socialise as well. Some fund raisers could also come under the heading social/entertainment such as the Coffee morning at Chris's on April 13th to start the year off.



April saw us joining with Catshill W.I. for a trip to the Royal Mint, situated just outside Cardiff. We had a very interesting tour seeing all the metals used, how they were stamped out and also the coin collection in the museum also on the site. We didn't manage to get any free samples though. This was followed on our way home by a stop at the Brecon Beacons for a High Tea provided by the local WI. They did us proud and we all agreed a good time was had by all.

June saw us off on another trip, this time to The Red House Glass Cone. We had a very full day. After having refreshments on our arrival we were taken to the workshop where we were instructed in the methods and equipment we could use to produce our own piece of glass art. We all did very well considering it was a completely new experience for most of us. We were then taken on a tour of the glass works and also saw a demonstration of glass blowing.

After a delicious lunch in the cafe we had free time to explore the workshops on the site and maybe do some retail therapy before heading home at our leisure. We left all our pieces of art work behind to be fired and the pieces arrived a couple of weeks later to be distributed.

July was the annual picnic evening at the Avoncroft Museum for the Oddsocks summer performance. A very pleasant way to spend a summer evening.

January saw us at the Artrix in Bromsgrove for the Oddsocks Pantomime, we do enjoy our Oddsocks events.

We have more social events organized for the coming year but all is now on hold due to the Corona Virus.

Chris Curnow

A morning at Maggs Clothing Project, by a volunteer

In the March edition of the magazine, an article about the Maggs Clothing Project written by a volunteer. More details are as follows:

Maggs Clothing Project provides clean, dry clothes and bedding for homeless and other particularly vulnerable people in the Worcester area. When a homeless person makes the step to proper accommodation, we also provide some essentials – like a kettle and saucepans – to help get them started.

To help us in this work, we welcome your donations of:

- Men's clothing: Trousers and jeans; shoes and trainers; underwear; T-shirts; jumpers; shirts; coats and waterproofs
- Women's clothing: Trousers and jeans; shoes and trainers; underwear; T-shirts; jumpers; shirts; coats and waterproofs
- Household goods: Kitchen items such as crockery, cutlery, breadboards or other utensils
- Bedding and towels
- Electrical goods such as toasters, kettles, microwaves, vacuum cleaners
- Tinned food
- Rucksacks and sleeping bags
- Toiletries: Soap, shaving foam, razors, shampoo

Sorry, we cannot make use of glassware, feather bedding, tents or kitchen knives.

We moved to new premises on the corner of The Tything and Castle Street in November 2017. There is an unloading bay at the back of the project on Britannia Road, opposite the Magistrates Court but there is often short term parking on The Tything itself. Unfortunately we can only accept donations when the clothing project is open – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 -12.

Maggs needs your help to continue its good work. You can donate on line at our website where you can read more about our work - www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/ or via cheque (Maggs Day Centre) C/o Mel Kirk, Maggs Annexe, 59-60 The Tything, Worcester, WR1 1JT

Maggs also provides guest speakers for community meetings – Women's Institutes, Rotary clubs etc. If you would like someone from Maggs to come and talk to your group please contact Mel Kirk at the address above.

Webheath Digital Photography Club

The annual competition against Kempsey on 3 February was won by WDPC. These are a couple of the four top scorers – all ours – by Graeme Tozer (Snowdonia Sunset) and Keith Waldron (Catch of the Day).



The following week we had a Knock-out competition. It is usual for the voting to become



closer as the finals approach but for some reason (quality images?) voting was close all through the evening, a fact remarked on by many present. After a tight tussle the winner was "Singing in the Rain" by new member Kate Jervis (2), "2" because she is the second of that name to join us!

On 24 February Jon Jones gave us a two-part talk. His opening theme was "The Floosie in the Jacuzzi", a reference to the statue in the pool, now filled, in the centre of Birmingham. Starting his photographic life with landscapes he moved to townscapes. A major project has been compiling a record of the changing face of Birmingham from the 70s (on film) to now (digital). He generally chose high vantage points with panoramic views and wide-angle internal shots, with many night shots. For the second part of his talk he took us round his favourite parts of the world, highlighting the architecture, especially when he spied symmetry. Landscapes also featured from Iceland, enhanced by the light, but his favourite corner is New Zealand.



March began with an Assignment night with members invited to illustrate "Song Titles" or "Blue". Phil Shakles' light-and-shade image of "Tulips from Amsterdam" was one that fitted the bill nicely.

The following week was an "Open House" night with members passing on their expertise with demonstrations and talks on a variety of photographic and software editing topics. Graham Bastock described his method for getting his long exposures, from seconds to minutes or even all night, using his powerful filters. The hardest part, he said, was getting up before dawn in remote locations. Dave Woodhead then showed how to make 3D images with a single camera and some free software. The evening concluded with a demonstration of the Club's equipment for cutting and mounting prints.

Our April programme begins on the 6th with Andy Beele returning to cover the new topic of Digital Monochrome Prints. After the Easter Monday break we return on April 20 to learn what Colin Trow-Poole has to say about the photography of "People and Places". The month concludes with an Assignment on "Transport" or "Creative".

The Village Hall, Webheath, is our usual venue on Monday evenings at 7:30, except Bank Holidays and through Christmas and the New Year. Anyone with an interest in digital photography is very welcome to come along to our regular meetings. In the summer we will be missing from the Village Hall on our evening photoshoots which begin on June 15. The Club's website is webheathdpc.com where you can find details, such as our programme and how to contact us. You can also find us at www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC and on Facebook as Webheath Digital Photography Club.

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