



# TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON PARISH MAGAZINE



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### TIBBERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

#### Home Deliveries

While the Shop has to remain closed during lockdown, we continue to support our valued customers by:-



1. Home deliveries of groceries, milk, bread, in fact anything we have in stock. To order these please call the Tibberton and Cherrington Community Support Helpline on **01952 700749** from **10am-4pm** daily.
2. Newspapers and magazines can be ordered to collect from the Shop using the **Newspapers Order** form in the 'Contact Us' section of our website: <https://www.tibbertonvillageshop.co.uk> or by leaving a message on the Shop's telephone: 01952 551321.
3. Bloomers artisan bread, pastries and cakes can be ordered using the **Bread Order** form in the 'Contact Us' section of our website or by leaving a message on the Shop's telephone: 01952 551321, by no later than 5pm on Tuesday, for delivery to your door on Saturday morning. (Orders are placed late on Tuesday.)

We currently have 24 regular customers for home deliveries from the Shop. Last week, the average number of customers was 6 per day, each buying 10 items on average. The top selling items are milk, eggs, bacon, bread and chocolate, but we have sold almost 70 different types of product. We also have 21 customers who order Bloomers bread for delivery on Saturday mornings.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who are keeping working in different ways to enable our Shop to serve our community at this difficult time.

#### Grants

A month later than usual, Tibberton Community Shop invites parishioners to apply for grants for local projects and good causes. Does your group need a little financial help to buy that long-wished for item? Maybe you are thinking of starting-up a group or holding a village event after lockdown is lifted? Whatever it is, you may like to apply to the Village Shop for a grant.

The simplest way to apply is online through our website at:-

<https://www.tibbertonvillageshop.co.uk> Click on the link at the top of the Home page, fill out the form and when you click on 'Submit' your completed application will be emailed straight to our Secretary. (I said it was easy!)

Paper application forms are available outside the Shop from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June - on the left-hand column by the door. Completed paper application forms can be returned to the Shop. Please mark the envelope "Grant Application 2020. FAO: TCS Secretary".

Whichever route you use, the deadline for completed applications to be received is by **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**, no later! The Committee will review all applications and advise the applicants of their awards on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Re-opening


With the Government discussing the options to lift the lockdown, the Shop's Committee is looking at the possible ways in which we can re-open for business while maintaining 2m social distancing and protecting our volunteers and customers. This ranges from marking out the car park to facilitate social distancing, the provision of PPE for volunteers

and the addition of perspex screens around the till area. As soon as we can give you more news, we will.

Best wishes to all our volunteers and customers, stay safe and well.

**BRIDGE PROBLEM**

Daring and uncertain small slams are one of the most exciting elements of the game of Bridge. Generally, it is constructive to bid a small slam with one certain loser and the 12<sup>th</sup> trick depending on one finesse (a 50% slam). It is dangerous but exciting to bid a small slam depending on two finesses (a 25% slam) and it is foolish to bid a grand slam depending on any finesses at all; be happy to score up the small slam! Here is an example of a bravely bid and brilliantly played small slam.

<b><u>NORTH</u></b>				
	Spades		6	
	Hearts		K 7 5 4 3 2	
	Diamonds		Q 2	
	Clubs		J 6 4 3	
<b><u>WEST</u></b>		<b><u>EAST</u></b>		
	Spades	J 4 3 2	Spades	K Q 10 8 7
	Hearts	J 8	Hearts	10 9 6
	Diamonds	8	Diamonds	10 6 3
	Clubs	A K 10 9 8 5	Clubs	Q 2
<b><u>SOUTH</u></b>				
	Spades	A 9 5		
	Hearts	A Q		
	Diamonds	A K J 9 7 5 4		
	Clubs	7		

With such exotic shapes the bidding was lively to say the least, with all four players involved. North/South reached the 6 Diamond small slam, not by the most elegant or scientific route, but that is another story!

West led the Ace of Clubs and then switched to the singleton 8 of Diamonds. Can you make the necessary 12 tricks and, if so, how? Solution on the last page

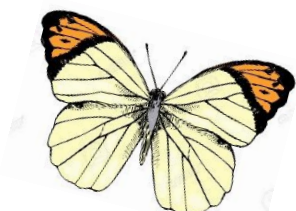
**FROM OUR WILDLIFE WATCHER - Sunny weather lifts our spirits**

We are progressing through the year and a month seems a long time as we also progress through this Coronavirus and the resultant lockdown, but are cheered that various businesses are now being encouraged to carefully resume work. By the time you read this, it is to be hoped that some semblance of 'normal' life is starting to appear. Although we wonder what degree of 'normal' it will be and when we can return to our previous 'normal'?



Nature has of course simply been 'getting on with life' in all its forms, unaware of the toll Covid-19 has been taking on our human lives. The reduction in traffic levels initially dropped to 1950s levels and whilst we are privileged to live in relative peace and quiet in rural Shropshire, even we have noticed how much easier it is to hear the birdsong, the bees buzzing and the breezes stirring the trees. The gloriously sunny and warm weather in April was not just what we needed to lift our spirits, but exactly what our butterflies needed too.

Butterflies can fly in air temperatures as cool as 55°F/12°C but they need to keep their body temperature warm by staying in sunlight or gently fluttering their wings, so temperatures in the high-teens and above were perfect for them. For their success, butterflies and moths also need habitats with food providing nectar as they are pollinators and without them our crops will fail Whilst there are four common and widespread species of white butterfly which are frequently seen in gardens and other habitats - the Large White, Small White, Green-veined White and Orange-tip - the one most in



evidence in our part of Tibberton has been the Orange Tip butterflies. The males of these mainly white butterflies are unmistakable, with their distinctive bright orange wingtips: the females are white with black wingtips and both have mottled green underwings. Identification help can be found on the Butterfly Conservation website, and indeed information about all our butterflies and moths is available from Butterfly Conservation: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/> from where you can download identification guides and factsheets, as well as watch videos and find out the best ways to encourage butterflies and moths to visit your garden.

Whilst major surveys and monitoring activities are currently suspended for Covid-19 safety reasons, we can still take part in some important schemes by recording butterfly or moth sightings at home, even if it's just once a month.

The *Garden Butterfly Survey* allows you to record and report the butterflies that visit your garden over the whole year, and the forthcoming *Big Butterfly Count* which will run from Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is similar to the Big Garden Birdwatch, in that it aims to collect data for a 15 minute snapshot of butterfly life and sightings. The data gathered by this conservation group is important because it is used by the government to give an indication of the health of the environment and to know where conservation efforts are best targeted.

Less traffic on our roads has been a boon for all insects: instead of many of them ending their lives on the front of cars, they have been able to pollinate the crops in our fields and as part of the food chain, be just the right food gathered by adult birds for their youngsters.

New life is springing up all around and simply walking around our village of Tibberton or Cherrington or spending time in our gardens listening and observing all around has never been more beneficial or cathartic, whether you are staying home or going to work.

Thank you to all those in the NHS, Care workers, our vets, our postmen and women; those who collect our refuse and recycling and those who drive delivery vehicles, whether to supermarkets, manufacturing companies or our homes. We really do need those businesses and industries which keep the country running. We need our public service workers, such as the NHS, and the roughly 22% of the population who count as key workers.

We applaud you all – thank you.

Enjoy watching the wildlife and together we'll get through this.

### **TIBBERTON TROT**

The amount made at the 2019 Tibberton Trot has now been finalised and as promised, here is a breakdown of the distribution of the money made.

Before the event took place, we received sponsorship and grants totalling £818. The money the sponsors donated just covered the cost of prizes, medals, goody bags for every runner, advertising flyers, printed numbers for every runner and hire charges for the playing field and pavilion which all came to £797.

Once again a big thank you to our sponsors, namely:-

Tibberton Community Shop, LogaLog, Newport Running Club, Meeson Hall, Henshalls Insurance, Be Bold Media, Aviramp, Moydens Cheese, Number 45, Wrekin Forest School and Shropshire Homes.

Each runner in the Tibberton Trot paid an online entry fee to the official organisers of the race (Run Britain). This has now been handed over to Newport Running Club, who after taking their expenses to cover insurance and first aid, presented us with a profit of £1627.

This has been distributed as follows -

£500 - All Saints Church

£350 – Tibberton School PTA

£100 – Newport X-Ray Appeal

£100 – Tibberton Toddlers

£ 50 – Lilleshall Brownies (where Tibberton Brownies now meet)



The surplus £527 is set aside towards the expenses of the next Tibberton Trot. We would love this to be in September 2020, but who knows when it will be.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

Sunday Worship is continuing during lockdown using ZOOM – if it is good enough for Parliament it is OK for us! Now we are all a little more used to the technology and the best way to use it, the services are very enjoyable. On Easter Sunday, Revd Helen celebrated Holy Communion from the Rectory in Edgmond and was joined by 50 devices of varying kinds, linked to about 65 people. The Host, Revd Helen, cleverly mutes all the participants, which cuts out the background noise from people's homes. In this way each of us only hears Revd Helen, and when it comes to the time for readings and prayers, individual microphones are un-muted to allow those doing the readings to be heard. By far the most interesting part, in terms of the technology, is singing the hymns. Revd Helen plays recorded organ music from her computer and each participant sings in the splendid isolation of their own home. It is a bit like Corporal Jones doing drill in Dad's Army – we may all start together, but everybody finishes in their own time! Before and after the Service, all microphones are un-muted so you can chat to others who are online.



If you wish to join us for any Services, please contact Revd Helen by email [Helen.Morby@btinternet.com](mailto:Helen.Morby@btinternet.com) and she will add you to the email distribution list for details on dates / times and how to join the Zoom service.

As well as Services, we have used Zoom for a Zoofee Morning – a Coffee Morning on Zoom – bring your own coffee and join in any time during the hour long session for a chat.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, the CEO of Christian Aid, has written to all of those involved in helping with Christian Aid Week this month:-

*“Many of you will have been planning house-to-house collections and events. Under the current circumstances, sadly, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections should not go ahead. In particular, along with many churches, events such as Big Brekkies or Lent lunches, where food is shared, cannot go ahead. We are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time. Christian Aid Week is our single-most important fundraiser, so we would welcome your ideas on how we can creatively show love for our neighbours at home and abroad, as a community.”*

As for the work of Christian Aid around the world, Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience. People in poorer countries are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps. They also do not have good healthcare infrastructures. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.

More at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

## **HOW TO MAKE YOUR WIFE MORE EFFICIENT**

An efficiency expert was delivering a seminar on time management for a company's junior executives. He concluded the session with a disclaimer: “But whatever you do, do NOT attempt these task-organising tips at home,” he said.

When he was asked why not, he explained: “Well, I did a study of my wife's routine of making breakfast. I noticed she made a lot of trips between the refrigerator and the stove, the table and the cabinets, each time carrying only one item. So, I told her: ‘Darling you are making too many trips back and forth carrying one item at a time. If you would only try carrying several things at once you would be much more efficient.’” He paused.

“Did that save time?” one of the executives asked.

“Actually, yes,” the expert answered, “It used to take her 15 minutes to make my breakfast. Now I get my own in seven minutes.”



## **St. JAMES THE LEAST – On how to run a notice board**

*The Rev Dr. Gary Bowness with another of his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace', a Rector of the old school, to his trendy Curate nephew.*



*My dear Nephew Darren,*

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one – and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying 'all are welcome' may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last bonfire night. That the Scouts' bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, a complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts' collective smirk during the following week's Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs' collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus 'So light up the fire and let the flames burn' only increased suspicion.

On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly, various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away. However, the note the last one left you, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring *you* something, since you had so little left, was quite touching.

Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers Club be seen as biblical? Why is the Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here's the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year's bonfire night.

Your loving Uncle Eustace

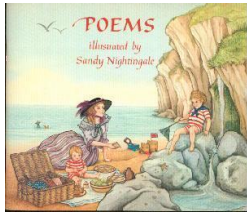
## **EASTER EGG DONATIONS BREAK RECORDS**

This Spring a record breaking 3,000 Real Easter Eggs were bought and donated to food banks through a usually 'quiet' online scheme. The 'Donate an egg to a food bank scheme' is run by the Meaningful Chocolate Company which, for the past ten years, has been making The Real Easter Egg.



David Marshall CEO said: "What is moving is that people were donating their purchase to someone they will never meet or hear from, but they trust that the Easter story, which comes with each egg, will make a difference and the chocolate egg give a treat. One customer told us she had a legacy from her father and wanted to use some of it to send a pallet of eggs to those in need.

"Ten years ago, churches and schools helped us create The Real Easter Egg, with its copy of the Easter story in the box, and its support of Fairtrade chocolate and charitable causes. There can be no more fitting a tribute than for us to continue to support, share and give to those in need."



## Poems

Illustrated by Sandy Nightingale  
Medici Society. Paperback  
ISBN: 0855030569  
All ages

There are times when you don't necessarily want to concentrate to read something which is very long, and dipping into this book of poems could be just the right thing now, when we all need distracting and at the same time want the ability to 'save something for later'. This selection of poems are timeless classics from poets such as William Blake, Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Kingsley, William Shakespeare and Thomas Hardy. Many you may already know, but there are also those poems which are not the obvious choices of poems by the poets and which are generally not so well known at all. All the poems are richly descriptive, conveying atmosphere and depth of the poet's understanding of his subject, as well as life's staples of joy and sadness.

Seen in the company of Sandy Nightingale's colourful and intricately detailed illustrations, as well as her line drawings, brings them to life anew. This book serves as a great introduction to these poets as well as a handy reminder that poets don't always need lots of words to express the highs and lows of life.

### About the illustrator

*Sandy Nightingale preferred drawing to playing with dolls when she was a child. She has worked as a freelance illustrator since leaving Art School and after years of illustrating the work of others, she has now written and illustrated several children's picture books which have been published around the world. She has also collaborated with Sandy Toksvig on several books, adding her own unique dimension to Sandi's words.*

*'Poems' is part of a wonderful series of children's book published by the Medici Society between 1962 and 1998, of which there are 95 titles. The illustrations are simultaneously classic, redolent of an age gone by but spell-binding and captivating in an almost mystical way, beloved by today's grandparents and being discovered by today's children.*

'Bookworm'

### BRIDGE SOLUTION

The switch to the singleton Diamond cut down potential ruffs in Dummy. This was good defence because any other lead at trick two enables declarer to ruff two losing Spades and sail home. Now, with only one Spade ruff available, South needed a third trick in Hearts to discard the second losing Spade.



Winning the Diamond lead in hand, South cached the Ace and then the Queen of Hearts, needing both opponents to follow, as indeed they did. Now came the moment of decision. South had two choices – to assume the Diamond suit was splitting 2-2 and the Heart suit was splitting 3-2, in which case a Diamond to the Queen in Dummy would draw the outstanding opponents' trumps and the Heart suit would then provide a dumping ground for the two losing Spades – or – to ruff a Spade with Dummy's last trump and then, needing now only one Spade discard, lead the King of Hearts.

South paused to consider and remembered that West's bidding (2 bids of Clubs and a single raise of East's cheeky Spade overcall) indicated a hand containing 6 Clubs and 4 Spades and therefore only 3 cards in the red suits and West had already followed to the two leads of Hearts – therefore the Diamond was a singleton. So, South, trusting this analysis, ruffed a Spade in Dummy and led the King of Hearts. Phew! West could only discard. Returning to hand via a Club ruff, South now led out two rounds of trumps to draw East's remaining threat and claimed the Small Slam. Well played indeed!