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## The Benefice of Brede with Udimore, Beckley & Peasmarsh



Dear Friends, ,

As I write this edition of *From the Rector's Pen* the sunshine is beaming through the rectory windows, filling the whole house with the hopeful light of Spring. The clocks have changed, and with them the promise of better weather ahead. Gone completely is the oppressive darkness of the Winter season. Gone too are the succession of lockdowns that cast such a dark shadow over so much of our communal life together for so long. Happily this means that for the first time in what seems like forever we will be able to fully enter into the joyful spirit of the Easter celebration. We sincerely hope that you will join us at one of our services.

The pandemic years have been a time when the Christian message of God's enduring presence with us in our everyday suffering has been a powerful one. The new year has brought with it new crises, and new sufferings, as we have watched with horror the unfolding nightmare of war in Ukraine, and the steep price the noble people of that nation have had to bear. We cannot explain why God allows suffering, but, as Christians we believe that our faith does not seek to shirk us free from the harsh reality of our world. This reality we acknowledge and face each year as we kneel before the Cross of Good Friday, bringing with us our tears, grief,

confusion, and rage. The pain of Good Friday stands to remind us that no matter how bad things become, or how awful our sufferings, God is with us in the midst of it all, holding us close.

The story, of course, doesn't end on Good Friday. The sorrow of death gives way to the bright new dawn of the Resurrection Day, when Jesus came and stood among his dejected and disheartened friends and said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled'. Christians are called to live as a hopeful people. Even in years like those we have recently lived through, which have taken a heavy toll, we continue to be a people who, even if we do not feel it, choose to hope. This is what we proclaim every Easter: Jesus, who was crucified, rose from tomb to break bread with those whom he met on the road. He appeared behind locked doors in Jerusalem and cooked breakfast around a Galilean campfire. And those who met the risen Lord were so transformed by the encounter that they went and told the world. We have become a people who live in hope, because of the God who makes all things possible.

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all!

**Father Owen  
Rector**





## A SAINT FOR APRIL St George 23rd April

**Saint George died  
on 23 April 303..**

Very little is known about his life, but according to tradition he was a soldier in the Roman army of Cappadocian Greek origin & member of the Praetorian Guard for Roman emperor Diocletian; who was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. George was executed by decapitation before Nicomedia's city wall, on 23 April 303.

A witness of his suffering convinced Empress Alexandra of Rome to become a Christian as well, so she joined George in martyrdom. His body was returned to Lydda for burial, where Christians soon came to honour him as a martyr. The veneration of George spread from Syria Palaestina through Lebanon to the rest of the Byzantine Empire & by the 5th century reached the Christian Western Roman Empire. In 494, George was canonized as a saint by Pope Gelasius I. and became one of the most venerated saints in Christianity. As one of the most prominent military saints, he is immortalized in the well known legend of Saint George & the Dragon.

George, is also the patron saint of Aragon, in Spain, where his feast day is celebrated on 23rd April. He became the patron saint when King Pedro I of Aragon won the Battle of Alcoraz in 1096. Legend has it that victory eventually fell to the Christian armies when George appeared to them on the battlefield, helping them secure the reconquest of the city of Huesca which had been under the Muslim control of the Taifa of Zaragoza.

It is said that George descending from heaven on his charger bearing a dark red cross, appeared at the head of the Christian cavalry leading the knights into battle. Interpreting this as a sign of protection from God, the Christian militia returned to the battle field, more energized than ever, convinced theirs was the banner of the one true faith. Defeated, the Moors rapidly abandoned the battlefield. To celebrate this victory, the cross of St. George was adopted as the personal coat of arms of Huesca & Aragon, in honour of their saviour. Tales of King Pedro's success at Huesca spread quickly throughout the realm & Christian armies throughout Europe quickly began adopting George as their protector & patron, during all subsequent Crusades to the Holy Lands. By 1117, the military order of Templars adopted the Cross of St. George as a simple, unifying sign for international Christian militia embroidered on the left hand side of their tunics, placed above the heart.

In England George was mentioned among the martyrs by the 8th-century monk Bede, but he did not rise to the position of "patron saint" of England, until the 14th century & he was still obscured by Edward the Confessor, the traditional patron saint of England, until 1552. During the reign of Edward VI all saints' banners other than George's were abolished in the English Reformation. George is a highly celebrated saint in both the Western & Eastern Christian churches, & many Patronages of Saint George exist throughout the world. His cross forms the national flag of England, & features within the Union Flag of the United Kingdom & other national flags containing the Union Flag, such as those of Australia and New Zealand. By the 14th century, the saint had been declared both the patron saint & the protector of the royal family & England.

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## Parish Services for April

### St George's Brede

Sun 3rd 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Wed 6th: 10.30am Eucharist

Sun 10th: Palm Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Wed 13th: 10.30am Eucharist

Sun 17th: Easter Day

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Wed 20th: 10.30am Eucharist

Sun 24th: 9.30am Sung Eucharist

### St Mary's Udimore

Sun 3rd: 11.15am Parish Eucharist

Sun 10th: Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

11.15am Family Service

Sun 17th: Easter Day

11.15am Parish Eucharist

Sun 24th: 11.15am Parish Eucharist

## Table of Readings for April

### Sunday 3rd

First Reading:

Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43. 16-21

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Philippians 3. 4-14

John 12. 1-8

### Sunday 17th

First Reading:

Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

### Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65. 17-end

118. 14-24

Acts 10. 34-43

Luke 24. 1-12

### Sunday 10th

First Reading:

Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

### Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4-9

31. 9-18

Philippians 2. 5-11

Luke 23. 1-49

### Sunday 24th

First Reading:

Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

### St. George the Martyr

1 Maccabees 2. 59-64

Psalm 126

2 Timothy 2. 3-13

John 15. 18-21

### Friday 21st

First Reading:

Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

### Good Friday

Isaiah 52. 13 - 53. end

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Hebrews 10. 16-25

John 18. 1 - 19. end



## From the Registers

February 2022 Pat Offen, aged 94

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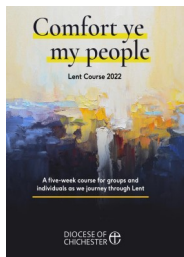
**Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon her**

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**"Comfort ye my People"**

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### Session 5

*"Jubilee, the everlasting Covenant  
Genesis 8. 20 – 9. 17"*

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Please contact Fr. Owen to book a place.*

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## BREDE & UDIMORE LUNCHEON CLUB

Greetings to our members from the Brede Lunch Club!  
Sadly, the February Lunch was cancelled due to Storm Eunice!!

Now that we are enjoying a more settled period of weather, we are looking forward to welcoming our members back again to a Springtime Lunch in March! The Lunch Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12.30 p.m. in Brede Village Hall.

The date of our next Lunch is: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

**For Club information please contact:**



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Providing support overseas

### Soup & Scrabble

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**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: 1:30 pm, Udimore**  
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8km (5 km if weather bad) walk around the Tillingham Valley with tea & cake en route. Dogs on leads & children (leads not required!) very welcome

for more information  
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It's March already & what a busy time is in store for Brede WI this Springtime. We were pleased to welcome to our meeting in March, visitors & our speaker Neil Kirby.

During the business part of the meeting we were updated about events taking place this month. Most notable is the East Sussex Fed. Annual Meeting to be held at the newly refurbished Winter Gardens in Eastbourne. Michael Edwards, otherwise known as, 'Eddie the Eagle', will be the main speaker.

Our Clubs are now back in full swing & members are once again able to enjoy a variety of stimulating activities, including Walking Netball! The Walking Netball Festival took place recently in Eastbourne. Five of our members took part & Carolyn Brown reported back to us that the matches were competitive & fun. "A great time was had by all!"

Our speaker, Neil Kirby, from the Langham Hotel in Eastbourne, entitled his talk, 'Hotel Life' & what a remarkable life it has turned out to be. Spanning fifty years, Neil started as a humble washer upper at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park Lane in London & over the years, steadily climbed the ladder to become General Manager! Neil regaled us with tales of his experiences & entertained us with many amusing anecdotes about the people & celebrities he encountered at the hotel over the years. This rather surreal world of hotel life described by Neil, was hard to comprehend. Understanding the day-to-day running of this vast Complex the eye-watering costs needed to provide accommodation & services for the guests, was breath taking to say the least!

After 28 years at the Grosvenor, Neil decided the time was right to buy his own hotel & move away from London. He chose to come to the coast & make the Langham Hotel, Eastbourne, his home. Thus began a new chapter in his life.

Carolyn Brown thanked Neil Kirby for his hugely entertaining talk, commenting on his remarkable life & achievements at the prestigious Grosvenor Hotel, Judging by the loud & long applause that Neil received from us, showed that we whole heartedly agreed with Carolyn.

**The ACWW Competition- 'A special holiday photo' - was won by Louise Hull.**

We next meet on Wednesday 13th April at 2.00pm at Brede Village Hall for:  
**'Brede WI's 94th Birthday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration'**

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For information about Brede WI, please contact, **Beryl Jenkins, Tel: 01424 883475**

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## BREDE VILLAGE NEWS



### Brede Design with Flowers

We are not meeting in April as our meeting date collides with Maundy Thursday & many of us will be doing flower arrangements in the Church. We hope that by **May 12<sup>th</sup>** everyone will be revived enough to join us & either do a caged design or a pew end. We hope there are others in the community who will come & join us. It is a gracious art that can adorn ones home to great satisfaction. There will be help every step of the way we also have a cup of tea and a lively chat. Meetings take place at The Church Room on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact:

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### **Mothers' UNION** Christian care for families

Our Meeting on Wednesday March 2nd held in the Rectory began with prayers for the people of Ukraine. Then Rhiannon explained the charities in different parts of the world which we will support from our M U funds. We chose three to do with education in Uganda & Tobago. After talking about future activities & meetings, Anna made us a pot of tea which we enjoyed it with some Welsh cakes brought by Rhiannon to celebrate St. David's Day. We thanked Anna for having us at the Rectory.

Our April meeting will be on **Wednesday the 6th April in St George's at 2.00pm**. Karen Hill the President Of Sussex Mothers Union will be speaking to us & we hope that members of the M U in Battle & Rye will be join us.

**Rosemary Crouch T: 01424 882567**

### Brede Friendly Circle

Brede Friendly Circle went to Merriments Garden Centre for our coffee & enjoyed scones, toasted teacakes. 2 had a cooked breakfast a bit later so that they would not have to cook later on. All of it was delicious & afterwards we looked around the shop & some bought plants. Next month they are going to Lyme Warf & will be there by 10.30am. Anyone wishing to join us please contact

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## St George's Church, Brede

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### The Occasional Consort

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00pm**

**Music Director: Anne Whiteman**

**Accompanists: Shirley Carey, Duncan Reid**

**Salieri** - Mass no.1 in D major, "Hofkapellmeister"

**Fauré** - Requiem

**Admission: £10** (to include wine and finger buffet)

**Contact Sue Sturmey (01424 882544) to book**

*On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate St George's Day with an event in St George's church as we welcome Anne Whiteman & The Occasional Consort to perform two choral works: The Hofkapellmeister Mass by Antonio Salieri & Gabriel Fauré's Requiem.*

*The Fauré work is very popular with its warm, expressive harmonies & strong, melodious lines. Salieri's music is less familiar, though we all know him as the rather unpleasant narrator of Peter Shaffer's play Amadeus in which he is portrayed as a rather mediocre musician & Mozart's jealous rival in the courtly circles of 18<sup>th</sup> century Vienna. Amadeus is a wonderful play but not so hot on historical accuracy. It turns out that in his day, Salieri was the man when it came to opera in Vienna & that he was hugely respected as an innovator and as a composer who had immense influence over succeeding generations. I think it will be fascinating to hear one of his masses sung as part of a concert in the acoustic of St George's.*

*The Occasional Consort was formed some years ago by Shirley Carey (who many remember as the Music Director of the Hastings Philharmonic Choir) for a performance of Monteverdi's Vespers. Now under the baton of Anne Whiteman, the group has continued to perform a wide range of choral works, more often or not with an eye (ear?) on the baroque or early classical period.*

## Glorious Afternoon Teas

**Bring a friend, or come and make new friends!**

**Cream Teas at Brede Village Hall**

**Sunday 24th April from 2.30 – 5.00pm**

A selection of delicious cakes, savouries; Tea, Coffee & squash  
(gluten-free and vegan options available)

Booking appreciated, or just come along

: email [gillpotterton@googlemail.com](mailto:gillpotterton@googlemail.com), or call Gill on 07590 621015.

Glorious Food created by Gill Potterton: [www.glorious-food.co.uk](http://www.glorious-food.co.uk)

## UDIMORE VILLAGE NEWS



**Marzena Gazda** and friends spent all of Friday 19th at St. Mary's Church Hall collecting donations for Ukrainian families staying in Poland. It was a long day and they were overwhelmed by the generous response from the village and further afield. Everything is now going to be sent to the charity foundation **Human to Human** in Cracow. Thank you Marzena!



### "Flag Raising Ceremony"

**St George's Day - 23rd April at 12.00pm**

**St Mary's Church, Udimore**

Friends of St Mary's have purchased new flags for the church. All welcome to the raising of our new St George's flag and Union Jack for the Jubilee celebrations.



### Friends of St Mary's Church, Udimore

Registered Charity Number 292990

### The Annual General Meeting of

**The Friends of St Mary's Church, Udimore**  
**Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 6.00pm**  
**in St. Mary's Community Hall**

### ST MARY'S UDIMORE NEEDS A NEW CHURCHWARDEN

*The churchwarden is a lay official in a Parish usually working as a part-time volunteer. Churchwardens have a duty to represent the laity & co-operate with the incumbent. Churchwardens are legally responsible for all the property & movable goods belonging to a parish church, as well as organising the services together with a team.*

If you are interested in the role of Churchwarden at St Mary's, please contact  
**Fr Owen on 01424 822201 or [rector@stgeorgesbrede.org.uk](mailto:rector@stgeorgesbrede.org.uk)**

## Classes & Activities - BREDE

### BREDE VILLAGE HALL

Planning an event - Looking for a venue?  
Our Village Hall is a bright, modern building with central heating, a large car park, a well fitted kitchen and disabled facilities.

#### Monday – Friday

|                       |                    |                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Residents:</b>     | 8.00 am - 11.00 pm | £9.00 per hour  |
| <b>Non- Residents</b> | 8.00 am - 11.00 pm | £11.00 per hour |

#### Weekends

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Residents:</b>      | 8.00 am - 11.00 pm | £11.00 per hour |
| <b>Non- Residents:</b> | 8.00 am - 11.00 pm | £13.00 per hour |

**Small Committee Room** £6.00 per hour

#### Special rate for children's parties

Tues - Fri 4.00pm - 6.00p.m. £9.00 per hour

#### Village Hall Booking:

Lesley Bannister: [villagehall.brede@gmail.co](mailto:villagehall.brede@gmail.co)

Vice Chair & hall caretaker Cherry McCleery  
Email [vicechair@bredevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@bredevillagehall.org.uk)

Bookings can also be made online  
<http://www.brede-pc.org.uk>

*Go into village hall screen and make provisional booking, this is then automatically emailed to me for verification, you can always go back onto the site later to see if you provisional booking in grey has changed to green which means it is then booked. An Invoice will be then sent to you for payment for your booking. Please supply a postal address.*

## Classes & Activities - BREDE

**ADULT BALLET:** Thursday 11.00 – 12.30

Aysha: [studiojamie@icloud.com](mailto:studiojamie@icloud.com)

**BREDE LUNCHEON CLUB:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 12.30

Frances: 01424 882007

**CRAFTERS:** last Wednesday of the month 2.00

Lesley: 07764847234

**FARMERS MARKET:** Friday 10.00 – 12.00

**JAZZ DANCE & STRETCH:** Thursday 9.45 – 10.45

Aysha: [studiojamie@icloud.com](mailto:studiojamie@icloud.com)

**NATIONAL TRUST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 2.00

Philip: 01424 883420

**PAINTING FOR PLEASURE:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 9.30 – 12.30 (in the months that have 5 Tuesdays there will be an extra class)

Maggie Sandra: 01424 883149

**PILATES:** Every Thursday 6.30 – 7.30

Geraldine: 07811141873

**SHORT MAT BOWLS:** Every Friday 7.30 – 9.30

Sue McGavin 01424 883566 / Lynne Bramley 01424 882252

**WI:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2.00 – 4.00

Beryl: 01424 883475

**YOGA:** Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30pm

Jodie: [jpcreater38@gmail.com](mailto:jpcreater38@gmail.com)

**YOGA:** Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am

Jodie: [jpcreater38@gmail.com](mailto:jpcreater38@gmail.com)

*All classes in term time stop over half term & school holidays*

*For further information contact: Lesley Bannister: 07764847234*

*Or Just Turn Up!*

## Jubilee Celebration



*Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

*Parsonage Farm, TN31 6AX*

*By Kind Permission of the Wheeler family*

*A 'Boundary' Walk*

*10.00am - Long Walk*

*11.00am - Short Walk*

*1.00p.m. - Picnic*

*Bring Your Own rugs, chairs, picnics*

*Bouncy Castle 1.00 – 4.00pm*

*Live Band 2.00 – 4.00pm*

*Pay Bar 1.00 - 5.00pm*

*Children's Art Competition &  
Village Photo*

*Partly funded with a grant from Rother District Council*



## Dragon Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday 16th April

St George's Church  
10.30am start. Entry is £1

*Bring your Children to find the dragons to win an egg but the one who finds*

*mummy will have a surprise*

Refreshments will be available in the Church for all:  
where the morning will start and end.

## Flora and Fauna

*An exhibition of beautiful watercolours  
by local artists*



**Paula Joyce &  
Kathleen Loughton-Mead**

**Saturday 30th April - Monday 2nd May  
11.00 a.m.-3.00p.m.**



**Flackley Ash Hotel and Country House  
Main Street,  
Peasmarsh  
East Sussex TN31 6YH**

## St George's Church Brede Flowers for Easter

Easter Lilies: The cost of the white lilies for Easter this year is £2.50 per stem. If you would like to purchase, or donate lilies to be arranged in the Church for Easter in memory of a loved one, or have details of those whom you wished to be included on the 'In Memorandum' list. Please contact

**Sue Sturme**y on 01424 882544  
or [susan.sturme@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.sturme@btinternet.com)



**GARDEN BORDERS** add points of interest & are a great way to split up different areas of the garden. Plant seasonal flowers together in one patch or spread them out, organise a colour scheme, or simply make sure your plants stay out of a specific zone of the lawn. Whether you're a border newbie or you've already got borders & want to spice them up

a bit, here are 5 top tips for bordering your garden from Isobel Spander, a gardening expert from Wiltshire Garden Design. [www.wiltshiregardendesign.com](http://www.wiltshiregardendesign.com)

**Structural Elements** - Topiary shapes give structure & year-round interest & create a contrast to blowsy summer perennials & distract from less well cared for areas. However, don't rush in & get a couple of box balls – there are a myriad of different options including good alternatives to box if blight is a problem in your area. *Ilex crenata* or *Hebe rakaiensis* can be clipped to create rounded evergreen balls or domes similar to box or yew. For something simpler consider deciduous beech, great for beehive shapes, or narrow leaf *Portuguese Laurel*, easy to grow and happy in most situations."

**Height & movement** - Nobody wants a dull, flat border with everything at one height. If your border seems to flower at all one level, introduce some height with taller perennials & shrubs. A drift of *Veronicastrum*, which comes in pinks, lilacs & white, will add bulk as well as height. *Thalictrum* which is lighter & airier will contrast against denser left shrubs & is perfect at the back of a border. Where space is tight, consider *Viburnum plicatum* 'Kilamanjaro', a pretty, deciduous shrub with lace-cap like flowers on tiered branches, can grow up to 3m in height in the right conditions & spread about 1.5m.



**A bit bitty** - If your garden borders are broken up & uncoordinated, there's a simple solution. If you have one of everything & an incoherent mix of colours, shapes & forms, consider rationalising your borders so that you restrict the colour palette. Choose one or two complementary or contrasting colours, such as whites & pink for a dreamy feel or purples & yellow for something that packs a punch. Group plants together

so that you have a minimum of three together – this may mean buying a few more plants of the same variety. Or repeat plant groupings to pull your planting scheme together.

**Good 'doers'** - Every border needs "doers" that have long flowering periods & require little attention. Try *Alchemilla mollis* for its lime-yellow flowers & *Geranium* 'Brookside'. Both are happy in sun & part shade & flower over a long period. Spilling out onto paths & lawns. They'll create an exuberant, generous feel to your planting. Plants such as these are quick to mature so within a few years you will find yourself able to split geraniums and dig up seedlings to plant elsewhere".

**Top notes** - Some people get highlights in their hair to add interest & tie all of the colours & textures together. Do the same with your garden borders. *Foxgloves* & the pom-pom flowers of *alliums* are ideal for this. Don't think too hard about where they are planted, they need to look like natural drifts that flow through the border rather than large clumps. Not sure where to buy all these bits from? Try your local plant nurseries as they often grow their own & offer better value, or try online retailers like [www.claireaustin-hardyplants.co.uk](http://www.claireaustin-hardyplants.co.uk) for perennials like *Alchemilla mollis* & *Veronicastrum* and [www.paramountplants.co.uk](http://www.paramountplants.co.uk) for a variety of topiary shrubs."







## STN71 BROAD OAK TURNOUTS

16/02/2022----15/03/2022

### The Where's, Whys, When's and ..... Winds!

The past month has been a big one. More calls than in the previous two combined, a whopping 42 call outs to a mixture of floods, unstable structures, chimney fires, car accidents, assistance to ambulance, our old favourite 'the standby' & even a hazardous materials incident!

But I suppose there is only one place to start this month's 'life @ 71' & that is...The Storm. It accounted for 19 of, the aforementioned, 42 shouts & all over a period of just 4 days. Things started innocently enough. En route to a 'trapped in lift' at mid-morning on the Friday the conversation was whether the concern for the impending storm was merely that, concern & "it'll probably just pass us by like always" seemed to be the popular opinion. But as you well know it hit & hit hard. What followed were 4 days of near continual call outs where we found ourselves where others fear to tread, on rooves, at high rises & just generally out in the eye of the storm. The weekend's major incident however was an RTC, which I'm sure readers of this column already know is a road traffic collision. Fortunately no-one was badly injured & only one car was involved along with some defenseless flora & fauna. The car, however, did not survive unscathed with both the engine block & bonnet finding vastly different homes among the trees & bushes some distance apart.

As I'm sure many of you will have experienced, the storm left its mark on electricity & water provision but as luck would have it the one thing we as a fire station can access & transport is.... water! And seeing as we are a community fire station we were called into action to distribute water to the surrounding farms to supply water to livestock & animals in need. It's what we're here for.

The remainder of the month was quiet by comparison with our usual list of standbys & fire alarms but one call, when alerted, really got us focused, unfortunately, nay fortunately, it came to nothing. It came through on the printer (yes, even in 2022 things still come through on a printer) with the heading HAZMAT, which can send a few shivers up the spine I can tell you. For the uninitiated it is shorthand for hazardous material & can conjure up some pretty scary images, but fortunately (I do use that word a lot) it was nothing more than a minor petrol spillage that our brothers & sisters in Rye got to first anyway.

I hope this month's tales from the fire ground have exhibited the wide range of services we provide to the community. We are a fire AND RESUE service & I'm pretty sure the rescue outweighs the fire. Never be afraid to call us.

Your friendly firefighters at station 71 —  
**Firefighter Graeme Dinning,**  
**Stn 71 Broad Oak**



*During these past two years of lockdown we have all had to comet o terms with the passage of time!*

### Jim's Jottings Making Time

If you have a mantel clock turn it round carefully. Open the back door. Watch the pendulum swinging to and fro. Then listen. Do nothing else. Just listen.

If you have a Grandfather Clock, it's even better. Open the door in the front. Watch the pendulum. Now listen to the low regular sound with every beat. That comes from the works behind the hands higher up. Look at the strands of gut that hold the weights, and listen again. You'll hear them thrum each time the clock ticks.

The clock you're listening to now is alive. Now stand up and look at its face. Behind that is an assembly of brass, steel and gut all working together to give it life. If you listen for all the sounds it makes. You will have heard its soul.

It's the same with us. Just sit down in a comfy chair. Now close your eyes. Start to breathe in and out slowly. Listen to the sound. Whilst you're breathing, listen again. What can you hear? Can you hear your heart? Your stomach gurgling? Perhaps you're wheezing. Listen again closely. You are listening to your inner self. Part of your soul.

Just like your clock, you are an assembly of things. They are part of the engine that provides the power, the energy that drives everything in you. Like the clock, they are all part of your essence. They contain all your thoughts and feelings about yourself, and maybe even about God. It's the inner and intimate part of you.

This close and personal part of you is the guide to who you believe you are as a person - all part your inner being – the spiritual part of you. In the stillness, God can touch it.

Not only does God love us intimately, but everyone else as well. In the silence, we are reminded of what we have all received. In the stillness we can listen to our intimate self.

In the stillness, something may happen. These are not my thoughts, but those of other spiritual leaders and guides. Their advice? Just sit. Do nothing else except listen. In the silence, God may impart something to you; you can share with Him. It's an intimate and valuable time.

**{Rev}. Jim Hobbs.**



## Easter is a time of joy, new beginnings and traditions old & new

### Pre-Christian origins

According to the English monk & scholar the Venerable Bede (672–735 AD) in his work 'The Reckoning of Time, the name Easter originates from an Anglo-Saxon

springtime goddess named Ēostre, who gave her name to the month Ēosturmōnath, the equivalent of April. In the 19th century, various scholars, including Jacob Grimm (the eldest Brother Grimm), attempted to link Bede's Ēostre with Germanic Easter traditions around hares & eggs, speculating that hares must have been sacred to Ēostre. The truth is that we don't know how the Anglo-Saxons worshipped Ēostre, but it does seem likely that many of our Easter traditions involving eggs & hares or rabbits have their origins in pre-Christian beliefs around the cycles of nature & fertility.

### Quirky traditions

In Germanic countries, the tradition of a hare bringing Easter eggs to children is first mentioned in a 1682 book by Georg Franck von Franckenau 'About Easter Eggs'. In the Middle Ages children in England would go from door to door begging for eggs on the Saturday before the Lenten fast. Today, many British, European & North American traditions continue to be popular, including the Easter Bunny or Hare delivering chocolate eggs to children, hunts for chocolate, painted or dyed eggs & rolling eggs down steep hills. There are also some quirkier customs in Britain, such as Egg Jarping – a game similar to conkers where two players tap the pointed ends of their eggs together until one breaks. Another Easter tradition is Hop Egg or Egg Dancing, where eggs are laid on the ground and the aim is to dance among them, damaging as few as possible. Another Easter tradition in Britain is 'Pace Egg' plays, in which Mummers (performers in masks or with disguised faces) would perform plays with themes like St George slaying the Dragon. Here you can see Mummers arriving at Hilltop Farm, home of Beatrix Potter, to give such a performance.

### The Festival of Passover

The date of Easter Sunday is calculated on a lunisolar calendar based on the Jewish calendar. In the Bible, Christ dies and is resurrected during the Jewish festival of Passover. Many of the Christian traditions of Easter relate closely to those of Passover, including the eating of lamb, which in Jewish culture symbolises the annual sacrifice of a lamb in the Temple, and in Christianity symbolises the sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God.

### A Moveable feast

The first Council of Nicea (325 AD) fixed Easter as the Sunday after the first full moon after spring equinox. This 'Paschal' full moon is not the astronomical one that we see in the sky. Instead, the Western Church it is based on a complex 84-year cycle, and in the Orthodox Churches a 19-year cycle. The outcome of this complicated history is that in Western and Orthodox churches alike, Easter is, quite literally, a moveable feast. The same applies to the holidays and holydays related to it, such as Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

### Maundy Thursday

In the early Church, Maundy Thursday – the celebration of Christ washing the feet of his Disciples at the Last Supper – saw monks washing the feet of and giving alms to the poor. This is still practiced in some churches, but since the reign of Edward I the monarch also gives Maundy money to the poor and, until the reign of James II, the ruler washed the feet of those being given coins. The coins are given in red and white purses to senior citizens – one man and one woman for every year of the monarch's life, and since 1822 special Maundy money has been minted in 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence coins.

### Fasting to feasting

The forty days of fasting during Lent meant that Easter has traditionally been a time of feasting on luxurious foods such as eggs, butter, sugar, meat, fruits & beer. Since the 17th century, the townspeople of Morpeth in Northumberland have been given an orange every Easter Monday, while in Leicestershire the villagers of Hallaton and Medbourne meet in a field to square off against each other and win a barrel (called a bottle) of beer in a rowdy event called 'Bottle Kicking'. Although roast lamb, chocolate eggs, simnel cakes rich with marzipan and sweet Easter biscuits are all evocative of Easter, perhaps the most famous Easter treat in Britain is the hot cross bun. Over the centuries these delicious spiced and fruited buns with crosses on top have been ascribed magical powers including guaranteeing good health, averting shipwrecks, preventing house fires, ensuring that good loaves of bread are baked throughout the year and cementing relationships when shared. Finally, a particularly flamboyant and colourful custom which developed from post-Lenten celebrations is that of wearing Easter bonnets which many people make and decorate. This derives from the time when people would wear new 'Sunday best' clothes to Church at Easter and, along with the delicious foods and fun & games of this festival, is another joyful expression of new beginnings after the gloom of winter & Lent.

### Hot X Bun Bread & Butter Pudding

*Got leftover hot cross buns to use up? Make this ramped up version of the British classic pudding, perfect for Easter entertaining.*

**200ml double cream**

**400ml whole milk**

**3 eggs**

**75g caster sugar**

**1 tsp vanilla extract**

**2 tbsp Cointreau**

**1 orange, zested**

**50g butter, room temperature**

**8 hot cross buns, halved**

**4 tbsp shred less marmalade, plus extra to glaze**

**ice cream or pouring cream, to serve**

1. Pour the cream & milk into a pan, heat gently to just below simmering point. Whisk the eggs & sugar in a large bowl. Gradually whisk in the hot liquid, then stir in the vanilla extract, Cointreau & orange zest.

2. Butter the buns, spread with marmalade, then sandwich back together. Cut all but one in 1/2 so you have 14 semi-circles in total, plus 1 whole.

3. Arrange around the buns in a 26cm round baking dish & pour over the custard. Leave to soak for 15 minutes. Heat the oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3 & put in a heavy baking sheet.

4. Gently press the buns down into the custard before putting the dish on the hot baking sheet. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the custard is just set. Brush with more marmalade & leave in the dish for 10 minutes before spooning out & serving with ice cream or pouring cream.