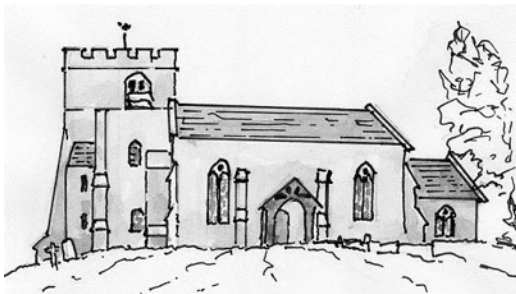
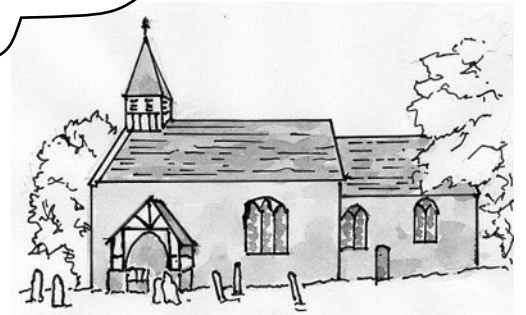


# Frome Valley News

The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome, Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



*Newsletter*  
*March 25*



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## Frome Valley Lottery Results

**Here are the lottery results for February & March 2025:**

### **February 2025:**

<b>£25 91 Tina Bulloch</b>	<b>CI</b>
<b>£20 28 Jennifer Blackler</b>	<b>BH</b>
<b>£15 105 Dorothy Masters</b>	<b>CI</b>
<b>£10 351 Karen Jones</b>	<b>MH</b>
<b>£10 267 Howard Colgrave</b>	<b>MH</b>
<b>£10 181 Graham Bonsey</b>	<b>BH</b>
<b>£10 34 Chris Wheeler</b>	<b>HL</b>

### **March 2025**

<b>£25 127 D + M Brown</b>	<b>MB</b>
<b>£20 153 Malcom + Mary Penny</b>	<b>GW</b>
<b>£15 417 David Partridge</b>	<b>PD</b>
<b>£10 116 Gerry Masters</b>	<b>MH</b>
<b>£10 277 Victoria Price</b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>£10 71 John Oliver</b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>£10 537 Jenny Whyte</b>	<b>MH</b>

## **Editorial:**

If you lose your paper copy of the newsletter It's always available on the new facebook page: **Frome Valley Churches**

Or website of **the village centre**  
<http://www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk/>

where it can be seen in full colour. It can also be emailed to you, contact the parish office for this service and you will be added to the list of recipients.

**We no longer have our own website, we have a facebook page instead.**

Sarah's email

[\*\*fromenews@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:fromenews@gmail.com)

**OR contact the Parish Office for more information.**

## Vicar's Letter

“The Lord God formed a man from the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”  
(*Genesis 2.7*)

“Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” go the familiar words of the Committal following a funeral at the graveside or at the burial of ashes following cremation. These are strong words that remind us all of our mortality, that our bodies are made up of earthly elements and that we will one day return to the earth from which our bodies were made. Well, unless like my Dad, you want your ashes blasted up into space on a rocket. (Like I'm going to spend a small fortune doing that... don't tell him!)



In Old Testament times people put ashes on their heads as a sign of repentance, a way of showing God that they were sorry for the things they had done wrong. This often went hand in hand with wearing sackcloth, rough, uncomfortable clothing to keep the penitent mindful of their sinful state. In my last parish we had a plain set of coarse linen vestments for use in Lent, they were neither real sackcloth nor uncomfortable to wear, but they did serve as a reminder that we were in a penitential season.

Whilst we may not go around wearing sackcloth and ashes these days, it is useful to take time out during Lent to reflect on our lives, our mortality and to think about what we might like to change. To repent means to turn around. The liturgy throughout Lent allow us space to engage with some of this self reflection and think about what we need to turn around in our lives.

Lent begins with ash, ash that is smeared onto our foreheads in the sign of a cross at the Ash Wednesday service. The ashing is accompanied by words, words spoken to Adam by God as he is thrown out of the garden of Eden, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (*Genesis 3.19*) These are the final words of a speech by God outlining the consequences of eating that apple, the rest being a run down of how hard life is going to be for him. These final words remind him that he is mortal, that he will one day die. But it doesn't end there, the priest administering the ash will then give good counsel, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.” before moving on to the next penitent and repeating the process.

We then go home and probably give our foreheads a good scrub!

Lent begins on 5<sup>th</sup> March with our Ash Wednesday service at 7pm in Bishops Frome. I hope to see you there.

Blessings

Steven

**Frome Valley Group of Parishes – Safeguarding**

**Please could anyone who takes part in organising, leading and/or helping with any church activity involving children, young people or vulnerable adults, ensure that they have a valid DBS check i.e. one carried out by the Frome Valley Benefice within the last 3 years.**

**The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is now Carl Steventon 07593 817717**

**or [carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org) Parish Safeguarding: Reverend Steven Baggs.**





## BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE

The Green, Bishops Frome, WR6 5AR

[bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://bishopsfromecentre.co.uk)

for much more information & hiring charges



To arrange to have a look round

**contact** Wendy Roberts on 01885 490327

or email [bishfromecentre@aol.com](mailto:bishfromecentre@aol.com)

### WHAT'S ON WEEKLY March 2025

Please contact group leaders before attending

#### Monday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Internet Café, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981
- Board Games, 2- 4pm, first Mondays, 3 March, Susanna 01885 490 440
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

#### Tuesday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- B Fit for Life, stretch & mobility class, 2.30-3.30pm, Angie Box, 07530 420 554
- Zumba with Laura, 7.30pm, 07411 765272

#### Wednesday

- Needlecraft, 2-4pm, Judy 01531 640 358
- Kazuko Kick Boxing, 7pm, 07495 427 993

#### Thursday

### Coffee morning,

10 – 12, March 6

First Thursdays, just turn up



- Valley Voices, James, alternate Thursdays, 6 & 20 March, 07963 754873,
- Bingo with Jo, for various good causes. 13 & 27 Mar, start 7.30pm 07804 045366
- Ward Councillor Surgery, Rebecca Tully, First Thursdays, Mar 6, 10-12. 07792 882 052

#### Friday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Shanties, 2 – 4 pm first Fridays, (7 Mar) Richard 01531 640768
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112



Mon	13.45 to 16.45
Tues	13.00 to 14.30
Wed	9.00 to 12.00
Thurs	9.00 to 12.00

## We are now taking bookings online

to streamline the admin for you and us!

Start at the [bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://bishopsfromecentre.co.uk)

**BOOK HERE** button or tab.

At the bottom of the page, you will find the scheduler: at the top of it select the room that you want - this makes it easier to see what's available. Click the + next to the date you would like.

It's simple and full instructions are there.

**Please email or call if you have a special event in mind or need help to book.**



### DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

ADD YOUR VOICE



## VALLEY VOICES

BISHOPS FROME'S  
COMMUNITY CHOIR

THAT ANYONE over 18 CAN JOIN

No scary auditions—just come along and enjoy singing fun, upbeat, uplifting songs.

Choir Leader: James Wall 07963 754 873

Alternate Thursdays, 7.30-9pm, £6 a session,

includes a drink. Next 6 March, 20 March

First session free.

**Bishops Frome Village Centre WR6 5AR**

# Conquest Theatre

## Event Cinema

**March 2nd Jesus Christ Superstar recorded live arena tour 7pm**

An exciting and contemporary interpretation of this amazing show

**March 13th A Night with Janis Joplin the musical (12A) 7.30pm**

Captured live at the Sadlers Wells Peacock Theatre celebrating her extraordinary musical journey

**March 18th Exhibition on Screen - Dawn of Impressionism - Paris 1874 7.30pm**

Featuring the Musee d'Orsay exhibition

**March 20th RB&O Romeo & Juliet 7.15pm**

Shakespeare's classic brought to life through dance

**March 21st NY Met Fidelio 5pm**

Fidelio's unusual setting, glorious score and life-affirming aura make this a unique experience

**March 27th NT Live Dr Strangelove 7pm**

Steve Coogan plays all four roles in this world premiere

**March 30th Billy Elliot the musical 7pm**

Based on the film this musical has won the hearts of all who have seen it

## Live on stage

**March 6/7/8 Conquest Productions Macbeth (Japanese style) 7.30pm**

Shakespeare as you will never have seen it, directed by Hugh Farey the production is set in Japan fully costumed in Japanese style

**March 13th Our Star Theatre Company Hannay Stands Fast 7.30pm** A thriller based on The 39 Steps

**March 22nd Swing from Paris 7.30pm** This exciting quartet play music based on the swing bands of the 1930's  
Films Borderlines

**March 11th The Crime is Mine (15) 7.30pm**

**March 14th The Critic (15) 7.30pm**

For full programme details or to book visit [conquest-theatre.co.uk](http://conquest-theatre.co.uk)

Ticket office open Wednesday & Saturday 10.30-12.30 phone 01885 488575

Coffee shop open Saturday morning

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

### NEW CHURCH GATES

The PCC chose the Tinton Brothers of Bromyard out of three quotations that were received. The gates were made by apprentice James Pullen who is Bromyard born and bred. They were fitted by James and d Tinton both appearing in the photograph above.




The gates are exact replicas of the gates that have served the church for many years which were provided by the Wragg family in memory of a family member.


### COMMUNITY "FETE AT THE GATE" 5th JULY

Following the success of this joint venture in the last two years, St Mary's will be playing its usual part by manning Produce and Bric-a-Brac stalls. Any suggestions for other stalls and offers of help to run them will be very welcome.

Your churchwardens and PCC members are always willing and available to hear your views on any church related matters, contact numbers are on the church notice boards and in the Frome Valley News




**How the vote was won -  
The suffrage campaign in  
Herefordshire**



**A six week course by Clare Wichbold at  
Bromyard and District Local History Centre  
2-4pm Wednesday afternoons  
12th 19th 26th March, 2nd 9th 16th April—  
16th will be a day out  
£35**

**booking essential before 21st February  
[anna.ross@live.co.uk](mailto:anna.ross@live.co.uk)**

**Pay online, at History Centre or HOB'S shop**



# Public Meeting

## Future of St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop

The current PCC (Parochial Church Council) is standing down at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Searching for the next volunteers to form the PCC as the church of St James the Greater Stanford Bishop is in danger of closing.

**St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop,**

**is looking to welcome new officers for 2024/25:**

**Church Warden**, this role includes helping at church services and overseeing the general maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

**Treasurer**, this role includes preparing yearly accounts based on payments and receipts method, handling payments of invoices and banking of monies.

**Secretary**, this role would include taking minutes at PCC and AGM meetings. Liaising information from the Church Parish office and Hereford Diocesan office.

**General PCC members** are also needed to help with the yearly running of the church and fundraising events.

I invite you to visit **Diocese of Hereford website** – Parish Support – Parish Officers, to gain more information on the rolls. Being on the Parish Electoral Roll will help. If you would like to undertake any of the above positions

**Please contact Jetta Hawkins, 07973 239778.**

Hello there! Deadlines mean that you'll read this later, but I'm certainly very glad this week of multiple days of sunshine, and a fair few snowdrops too! It's been needed for sure!

What I've been up to:

Flooding and Drainage:

I've got a number of avenues to follow up having met with the Red Lion pub and residents to do with Storridge flooding and drainage. Hoping that some of this can be fitted into plans for next year's highways.

Budget:

By the time you read this, there will be a new budget for Herefordshire for next year. I'll be pushing for a commitment on joined-up road fixing so that different agencies (and us!) know what's coming up; planning enforcement training - which seems linked to a number of issues that residents come to me with; and continuing to prioritise investing in buses that are useful for areas like ours.

Buses to School:

I've been supporting some residents with bus issues, incredibly important for kids getting to school. Working with other neighbouring councillors, I'm trying to find out what would support our local businesses best who are running these buses to be able to to keep the infrastructure going. We have so few buses, we need to keep the ones we have! In the near future, a few colleagues and I are pushing for a Bus Summit to agree more services for the area.

Housing:

I've been talking to Platform Housing group about their ground maintenance - if you've got any issues where you live, managed by Platform, do get in touch.

Feedback on Balfour Beatty Performance:

I've fed back to Balfour Beatty following the 2 week road closure of the A4103. I hope that the diversion didn't have an impact on your area too much. My feedback:

Different communications needed for residents, as opposed to through-traffic - the map and text deterred large vehicles brilliantly - but didn't help manage the expectations of the more local road users

Signage for the closure, and clarity around businesses being open

Communications around re-opening - there was an instance of the opening being publicised ahead of the road actually being open.

Planning and the Council:

I stood in for another colleague in Planning Committee, which supports planning decisions across the county. Useful to get up to speed on process which I hope will be helpful in the Ward! One issue around planning is the new national target for house building, the target on numbers has drastically increased. Parish councils will have more detail soon, but in short - each area is affected slightly differently, and applications do still need to go through the proper process.

I think that will do for now! Take good care and enjoy the early sunshine...

Rebecca

*My regular surgery times are Monthly – First Monday mornings 10-12 (Cradley Village Hall) and Thursday mornings 10-12 (Bishops Frome Village Centre), both of these coincide with the post office and a cuppa – either with the craft group or the coffee morning! You're welcome to either, wherever you're based.*

*If you'd like to keep in touch with what's going on – follow me on Facebook – Cllr Rebecca Tully is my name – I do try and update as regularly as possible!*

*My email is [Rebecca.tully@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.tully@herefordshire.gov.uk)*

## FRIENDS OF FROME CHURCHES

Some of you may not have heard of Friends of Frome Churches or wondered how you could be one of the list of prize winners in the monthly draw, the result of which appear in The Frome Valley News.

Friends of Frome Churches is a charity whose objects are to provide funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings and churchyards of the churches within The Frome Valley Group. Each parish can apply to the charity for assistance with restoration and improvement of their respective church and churchyard. We have recently paid towards a new path at Much Cowarne and some painting work at Evesbatch.

We are looking for new committee members and collectors for the coming year. If you can help in anyway please contact [christineing2005@gmail.com](mailto:christineing2005@gmail.com)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 24th March 2005 at 7.30pm at Bishops Frome Village Centre.  
ALL WELCOME

### Over the Burley Gate

**Whilst the world has been suffering pain through fires, floods, wars – we could not have anticipated or imagined the pain of our local community so diminished by death. We have had to say farewell to so many of our friends and neighbours. In their time they were the ‘bricks and mortar’ of village life and the rural community. They were involved and engaged in fetes, school, whist drives, events and organisations. They could be relied upon for support when needed.**

**The personal and community loss has brought us naturally together for the process of mourning, but something more organic has also developed. A beautiful web of awareness, kindness, caring and support is being spun. As with the spider much of the spinning is unseen, but it comes in the form of a little note, meals offered, popping to a neighbour, giving time to listen and oh! so much sharing – sharing, talking with concern.**

**May we continue to give as much to our Community so that it is the loving, welcoming and friendly place laid down by those we have now lost. We have their example – may we dare to follow their good pathway?**

*I feel the poem below expresses the spirit of our Community. Audrey Nunn*

### **The Unbroken by Rashani Rea**

There is a brokenness  
out of which comes the unbroken,  
a shatteredness  
out of which blooms the unshatterable.  
There is a sorrow  
beyond all grief which leads to joy  
and a fragility  
out of whose depths emerges strength.  
There is a hollow space  
too vast for words  
through which we pass with each loss,  
out of whose darkness  
we are sanctioned into being.  
There is a cry deeper than all sound  
whose serrated edges cut the heart  
as we break open to the place inside  
which is unbreakable and whole,  
while learning to sing.





# Castle Frome March 2025 News, Views & Muse

## Hilary's Nature Diary

An unfamiliar flash of salmon pink near the church I rarely see a bullfinch these days, so this sighting was quite special. A female was close by, less glamorous in her dusty pink outfit but with the same black cap and white rump. Bullfinches pair for life so are often seen as a duo.

*Pyrrhula pyrrhula* is adept at consuming fruit tree flower buds. Historically, this caused an eternal battle for fruit growers as trees were stripped, but a decline in bullfinch numbers in recent decades means their impact is significantly reduced. I could not hear the soft penny whistle call, but I was reminded of the fact that in the past people would teach bullfinches to whistle a tune. Do listen to this extraordinary example: [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05k2xc8](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05k2xc8)



## Calendar From The Old Farmers Almanac

### March 2025

**March 4** is Mardi Gras (aka Shrove Tuesday), which is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.

**March 5** is Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent.

**March 9** is the start of Daylight saving, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

**March 15** is the Ides of March! Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!

**March 17** is St Patrick's Day. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.

**March 20** brings about the March Equinox also called the spring

equinox in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring.

**March 29-31** are known as the Borrowing Days. According to lore, the last three days of March have a reputation for being stormy.



Communion Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00am



Family Service

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
10.00am

This is a reverent and informal service for the family of the Church. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and squash served at the close of the service, offering a time to socialise.



## Holiday House to let New Quay Wales Stunning position

Situated in New Quay on the heritage coast between Cardigan and Aberystwyth. This four bedroom house (sleeps 8) has been converted so the living area is on the first floor to take advantage of the outstanding panoramic views (see the picture above taken from the house). The house is situated on a quiet no through road overlooking the sandy beaches and across Cardigan Bay towards Snowdonia. The house is ideally situated for bird watching, walking (the coastal path is at the end of the terrace road) and the beaches. Boat trips for fishing or to see the local colony of bottle nose dolphins and wildlife are available from the quay. Water sports hire and instruction are available in the harbour for all levels of experience. The usual seaside amenities including pubs, restaurants, cafes, fish and chips and shops are all within 5 minutes walking distance. Available all year for weeks or short breaks. Cost per week from £400.00 to £850.00.

Phone 07889 106533 Email [mhoskins242@gmail.com](mailto:mhoskins242@gmail.com)

### **SAVE OUR SHOP** **BISHOPS FROME COMMUNITY SHOP** **Your community shop needs you!**

**Bishops Frome Community Shop is at risk of closing unless we can get customers through the door and new volunteers!**

**Covid hit the shop very hard, some customers didn't return! We are struggling financially as running costs are so high and trade for a small community shop like this is not good at present.**

**We need new ideas to shop. Do we sell what you will be holding a meeting on at Bishops Frome Village and support us in our time the community of Bishops welcome, we're always anyone, especially those others, so please help us to been serving the community**



**February and so we feel that we are needed in the village. We try to use local suppliers where possible to supply our customers with good quality goods.**

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**encourage people to use the need? Please let us know. We Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Centre. Please come along of need. We try to provide Frome with a friendly available for a chat to who are more isolated than keep going. The shop has for 17 years on the 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## **St Mary's Bishops Frome – Music Recital Series 2025**

All the following recitals will be performed in  
St Mary's Church, Bishops Frome.

These recitals are free, but please do give generously to help  
cover the costs. Tea & cake served after the recitals

### **Saturday 22nd March 1.15pm - Pergolesi, Stabat Mater**

Alexis Hutchinson and Hannah Grove, Contraltos, (Worcester Cathedral) and Duncan  
Jones, piano/organ (Ex Director of Music at St Mary's, Bishops Frome)

### **Saturday 26th April Tea Time Concert at 4pm**

Hazel Landey, bassoon and James Wall, piano/organ (Director of Music at St Mary's,  
Bishops Frome)

### **Saturday 3rd May 1.15pm**

Kate Cheetham, organ, (Director of Music at St Michael's Ledbury)

### **Saturday 7th June 1.15pm**

Piers Maxim, organ, (Director of Music at Great Malvern Priory)

### **Saturday 19th July 1.15pm**

Peter Shepherd, organ (Director of Music at Chesterfield Parish Church)

### **Saturday 23rd August 1.15pm**

Roger Judd. (Director of Music at St. Michael's Tenbury)

### **Saturday 6th September 1.15pm**

Andrew Caskie, organ (Managing Director of Nicholson Organs)

### **Saturday 18th October 1.15pm**

A Taste of Tudor Tunes

## **St Mary's Bishops Frome**

### **Music recital - March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.15pm**



### **Pergolesi Stabat Mater**

**Alexis Hutchinson & Hannah Grove, Contraltos**

**Dr Duncan Jones, piano/organ**

**The Trustees of Bromyard Foodbank and Money Advice Centre would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks to the kind and generous people of Bromyard and the surrounding parishes for donations of food and funds in 2024 and on-going.**

Many people have donated anonymously so we are unable to thank you personally, although we would like to. Some people and local businesses have set up regular bank standing orders or JustGiving donations which help with our cash flow to enable us purchase food, some have organised events to raise money for our charity, some have given through harvest, Christmas festivals and Easter celebrations at churches, schools and residential homes, some people buy the extra tin or packet and put it in the box in the local supermarkets. It is heartwarming to know how many people care about others in difficult situations and we can assure you that every penny and every baked bean you give is put to good use within our local community.

**Thank you so much**

If anyone reading this would be interested in becoming Foodbank Trustee or volunteer, please do get in touch by email [info@bfandmac.org.uk](mailto:info@bfandmac.org.uk) or phone 07942 672077. We would love to hear from you.

Likewise, if you are in need of our services, or please go to our website [www.bromyardfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.bromyardfoodbank.co.uk) or phone 07942 672077 for further information.

## **Frome Valley Lent Course**

**The Frome Valley Lent Course is on Thursdays, from**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

inclusive at

**Bishops Frome Village Centre**

between

**2.30pm and 3.30pm.**

Tea/Coffee is served from 2.15pm.

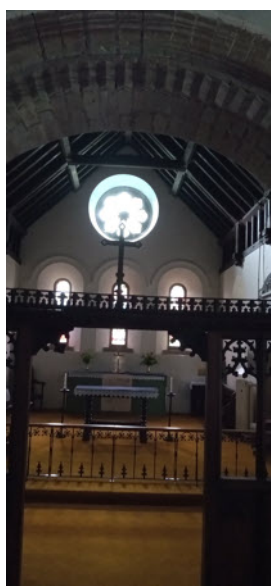
**The study will explore the letter to the Romans,  
and will be led by Rev Steven Baggs.**

There will lots of opportunity for discussion, questions and comments, and all are welcome.

Please come and join either to take part or just to listen.

You don't need to come to all sessions.

For further details please contact Joan Rose on 07816 426752 or Rev Steven.





**St James the Great at Ocle Pychard  
invites one and all to**

**the Burley Gate Village Hall**



**on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
March from 10:00 till 12:00**



**Dogs welcome**

*With  
a bring and buy stall  
& a cake stall*

**St James the Great at Ocle Pychard**

**Invites one and all to join us at church for the**

**Mother's Day Service  
On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**At 10:30**



**St James the Great at Ocle Pychard**

**Invites one and all to join us  
at church for the**

**Easter  
Service on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 2025  
at 11:00**

**Bromyard & District Local  
History Society**

**invites you to a talk,  
to be delivered by Chris Wilkinson**

**The Hill & Evans Vinegar Line and the Worcester  
Gas Works**



Find out more about the industrial history of the Shrub Hill area, now designated as a regeneration zone. Two chemists founded the world's largest vinegar works in 1830, later producing 2 million gallons of malt vinegar annually. To aid distribution, in 1872 a railway track linked the Great Filling Hall to Shrub Hill station sidings, crossing Pheasant Street and the canal. This illustrated talk will chart the line from Worcester's motive power depot to the vinegar works at Lowesmoor (now an ASDA supermarket) with many then & now names and humorous anecdotes scattered throughout the talk.

**Talk to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**at the Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road**

**7.30 pm**

**All Welcome**

Members free. Guests £6.00. book online: <https://conquest-theatre.co.uk>  
or Tel: 01885 488575 - Saturday and Wednesday mornings



# Local Holiday Cottage To Rent

Renovated and refurbished to a very high standard.

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Perfect for visiting friends and family.

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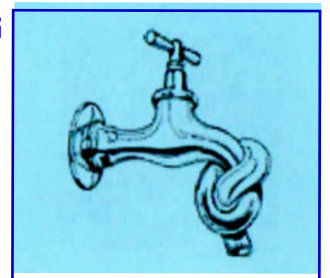
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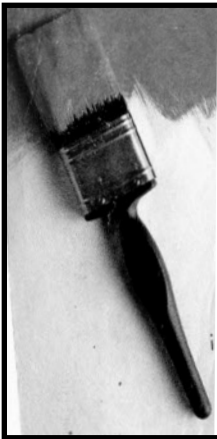
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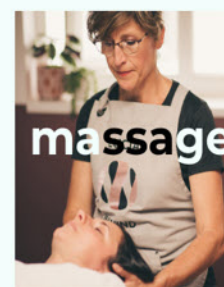
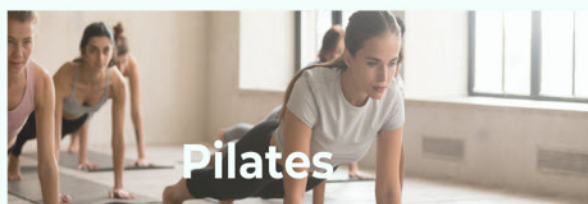
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This month's look back to the past comes from the February 1999 edition of 'Quintet'.

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THE FROME VALLEY GROUP					
March 2025					
	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
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<b>Bishops Frome</b>	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion Fr David	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion Fr David	
<b>Castle Frome</b>		10.00am Holy Communion SB		10.00am Family Service Lay Led	
<b>Evesbatch</b>					
<b>Much Cowarne</b>		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00am Group Service SB
<b>Ocle Pychard</b>					10.30am Mothering Sunday Service
<b>Stanford Bishop</b>					
	Sunday before lent Green 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2 Psalm 99 Luke 9.28-36	Lent 1 Purple Romans 10.8b-13 Psalm 91.1-2,9-16* Luke 4.1-13	Lent 2 Purple Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 Psalm 27 Luke 13.31-35	Lent 3 Purple 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Psalm 63.1-9 Luke 13.1-9	Mothering Sunday Purple Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm - Bishops Frome  
Ash Wednesday Service

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**Looking further ahead:**

#### **Maundy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**

7.00pm – Bishops Frome - Eucharist with Foot Washing

#### **Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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**FEBRUARY 2025**

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

The Burial of George Birch took place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Funeral of Kathleen Violet Smith took place on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Burial of Joyce Ince took place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at St Michael and all Angels, Castle Frome.

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