

FEBRUARY 2018

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey Great Wishford Rectory

Team Letter

I am writing this in the middle of January on a cold and grey winter's day when Christmas seems well and truly over. It is that time of year when it's easy to become low in spirits. A number of people are unwell and the news on the media is as depressing as it can be. So what can we do to cheer ourselves up? I know life is difficult for those who are housebound or bedbound but many of us need to stop being so lethargic and go out and look for signs that spring is on the way; easier to do on a sunny day I know. We've been saying for several months now that many of the flowers don't know what month it is any more. In our garden we have snowdrops, hellibores, primroses, aconites and pulmaria all in flower together and some lovely winter jasmine on the fence. I wonder what is starting to grow in your garden?

February 2nd, forty days after Christmas Day, is known by several names. In the church it is the day when we remember Jesus as a baby being taken to the Temple to be blessed. In folk law it is Candlemas Day and in America it is Groundhog Day. At Candlemas the churches were well cleaned to make sure there was no evergreen still lurking about and all the candles to be used at services in the coming year were blessed. Many years ago country people used to believe that animals, especially badgers, woke up on Candlemas Day to see if it was still winter. The old legend says that if Candlemas Day is sunny, winter is not finished yet, in which case the hibernating animals go back to sleep for another forty days. But if it is cloudy there will be an early Spring. I'll leave you to discover how the weather is on February 2nd.

When the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple the old priest, Simeon, said that he was to be a light to the whole world. Some people put the baby away with the Christmas decorations and mostly forget him for the rest of the year. But Jesus didn't stay as a baby in a manger. He grew up to show how much he cares for us all. He can be our light when days are difficult and dreary. He can light everyone's path as we step out into a new year. Easter is early this year and so on February 14th we celebrate Ash Wednesday. As we make our way through Lent may we know that Jesus goes with us, whatever the months of February and March may hold for each of us, and that at the end of Lent we will celebrate the glories and promises of Easter.

Mary Garrard

BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday 4th February – 2 before Lent

- 9.00am Steeple Langford Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Berwick St James Parish Communion (CW Traditional)
- 10.30am Winterbourne Stoke Family Service
- 10.30am Wylde Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.00am South Newton Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.00am Stapleford Mattins (BCP)
- 6.00pm Great Wishford Evening Prayer (BCP)
- 6.00pm Little Langford Evensong + Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 11th February – Sunday next before Lent

- 9.00am Wylde Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Great Wishford Parish Communion (CW)
- 10.00am Berwick St James Mattins (BCP)
- 10.30am Steeple Langford Family Communion (CW)
- 6.00pm Stockton Evensong

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday

- 7.00pm Team Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Steeple Langford (CW)

Sunday 18th February – Lent 1

- 10.00am Berwick St James Mattins (BCP)
- 10.30am Wylde Group Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.00am Stapleford Parish Communion (CW)
- 3.00pm South Newton Sung Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 25th February – Lent 2

- 9.00am Stockton Holy Communion
- 9.30am Winterbourne Stoke Parish Communion (CW Traditional)
- 10.30am Wylde Mattins (BCP)
- 6.00pm Steeple Langford Evensong + Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 4th March – Lent 3

- 9.00am Steeple Langford Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Berwick St James Parish Communion (CW Traditional)
- 10.30am Wylde Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.00am South Newton Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.00am Stapleford Mattins (BCP)
- 6.00pm Great Wishford Evening Prayer (BCP)
- 6.00pm Little Langford Evensong + Holy Communion (BCP)

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2018

This year the Ash Wednesday Team Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held on 14th February at All Saints' Church, Steeple Langford beginning at 7.00pm.

BERWICK ST JAMES**CANDLE-LIT CAROLS AT BERWICK ST JAMES**

Hark, the people of Berwick sing! A packed church ensured that full justice was done to the carols in this service of seven lessons and carols. The church had been transformed by a hard-working team into a glowing place of welcome. The only electric light came from the twinkling Christmas tree lights, which were put in the shade by scores of candles placed around the church. The children who read did so with great confidence and the soloist, who had come all the way from Britford, sang beautifully and with considerable control. At the end of the service, mulled wine and mince pies were brought round to everyone in their pews. The evening made a very enjoyable and fitting start to Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE

It may seem a little late to be writing about the Carol Service, but it is definitely worth saying how amazingly well the readers all read. The church was packed, and thanks go to Yvonne for taking the service, Martin on the organ, Star the soloist, the choir, the flower arrangers, the candle lighters and putter outers, and finally those that heated up the mince pies and mulled wine and passed them around the congregation.

We wish get well soon, and speedy recovery to all who are in hospital or are otherwise under the weather.

DANCE, FITNESS AND TONE

Free trial for new members Thursday 8th February 2018. 6.15pm Girls Guides Hut Berwick St James.

New Year – New You!

Come and join in this fun community fitness group mixing aerobics with toning and squats all set to lively music. No experience needed and all ages welcome. We have a new instructor from Girls Love Fit, Sharon, as Emma who has been amazing is taking a well-deserved maternity leave rest! We wish her well! Music requests welcome!

Fitness Pilates for Men and Women from 7pm on Thursday 8th February.

A weekly exercise class on Thursdays to strengthen body core, a great remedy for injuries and set to relaxing music so come and join in – it's a mall group!

To book your free trial or confirm attendance for new term email linda.carroll-doggrell@comshows.com or text 07900 982 861

ART HISTORY & APPRECIATION MEETINGS in Berwick St James

Monday 29th January: The Birth of the Avant-Garde and Modernism – Gericault & Delacroix to Courbet & Manet.

Monday 26th February: Genre painting in the Dutch Golden Age – from Home to Tavern. In this presentation we will discover how the Dutch 17th Century masters represented everyday life, from the well-ordered domesticity of the Leiden Fijnschilders

and the Delft masters, to the thoroughly disorderly school and tavern scenes of Jan Steen, Adriaen van Ostade and Adriaen Brouwer, full of good natured humour and moralistic finger wagging.

Monday 26th March: A Brief History of Sculpture from the Greeks to Neoclassicism. The rediscovery of Greek and Greco-Roman sculpture in the Renaissance led to many of the most iconic images of Art, influencing both the Baroque and Neoclassical masters; Donatello, Michelangelo, Bernini and Canova will be included. **Doors of the Reading room open at 7pm, with each meeting commencing 7.15pm.**

The cost/person, inclusive of wine and other beverages is £5, payable on the evening, with all proceeds donated to Reading Room funds.

Enquiries for further information and to discuss opportunities to learn more about and enjoy Fine Art first hand, are always welcome: Brian Armstrong on 790647, or brianarm100@hotmail.com

THE BOOT INN

Our Burn's Night is on Friday 26th January. Join us for traditional Burn's night specials and a wee dram or two.

Our Annual Holiday is from 1st to 14th February and our kitchen will be closed during this period. However, our bar will be open as usual. The kitchen will reopen at 12 noon on Thursday 15th February. We look forward to seeing you on our return

Italian night is on Friday 23rd February. Come and join us for some fantastic Italian dishes.

For more information see the advert elsewhere in the magazine.

GUIDES – “FRIENDS OF BERWICK”

The Friends of Berwick invite you to **CREATE A TRIO OF TREASURES FOR EASTER.**

On **Thursday March 22nd from 2pm** at Berwick Guide Centre. Design an Easter Card, make an Easter Gift, Take home your own Spring Floral decoration. Tickets £10 in include tea and cake & all your works of art. Please contact sue Marshall, s.marshall368@btinternet.com or Jean Jane jeanpeter.jane@btinternet.com to reserve a place, no later than March 1st 2018.

The “Friends” fundraising events this year are for the purchasing of more comfortable chairs for the Girl guiding Centre. We have just installed a Barn Owl box, and a couple of small bird boxes to encourage wildlife. New for this year at the Centre are a couple of sets of indoor curling games, to be used in the new lodge, which is big enough for this new venture. All we need is a smooth floor, not ice!

PLANT PRODUCE & FLOWER TABLE BERWICK ST JAMES

Dear Villagers and Friends. I am so happy to tell you that together we raised an amazing £607.93p. we didn't have a great fruit year so not many jars of chutney and preserves were made but the amazing flowers helped to make p for it. I am already thinking of this year's growing, I plan to start a new root vegetable patch and hope to have vegetables to follow on after the tomatoes and cucumbers, I haven't grown much root veg in my time, so any advice will be very helpful. If you have plants to divide and

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potted up for our table I will help, just get in touch. What a great Village we live in. Yours Aye Christine.

BERWICK OPEN GARDENS 2018

There will be an Open Gardens event, and Art and Craft Exhibition this summer.

This will be over the weekend of **23rd/24th June. Save the date!**

If you would like to help in any way, and haven't yet spoken to Neil, then please get in touch. It should be a very enjoyable weekend. Neil MacDougall 792761. email neil.macdougall@me.com

More details in the next parish magazine.

A PERPETUAL PROBLEM – DOG MESS

Several times recently dog mess has been found on the pavement on the High Street, particularly near the Reading Room. This is unpleasant for everyone, and especially for those who live directly on the High Street.

This is request for ALL dog owners to be responsible for the action of their pets and to **clean up after them**. There are litter bins in the village and all are acceptable waste bins for the bags.

THE BERWICK PART OF THIS MAGAZINE - ENTRIES

Please send to me, Nicky Street The Dairy House 790309, or e-mail chstreet@btinternet.com by 14th of the month before the magazine is due out, indicating it is a magazine entry. Or, if you prefer, directly to Lesley, the editor (see elsewhere in the magazine). I will put everything I get in, so please make sure all information and dates are correct as I don't check.

GREAT WISHFORD

AN OAK APPLE EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

On 16 December, the Oak Apple Club hosted its annual Christmas Supper in the village hall, with over 60 people attending, all in good voice and very willing to pitch in and help. The kitchen buzzed, the bar was busy, raffle tickets and lovely flower decorations covered the tables, and Sophie produced her Christmas magic at the keyboard. Soon, we were presented with tasty venison casserole, new potatoes and lots of perfectly cooked vegetables. There was a choice of homemade desserts, and of course Christmas puds. The Christmas song quiz teased our brains and the play wot Ruth wrote was a cracker (pun only partially intended)! Who knew that Queen Victoria had a son called

Aladdin....? Carols were sung with customary gusto and the evening came to a close with the help of many hands to clear up. Many thanks and well done to everyone who contributed.

Yvonne Allen (on behalf of the Oak Apple Committee)

CHRISTMAS CAFE IN THE CHURCH 2017

On a dank and dull December Thursday afternoon, St Giles resounded to the sound of Christmas music and cheery chatter. The heady aroma of mulled wine combined with the tempting sight of numerous cakes, scones and mince pies made for a jolly ending to the year. A raffle of donated prizes contributed £74 to church funds, and although

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there was no charge for any of the refreshments, the generous donations from our visitors came to around £89. Our fourth Christmas cafe fell on the day after the end of the school term, so there were fewer people calling in, yet we still managed to exceed last year's total. Support for our café continues to be very strong and we are very grateful to everyone who makes it all possible: our regulars from the village and parents picking up children from school; our loyal band of bakers, without whom there could be no café; our helpers and servers; our coordinators and rota organiser; and of course, David and Eileen, whose brainchild this was and who possibly never thought it would grow to be such a success. A massive thank you to you all! Yvonne Allen

GREAT WISHFORD'S CRIB SERVICE AT ST GILES 2017

Thank goodness, we had some extra chairs! It was lovely to see so many people across the generations coming to celebrate the arrival of Mary and Joseph and to prepare the crib for its blessing on Christmas day. Luckily, we had plenty of helpers to search for the crib figures, which had been well hidden (and thank you, Ruth, for noting down their locations!). Our readers had clearly been practising hard - the children in particular read with such confidence. Well done Jayden, Emma and Sophie, and also to our adult readers Bertie and Sarah. The passage about the angels visiting the shepherds was greatly enhanced by the presence of three very authentic-looking shepherds (Tyler, Jack and Henry) and the appearance of two adorable angels (Sophie and Poppy). The roof was well and truly raised as Graham Coventry accompanied the carols on the organ - there was even some fine descant singing from the back of the church.

PANCAKES IN THE PORCH

In aid of Hope and Homes for Children

Tuesday February 13th

In St Giles Church porch

11am until 4pm

Cake stall

Orders taken for large numbers of pancakes: 01722 790694

FLOWERS FOR ST GILES CHURCH

We really need more people to do the flowers in the Church. PLEASE can you help us? There is a Rota in the Church behind the door, which you can put your name on. If you want to discuss the possibility with me ring Daphne on 790694.

LENT LUNCH

At Station House on Wednesday 21st February, 12md-2pm.

There is no charge, but donations welcome on the day to Trussell Trust. Lunch comprises soup, bread & cheese & fruit. Everybody welcome!

CAROL SINGING

This village activity was popular – 30-40 villagers of all ages met to sing carols around the village. Children helped to collect for Trussell Trust & a donation was sent to them.

Special thanks to Anna Tattersall for refreshing us at the end of the evening with mince pies & mulled wine.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

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POSADA: MARY & JOSEPH'S ADVENT JOURNEY

After some years of planning a rota for this journey, we no longer feel able to continue, & would be delighted if someone feels able to take it over. Do let us know if you'd like to do this.

Alana & Louisa T.01722 790618.

CHURCH CLEANING

There is a rota for church cleaning on the bier inside the church, & we would all be very grateful for some volunteers, or contact Alana T. 01722 790618.

SOUTH NEWTON & STOFORD

ST ANDREWS

A happy New Year to everyone, if a little belated.

Our Christmas celebrations were very joyful occasions and it was lovely to welcome more people than usual.

We look forward to an interesting year with some changes. Please note that one change has already started in that our morning Parish Communion is now held on the FIRST Sunday of the month at 11 o'clock, not the second. Evensong remains on the third Sunday, at 3 o'clock until the clocks change to summer time, when it returns to 6 o'clock. Remember all are welcome. We would love to get to know more of you.

This may be a good time to thank so many of you, many not church attenders. For all the ways we are helped in our efforts to maintain our village church. Much is done unacknowledged, whether it is grass cutting, brass cleaning, flower arranging, path cleaning or so much more. And of course, our organist who loyally supports us, adding much to make the services memorable. Thank you all very much. Without the support of you all, our village church cannot continue.

More volunteers are most welcome.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT GLENSIDE

On 19 December, Malcolm Sturgess led the Christmas service of readings and carols at Glenside Care Home. This time we were made welcome in the high dependency Kennet wing. Accompanied by members of the Benefice choir and Malcolm on the keyboard, we sang with great enthusiasm some traditional Christmas hymns, punctuated by readings and CD recordings of Bach's Christmas Oratorio. It was lovely to see both Malcolm and Rosemary back on such good form, and by the time you read this, 2018's dates should be set.

Yvonne Allen

POSADA CRIB SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S, SOUTH NEWTON 2017

This wonderfully informal service saw the arrival of Mary and Joseph after their travels. They joined a congregation among whom was a family that had been attending for as long as Rosemary has been organising Posada and the service, which we calculated must be at least 15 years! Accompanied by Malcolm Sturgess at the organ, we sang different carols from previous years, and very much enjoyed the usual readings and poems. Once again, Claire read beautifully, as did Tim too! The crib figures were safely

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gathered in from their hiding places around the church, and after the service, we were treated to some lovely chocolates.

SOUTH NEWTON AND WISHFORD VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Thursday, 1st.	Women's Institute meeting.	2.00 pm
Saturday, 3rd.	Private booking.	10.00 am
Wednesday, 7th.	Parish Council meeting.	7.30 pm
Tuesday, 6th.	Good Companions	2.00 pm
Friday, 9th.	Valley Art Group.	10.00 am
Sunday, 11th.	Football club.	10.00 am
Tuesday, 20th.	Good Companions	2.00 pm
Friday, 23rd.	Valley Art Group	10.00 am
Saturday, 24th.	Breakfast morning.	9.00 am - 11.00 am
Saturday, 25th.	Football club.	10.00 am

BINGO NIGHTS are held every Tuesday evening. If you would like to come along to this enjoyable event. Please contact Heather Bryans 742207.

ZUMBA FITNESS sessions are held every Tuesday morning from 10.00 am - 11.00 am. Suitable for everyone for fun and fitness. Contact Holly to book a place 07540101460.

TABLE TENNIS MATCHES are held on Monday evenings, enquiries to Kevin 01980 590418

NEW BOOKING SECRETARY Thanks to Pam Heather who has kindly agreed to take on the role of booking secretary for the hall. If you would like to make a booking, please contact her on 07885272544 or email Pam.heather1@btinternet.com.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

£50. Mr George Hayward. No 141. Wishford

£30. Mrs Jane Sykes. No 68. Wilton
£10. Mrs Ann Wells. No 129. Stoford

200 CLUB MONTHLY DRAWS Anybody wishing to join, please contact Heather Bryans 742207 or Janet Hailstone 790547. We have ten draws with prizes of £50, £30, £10 and two draws for a chance to win £100, £60 and £40. So, for just £1 a month you have a good chance of becoming a winner.

BINGO A big thank you to everybody who came along and supported the special Christmas Bingo evening on December 19th. A date for your diary - Easter Bingo Tuesday, 27th March.

VALLEY ART GROUP The Group got off to a good start at the beginning of January with a good number coming along to the sessions. We are planning a few themed mornings to include portraits and drawing and painting animals. If you practise an art or craft, you are welcome to join us. There is only a minimal charge payable on the day to cover the cost of the hall, so you are welcome to drop in to any of the sessions. All levels of experience welcome. Please contact Loraine 743577 or email: paperstitch@icloud.com

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WEBSITE Check out all the up and coming events and more by going to our website www.southnewtonpc.org.uk. If you have a contribution for inclusion on the website, please contact Tim by email web@southnewtonpc.org.uk

STAPLEFORD

THE CAROL SERVICE

Your religious affairs correspondent writes "I looked back to see what I wrote about the Carol Service last year, and can't think of a better way of starting, so here goes...our Service on 17th December was another tour de force par excellence, which loosely translated for the benefit of any non-French speakers means one helluva success. The choir, all smart and shiny, set the bar very high at the outset with their rendering of The Carol of the Bells, followed variously by MacMillan's O Radiant Dawn and (Joshua) Smith's Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, winding up with the Stapleford Carol. Sorry, folks, too many of you to mention by name, with the honourable exceptions of Alistair and Jo, overall supremos, to whom full marks – well worth all those rehearsals on cold, dark, wet Sunday evenings. Many thanks too to the cast of thousands who turned in such a stellar performance – Amelia Bucknall and Charlotte Tory for super singing, readers Jerome Mostyn, Anna Russell, Sally Young, Sue Bale, Paul Tory, Jo Cetti and the Vicar, music maestro Colin Carnegie, bell ringers, cleaners, flower ladies performing miracles restricted to greenery only, candle lighters and snuffers-out, purveyors of yummy mince pies, and of course the brilliant congregation. The pink champagne, for some reason in Mateus Rose bottles, slipped down before you could say Salut! Well done everybody, and here's to more of the same next year.

THE LOTTERY

Lucky winners in the January Draw were The Brierleys, by happy coincidence John's birthday, £250, (165), John Brake, £125 (248) the Carnegys, £50, (63) and Martyn White, £25, (60). The next Draw will be in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 16th April – come and see if it's your lucky night. If that just happens to be your birthday, that's a good omen!

FANCY A FREE LUNCH?

Please see All Villages section for details!

WINTERBOURNE STOKE

CHURCH NEWS

The church looked beautiful for our candlelit Carol Service on 19th December. The readings were given and acted by children from the village, dressed in costume: wonderful shepherds (complete with tea towel headdresses!) and stars. Thank you to Matt (and Otto), William, Harry, Ben & Max, Aiden and Sabrina, Francesca, Lily & Ella,

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and Alice & Oscar, who were all fabulous! Thank you to everyone in the village who provided flower arrangements, as well as mince pies and mulled wine, which were enjoyed after the service. A particularly big thank you to the Holtby Family for decorating the tree and providing the wonderful lighting, particularly the candle-lit frame hanging above the transept, which was a masterpiece and shone brightly over the crib, reminding us of the star that led the shepherds and three kings to the stable that first Christmas.

We were grateful to Canon Cavell-Northam, who celebrated the Family Communion Service on Christmas morning. As ever, we were so grateful to Ed Horne for playing the organ and delighted to be able to sing Happy Birthday to Alison, his daughter, with him for Christmas and celebrating her birthday on 25th!

The PCC would like to thank all those who have helped to look after the church and churchyard over the past year, including locking and unlocking the church, cleaning, flower arranging and mowing. Everyone's efforts are hugely appreciated and the comments in the visitors' book are always very complimentary. If anyone who isn't involved would like to help, please get in touch with either of the

churchwardens: Dee Montagu-Pollock (620376) or Olivia Dutton (621247).

DR JOY HORNE

19 October 1938 – 8th October 2017

Winterbourne Stoke has lost a good friend –

Joy and Ed Horne came to live permanently in Winterbourne Stoke in 1990 and immediately entered into every aspect of village life, most notably in their support of St Peter's Church. They both became members of the PCC and Ed Churchwarden. Joy was still an active member of the PCC until her death last October. Meetings will never be the same without her tenacity, wise counsel and determination to ensure the very best for St Peter's. She was always the first to volunteer for any job that needed doing, whether it was the cleaning and flower rota (her name always the top of the list), representing the Church on various committees, and baking cakes for any event. She was a driving force in the very successful Harvest Suppers and was always able to enlist help from almost every source.

Joy was passionate about encouraging the children in the village to participate in services – and managed with her inimitable style to stage wonderful Nativity scenes, with even the youngest taking part.

Our candlelit Carol Service in December was a huge testament to all her hard work and encouragement in the past, with so many children taking part.

Despite working full time (even while she was in hospital) as a very eminent Doctor of Educational Psychology, Joy always made time for the village. She was the first to welcome newcomers and to encourage them to join in local activities, whether it was the Wine Circle, Bingo nights in the pub or getting involved in the Church - cutting the grass and the cleaning/flower rota. It was hard and almost impossible to say no to her!

There is an enormous gap without her and we are so grateful to Joy for her enthusiasm, hard work and everything she has done for the village.

We send our heartfelt sympathies and love to Ed, Alison and Adrian.

ALL VILLAGES

SWANS WI

The 4th January saw us all gathered together on a blustery afternoon, swapping stories of our Christmas celebrations, and wishing each other a happy New Year. After the usual business matters were attended to, we had interesting reports from two members. Di told us about our new twinning counterpart in Australia, that promises to be very rewarding and enlightening as the CWA has a rich history of its own, and a climate extremely different to ours! We then heard from Carole about the wonderful time she had at Denman College over the Christmas period - it sounded super, with the chance to

learn new skills, have fun, and go to a panto, all in good company, with great food - what's not to like?!

Birthday flowers, kindly provided by Ruth, went to Rose.

The Speaker was Peter Knight, who gave an interesting talk on the origins of church symbolism, with great slides to illustrate this fascinating subject, and no doubt enrich our visits when we next gaze at medieval church windows and statues.

Any resolutions about diets went out of the window when a truly delicious tea was provided by Phillipa, Alana and Venice - much appreciated by all.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 1st February at 2.00 pm. The title of our talk is "Pensioners Under the Stars" - should be fun!

Why not join us? Perhaps the WI would be just the thing for you to try in 2018. You would be given a very warm welcome. We meet at 2.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at South Newton village hall. Ring Loraine 01722 743577 for more details.

SOUTH NEWTON & STOFORD VILLAGE HALL

We are looking for a Secretary and Treasurer. These roles can be amalgamated into one role or two separate roles. A laptop is available for use. The roles include taking and distributing minutes dealing with general correspondence and ensuring that all invoices and licences are paid throughout the year. Accounts are kept up to date and annual accounts are compiled. More details of both roles can be obtained from Caroline on 743897.or email on caroline.webb130@gmail.com

We would be looking for a starting date of 1st February 2018.

WILDLIFE WATCH

Records from Stoford and around – Brambling, Siskin and Marsh Tit, the Peregrine is still about, as well as Stonechats, Redwings, Fieldfares, Lapwings and Golden Plover, and a group of 43 Cormorant.

Reports from any of our parishes welcome. Nicky Street 790309 or email chstreetbtinternet.com

ART HISTORY and APPRECIATION

Monday 29th January – see Berwick St James for details.

Monday 26th February – see Berwick St James for details.

FANCY A FREE LUNCH?

First and foremost – is there such a thing? If that's the question, what's the answer? Well, yes...and no! Our Lent Lunch this year will take place on Thursday 8th March from 12 noon until 2 p.m. in Stapleford's Village Hall. A selection of delicious soups and fine cheeses will be on offer, and a London trained barman will be on duty. Food will be free, but any donations to Salisbury District Hospital's MRI SCANNER CAMPAIGN will be greatly appreciated. £1.5 million are needed for a second scanner, to back up the only one, which will cut down waiting times for cancer, stroke, heart and other

patients and reduce the need for quote invasive procedures unquote. Please make a date in your diary now (have a small breakfast on the day) and bring some chums, if you have any. All villages extremely welcome.

LENT GROUP

Lent will soon be upon us and I am looking to hold a Lent discussion group, meeting at 2 Cobbs Mill Cottages in Great Wishford on the following dates (all Wednesdays) at 7:30: Feb 21 and 28, and March 7 and 14. If you are interested, do let me know by email to: yvonne@twovalleys.org. Yvonne Allen

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