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Paying for The Link

For any who pay online (cash is still acceptable if you prefer!) by BACS or Standing Order, here are details:

**United Parish of Abbots Leigh
with Leigh Woods**

Sort code 40-52-40 A/c. 00010334

Ref.: the name of the road you live on

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Many thanks, The Link Team

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Dear Friends,

Early in lockdown, a colleague wrote, regretting seeing the church was 'closed, just when it could be useful to the community'. I replied, to correct the misapprehension, for indeed, while the buildings have been close for a few months, the Church in fact has continued active, with individuals reaching out to one another more than perhaps for many years, donations in food and money, more generous than previously, and worship also continuing week by week, whether via Facebook or more recently through Zoom and other means. The Church is of course made up of people, even people who don't attend services very often, but who reach out with acts of care, kindness and love.

But soon we shall indeed open the doors again, and we shall enjoy returning to enjoy the peace and the space made sacred by the worship and prayers of centuries of our predecessors. And we shall delight in not only the peace and sacred, beautiful space, but also the life of God that is community, the experience of being present together, with one another in prayer, and finding a moment of the divine in that mutual presence.

So do please look out on the website or Facebook for the times of services across the summer. We hope to continue Zoom for a while and also gradually reintroduce services in church too, when we can do so safely. Do come and join!

with love and blessings for health and peace this summer,

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMS: None
WEDDINGS: None
FUNERALS: None

In need of Prayer?

Anyone who would like prayer or a chat please give Hester a ring or email hester.jones2@gmail.com / 01275 219838

Liz England: Admin@theParishChurch.com / 01275 373996

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM scheduled for Sunday 26th April, 11.45am at Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh has a new deadline in October so present roles continue till then.

Time Out

It is with regret we will not be meeting for a while . We will keep in contact by email,

If you want to be added to the email group please let Gill know

Time Out is a Women's group, of mixed ages, well rather older than we were when we first set up, with lively minds. We live or have connection with Leigh Woods / Abbots Leigh. We have a mixed program of meet ups about once a month. New members always welcome.

More info, or to go on email list and/or WhatsApp group, contact

Gill Ogden 01275 602657 gillm.ogden@gmail.com

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan has been extended to September 12th as a result of the coronavirus crisis. This is bad news in one way since it delays progress on the Plan, but good news in another sense that there is more time for you to make comments.

That is itself welcome because so far only five Abbots Leigh households have made a comment. Three welcome the Plan, two are less enthusiastic and suggest there should be more provision for new development.

A new, corrected up to date draft of the Plan is available on the Abbots Leigh village web-site and also on pillanddistrictplan.org Every household got a summary in the April LINK. Please make a comment – even if its 'I like it' or 'I don't like it'. Do you want to keep the Green Belt? Would you like less traffic on the A 369? Would a thousand houses at Martcombe be a good idea? Do you care about the environment? Do we need to protect open spaces like Abbots Pool?

Send comments to
nhoodplan@btinternet.com

Murray Stewart
Simon Talbot-Ponsonby
Martin Walker

ABBOTS LEIGH - A HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In June many of us will have watched the absorbing story of 10 Guinea Street (*A House Through Time*, BBC2). It depicts the history of the families who lived in that house in Redcliffe over the last three centuries.

There are connections to our local area. John Haberfield was born at 10 Guinea Street in 1783 and grew up there till he was twenty. He became a lawyer, magistrate and six times Mayor of Bristol between 1837 and 1850. The stretch of the A369 between the Pill junction and Martcombe is still called Haberfield Hill, Haberfield Well is marked by the stone tower close to the bridge over Markham Brook and the bridge itself has a plaque recording that *'This road having been raised and widened was reopened 9th December 1850 by Sir John Kerle Haberfield, six times Mayor of Bristol'*. Sir John built Haberfield Hall on Haperton Lane and lived there for some years before dying at Royal York Crescent in Clifton in 1857.

The families of 10 Guinea Street suffered, as did many in Bristol, from poverty and ill health. Death certificates for the 1880s and 1890s uncovered for the *House Through Time* programme report many child deaths from infectious disease – measles, whooping cough, bronchitis, tuberculosis. Scarlet fever and diphtheria remained dreaded diseases till the end of the century, but in 1894 Bristol Corporation, searching for a site for an isolation hospital to meet their public health obligations, bought Ham Green House and created an isolation hospital. The Hospital opened in 1899, had 185 beds and 889 patients in 1907.

Ham Green Hospital figured again in the final episode. Cyril Tabrett - commercial traveller, postman, con-man, petty thief was a Guinea Street tenant in 1948 but disappeared off the map for forty years before meeting his death at Ham Green in 1977 – without relatives, friendless and signed off by a hospital administrator.

A House Through Time also showed that, for its first hundred years, 10 Guinea Street generated great wealth, as did the whole of Bristol, from the slave trade – the triangular trade from Bristol to west Africa, to the Caribbean and back to Bristol.

The slave trade offers another, very different, connection with Abbots Leigh. Robert Bright of Church Road owned 1349 slaves, William Weare 117 slaves. William Miles had owned and run slave manned sugar plantations in Jamaica and built the Sugar House in Bristol (now the Hotel du Vin at Lewins Mead). His son Philip John Miles, Bristol's first millionaire, owned or financed 25 ships over 300 tons from 1800 onwards, engaged mainly on the Jamaica run. With 26 sugar estates he owned 2,767 slaves in Jamaica and 262 in Trinidad – over 3,000 slaves in total.

In 1811 Philip John Miles bought the 2,200 acres of Abbots Leigh Estate and built Leigh Court together with a number of estate worker cottages. Commemorated within Holy Trinity Church, his epitaph reads *'simple and unostentatious in his habits he trusted not in riches but was ever ready liberally to assist his friends and to relieve the necessities of the poor'*

A small notice is to be placed alongside this epitaph to provide a more balanced historical context against which a greater awareness and fuller understanding of all aspects of John Philip Miles' career and life can be made..

*Murray and Diane Stewart
Abbots Leigh Heritage Group*

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We hope to meet in The **School Field on Tuesday 14th July** at 7pm. We will be maintaining our 'Safe Distance' but at least be able to wave to each other.

Donna Butcher

For more details contact: Donna Butcher 01275 375378

ABBOTS LEIGH WI ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Postponed to 2021

Where's The Link? Please tell your friends...

The Link is available on the village website <http://www.abbotsleigh.org.uk/news/>. On www.leighwoods.org it's an item on the Leigh Woods Society page, under Articles and Information. Also on www.theparishchurch.com.

Deerly Belovèd Gardens

Garden Notes from Robert & Siân Narracott

As we write the Water Butts are overflowing and the lawn is green again. No watering the garden for an hour or two every night... but we fear that by July that regime may have begun again.

Oh that the rain would wash the blackfly off our broad beans but the ladybirds are having a super feast on them! Various birds are fledging from numerous hideouts as nature takes its course... and summer rolls on.

We wonder how many others in the Village have suffered the return of Deer this late in the year. For us it was a very unpleasant shock as we cannot recall them feasting on our tender plants in June before, with some eaten down to the ground, and lily / hosta / lythrum / sweet pea and bog bean flower buds all disappearing overnight. We have now barricaded the boundaries. Thankfully Brackenwood still had plenty of replacement plants to conceal the damage to our borders!

Others in the Village have often told us Deer love roses but thankfully not ours it seems; the roses are hitting peak as ever at this time of year.

Abbots Pool

There is still exceptional use at Abbots Pool. A lot of visitors are taking their rubbish away now that the rubbish bins have been removed, but the sheer volume of people results in a large amount of rubbish being left around the site. This is cleared up by local volunteers who care about our local environment. If anyone else would be prepared to help please contact Simon Talbot-Ponsonby.

NSC and the Police are extremely concerned about the amount of parking on the adjoining roads and are looking at introducing area wide parking & access restrictions to be enforced - with exceptions for residents.

Abbots Pool is a local nature reserve and the code of conduct is widely signed in the area, but largely ignored by groups of swimmers, picnickers and mountain bikers. NSC are in the process of setting up a Public Space Protection Order for the reserve which will include a number of bylaws which could be enforced with fines being imposed. The process and consultation takes time, but hopefully it will be successful and not take too long.

Working parties will be resumed when we can safely do so.





If these past few months have taught us anything, it is to expect the unexpected. There can't be many of us who at the turn of the year thought we would all be forced into virtual hibernation on the back of a global pandemic – and for those that did, can you please let me have the lottery numbers on a triple roll-over week.

Similarly, there can't be many who expected to see images of the toppling of the statue of Edward Colston and its watery wash flash across news screens on the back of worldwide anti-racism demonstrations.

The appalling spectre of slavery hangs large over Bristol. There are reminders of its shadowy past at almost every corner. Abbots Leigh itself is not immune.

The current Leigh Court mansion house was built by architect Thomas Hopper for Bristol's first recorded millionaire, Philip John Miles.

Miles was a man who made and inherited his money thanks to the practice of abducting other human beings from their African homelands, shipping them across the Atlantic Ocean in horrendous conditions, before selling them on or forcing them into back-breaking toil for the rest of their pitiful lives. He and his family – and Abbots Leigh – reaped the benefit of what has been given the rather more dignified – and disingenuous – title 'the Africa Trade'. It's not. It is the slave trade and it was disgusting.

I don't accept that there are any sane people that believe the removal of statues from a place of veneration damages our history. Colston going for a Sunday afternoon swim doesn't change Bristol or make it any less of city, nor has it altered the legacy he – and other slave traders like him - left for Bristolians.

I also don't accept that those that did help his statue into the water – or those that sympathise with their point of view – want to airbrush 200 years of history from the records, particularly when by definition it is so deep-set.

As a blow-in to the city I've often wondered why Bristol has wanted to try and gloss over its slaving past and the benefits of industry it brought. It's not as if the horrific practice isn't emblazoned across Bristol in the shape of its architecture or its development as a port.

I've also wondered why Bristol itself hasn't confronted its past and opened a centre where effigies such as that of Colston can be used to educate visitors from around the world on the truth of this barbaric industry, instead of the shamefully small section of the M-Shed dedicated to 'the Africa Trade'.

None of which has much to do with the Abbots Leigh Civic Society. But there is little to report other than 'wait and see' on how the Covid lockdown is eased and whether we can adapt the 'Festival in the Field' to suit. Email updates will be sent out as an when we have any news.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe and well.

*Paul Thompson, Chair, Abbots Leigh Civic Society
33, Dennyview Road 01275 373 115*

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The Leigh Woods area has become a magnet for visitors using Ashton Court and the NT woodland and cycle paths. It's good to see residents out and about and finding time to chat at a distance; we appear to have escaped the peak of the pandemic. Also good to see many people picking up litter dropped by visitors to the area (a good idea given we cannot organise any events). We still have volunteers and people co-ordinating help in Leigh Woods; an update is included below.

Covid-19 Community Support Leigh Woods residents have embraced various options for shopping and ordering online or by phone and getting items delivered or picking it up themselves. Many have resumed shopping in person, choosing stores and times carefully. Co-ordinators' (Gill and Mark) contact with our network of supporters has diminished. They hope that is an indication that everyone is coping well. If you need support, do let Gill & Mark know (0117 973 1842). Local COVID-19 related updates will continue to be posted on the LWS page of the website (www.leighwoods.org).

Food Bank Residents continue to support the Church's efforts to donate to Bristol NW Foodbank. In addition to all they distribute, they have installed a shower & washing machine for rough sleepers. They help with filling out forms and have started cooking courses. In May they fed 39,389 people since opening. The response has been amazing, but more is still needed – see the notice on page 13. You can donate food or money. Leigh Woods Society donated £500 this month on behalf of everyone in Leigh Woods.

Society Membership In a less active year for Leigh Woods residents, the Society continues in the background supporting all. We have 97 paid up members for 2020. If you wish to subscribe, this can be done via the form on www.leighwoods.org. We have continued to put the latest Link on the website in the section 'Articles & Information' as well as in the Welcome Pack folder. There have been interesting papers & pictures added recently from John & Sally Sparks' 2019 trip to Brahmaputra (www.leighwoods.org/leigh-woods-society).

Recent Planning Applications

Buildings

20/P/0892/MMA - Land adjacent to Kingstone Lodge, Bridge Rd - Minor material amendment cond. 2 (list of approved drawings) of 17/P/0058/F (Erect 2 No. dwelling houses in place of 4 No. demolished garages) for re-position of new dwellings. Officer: Julie Walbridge

29/P/1991/FUH - Beech House, Church Road, BS8 3PG - Proposed 1st floor side extn and detached store bldg in front garden. Officer: Anna Hayes

Trees

20/P/0974/TPO - Overton Court, Bracken Hill, North Road BS8 3PH - Reducing and removing dead limbs from a variety of climbers and trees. Officer: Jason Cox

20/P/1026/TRCA - Old Vicarage, Vicarage Rd, BS8 3PH - T1 - Holly - Fell. Officer: Jason Cox

20/P/1073/TRCA - Littlecot, Burwalls Rd, BS8 3PT - T1 - Hawthorn - Fell & Replace. Officer: Jason Cox

20/P/1172/TRCA - The Briary, Church Road, BS8 3PG - T1 & T2 - Oak - Crown lift to first fork (8m). Crown reduce by 2m. Officer: Jason Cox

National Trust – Leigh Woods In dry, hot weather the woods are a tinderbox, so if it returns we would ask all to be vigilant for BBQs and fires. All it would take is one of these to get out of hand and ... If you observe anything which may be a risk to the public or animals in the woods, please contact: Carole.Burnett@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Homage to Covid

'R' is the best letter to remember this pandemic. In addition to the scientific 'R' measurement which will be with us for a long time, there are more 'R's that come to mind, prompted by long periods at home and with family. Like many, sorting out old papers, files, diaries, address books and photos over the past few months has been beneficial:

Remembrance – People, places and organisations where one has worked and visited over the years (good and bad memories)

Recollection - Remembering and spending hours talking about one's youth and early days with partners and family

Reflection - How life could have been different if one had taken a different path at various times but also what to look forward to in the future

Renovation - Filling in time renovating items around the home and doing some decorating – makes one feel better and the environment new and fresh

Recreation/Relaxation - Too much time and lack of drive to use it. However, most of us are going out daily and finding new places to explore by foot. We are all finding of walks nearby that haven't been discovered previously. There is much to watch as everything is moving to an online basis. However, jigsaws are relaxing and can be done alongside watching!

Relationships – it's hard at times living 24 hours a day by oneself, with partners and family where it has been an opportunity to get closer. However, the downside is that it has been harder to continue relationships when one's been unable to see & embrace people we want to.

Remote – many of us are getting used to doing video chats and meetings with Zoom, House-Party and Teams. Whether video chat or by telephone, keeping in touch is essential until we can resume face to face contact.

Restart – Although it's early days, we hadn't appreciated the easy access to the services we depend on in our daily lives until now: - hairdressers (there are plenty of us with long hair at present), dentists, chiropodists, opticians, leisure centres, restaurants, cafes, pubs etc. There are too many ifs, buts and individual and authority views to do any sensible planning on what we should be doing next and how life will be next year.

If you have any interesting stories, pictures, comments or anecdotes to share with everyone, do send them to me: ian@leighwoods.org.



FOXES & RATS IN LEIGH WOODS - MIND YOUR FOOD BIN!

This is a reminder to residents to put the handle of your brown food waste bin **FORWARD** to the **LOCK** position and/or put bin inside recycling box, if room. Bins have been knocked over recently.

Abbots Leigh Covid-19 community volunteers

A number of volunteers throughout Abbots Leigh are being coordinated to cover groups of neighbours along roads across the Parish. The purpose is to ensure that people have someone to contact should they need help with anything such as picking up shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies or just to talk to someone when they are having to self isolate. Different groups are liaising through different ways to suit local preferences. If you need help and do not know who your coordinator is, or want further information, contact Mel King on 07876 502951 or Simon Talbot -Ponsonby 07973 147017 or 01275 375250. Similar measures have been set up in Leigh Woods.

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Planning Application Records					
Applic'n no. Date rec'd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC status	Officer
19/P/3042/CQA 16-Dec-19 31-Jan-20	The Cowshed, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane, BS8 3SE.	Prior approval, change of use of agricultural bldg to Dwelling house with operational devt: insert windows & doors.	<i>Object - Inaccurate drawings.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Judith Porter
20/P/0411/TPO 2-Mar-20 21-Apr-20	Bow House, Home Fm Rd, BS8 3QF.	T1 - Beech - Reduce by up to 3m. Remove 5 lowest laterals. Crown lift to 4.5m from ground level.	<i>No comments from PC. NSC Tree Officer to make decision.</i>	<i>Refused: Inappropriate devt. In Green Belt</i>	Jason Cox
20/P/0920/FUH 27-Apr-20 18-Jun-20	Tanglewood, Ashgrove Avenue	Extn to front, rear & at first floor level. Demolish existing garage. Erect open carport.	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Refused</i>	Ellena Fletcher
20/P/0927/FUH 4-May-20 22-Jun-20	62 Church Road,	Demolish existing lean-to & conservatory. Erect 2-storey rear & side extns.	<i>TBC</i>	<i>No objections in principle, but awaiting further info.</i>	Ellena Fletcher

Donald Davies, Pill Ward Councillor, N Somerset Council

My contact details are below, for those who need them, but I shall be suspending face to face surgeries until further notice for both residents' and my own health, to avoid spreading any viruses. My e-mail is donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk.
and my phone number is 07900 097671.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 **POLICE** Local Police (Nailsea): 101

Our Local Beat Officer is PC Justina Lewis, a local resident. With her are Connor Aitken (PCSO 9382) and Kate Turner (PCSO 7948). Contact them on local non-urgent matters on 101 (give their collar number).

If anyone wishes to volunteer for Community Speed-Watch they can contact PC Lewis at Justina.Lewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk

They cover **Abbotts Leigh, Leigh Woods, Dundry and Long Ashton.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS The Parish Council is meeting through video links for the foreseeable future. If you wish to raise anything to be discussed at a meeting please contact Julie Smart, Clerk to the PC, in advance of the meeting. Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month. The next will be **Monday 20th July** at 7pm. No meeting in August Agenda and Minutes are on the Village Website.

Abbotts Leigh Parish Councillors **Simon Talbot-Ponsonby** (375250) Chair, Cycle & Foot-path Network/Highways/Verges/Recycling & Rubbish/ Skittle Alley/Communications/ Website. **Martin Walker** (219530) Vice Chair/ Public Footpaths/ Old School Field/ Open Spaces/ Abbots Pool/ Transport Links. **John Butler** (373446), Village Hall/ Public Relations/Street Lighting. **Murray Stewart** (372878) Community Groups/ Neighbourhood Plan/ Abbots Leigh Charities/ Civic Soc. Liaison. **Robert Narracott** (375619) Planning/ Conservation Area. *Clerk to the Council:* **Julie Smart** (374442) who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat/Insurance/Police Coordination/Village Orderly.

RECYCLING AND RUBBISH: NSC Advice

Check NSC website under waste & recycling for your next collection.

Advice from NSC continues to be:

Our crews are very busy at the moment. To help keep you and them safe, and to help the crews keep making collections in good time, there are things you can do to help:

The main grumbles that the recycling crews have are:-

- Items are not rinsed before being put out for recycling
- Some people put out used tissues, they must be bagged and put in the general waste.
- There is a risk of their having to pick up broken glass. If glass is already broken wrap it up and put it into the general waste. Do not put glass in anything other than the standard recycling boxes which can be hooked onto the side of the lorry



Recycling Centres are open to a limited extent. Check NSC for times: access is limited by registration numbers. With an odd last number in your car registration you can visit on Monday, Thursday or Saturday, with an even number on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. At Portishead Black Rock there is a one-way system in place: it is not possible to make a right turn to enter or exit the site. To enter you must turn left coming down Valley Road and to exit turn left towards Clevedon Road B3123.

Before you visit our recycling centres

Before visiting our recycling centres you should:

- check if the centre you want to visit is open – opening hours & days have changed
- sort items when you pack your car up to save time when you get to the centre

Only pack items which you can lift into the skips on your own. Only one person is allowed to leave each vehicle and recycling centre staff can't help you unload.

Trailers won't be allowed to enter the recycling centres.

When you arrive at the centre you should:

- expect longer waiting times than normal
- be patient and respectful to staff on site and follow their instructions – delays are beyond their control
- not leave your vehicle until it is necessary to get out
- wear protective gloves to avoid injury and to protect yourself from infection
- make sure you stick to social distancing – to keep people two metres apart only one person should be at each skip at any time.

We want to make sure everyone who needs to use the centre can do, so please don't use the centre more than once a month.

Recycling Tips

Food waste

The average family throws away about £700 worth of food waste a year; most goes to landfill. Please put food waste in your food waste bin, not your black wheelie bin

Plastic Bags

... can be recycled at a number of larger supermarkets including a lot of food packaging and magazine wrappers which are not biodegradable.

QUIZ

More questions kindly submitted by Christopher Sharp.
Answers below.

1	Why is Covid19 so called?
2	Why do some war memorials give a terminal date of WW1 of 1919?
3	6:36; 11:121; 19: ?
4	Who issued "Not Nineteen Forever" in 2008?
5	19 is the atomic number for what element?
6	19 is the age of majority in what 2 countries?
7	If 3 is 2, 7 is 4 and 23 is 9, what is 19?
8	Why was Adele's debut album in 2008 called '19'?
9	What were the Nineteen Propositions?
10	What connects Haiti, Mali and Myanmar?

Abbots Leigh Old School Field

The Parish Council plans to instal a dog waste bin in the school field, tol be emptied fortnightly or more if necessary. Please remember to keep your dog on a lead and clear up after it when walking through. A new basketball net has been ordered.

Abbots Leigh Village Hall

Under the next stage of Government's plans for a gradual easing of lockdown, it is expected that community buildings will be able to open from July 6th (if all goes to plan) albeit with restrictions. Plans are being drawn up to ensure that this can be done safely with guidance for hirers of the hall. Please contact Julie Smart, John Butler or John Prodger (caretaker at the hall) if you considering making a booking.

1 It stands for. Corona (CO) Virus (VI) Disease (D) and 19(2019) the year that the virus first hit 2 The 1919 date refers to the year the Treaty of Versailles was signed. This was the peace treaty drawn up by the nations who attended the Paris Peace Conference and officially ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers when it was signed on June 28, 1919 3 361 (the square of 19) 4 The Courteneers (the album was St Jude) 5: Potassium 6 Canada and South Korea 7: 8. (19 is the eighth prime number. 23 is the 9th etc) 8 she was 19 years old 9 a list of proposals submitted to Charles 1 in June 1642 by the Long Parliament seeking a larger share of power in the governance of the kingdom. He refused. The rest is history! 10 they all lie on 19 degrees of latitude (North)

Worship at Home - Services on ZOOM

We've conducted **Parish Communion**s on Zoom - contact Wo Hill for details and a link to future events.

A **booklet of daily prayer and reading** is available in the porches of both Holy Trinity and St Mary's or directly from Hester.

We have been uploading **sermons and some services** to our Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh Facebook page and links via email - please contact Hester or Wo if you would like a link to these.

WELCOME PACK

New to the parish? Know of new arrivals? For a Welcome Pack, contact:

Abbots Leigh: Nicola Stinchcombe 01275 374523 or

Nicky Walker 01275 374177 - or **see Parish Website:**

www.theparishchurch.com

Holy Trinity Open - 'Listening Benches' at both churches

As of 15th June, Holy Trinity is open for private prayer at the usual times. The church has been prepared for socially distanced behaviour with pews roped off but two chairs available for prayer, and notices outlining the situation, as well as sanitiser etc available. Please feel welcome to spend quiet, solitary time in church if you would like, but please do make use of the sanitiser and remain aware of other visitors.

In addition, there is a 'listening bench' outside both HT and St Mary's, where Hester and/or members of the pastoral team are making themselves available for an hour a day for any listening that might be helpful to anyone in these lonely and hard times, at 3-4pm (TBC).

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Recent donations have been magnificent – thank you so much – keep them coming!

Alan Shellard

NATURE NOTES

*We may have been idle, but nature hasn't – as **John Sparks** bears witness:*

It has been quite a year. The pandemic caused by Covid19 and the subsequent lockdown from the end of March limited my excursions mostly to Ashton Court. However, the glorious weather with clear skies uncluttered with contrails and warm air were a bonus. Without background traffic noise, bird song seemed louder. For the first time, many people marvelled at the chorus of Skylarks in the park, something they had not been aware of before this year. May had the lowest rainfall for 30 years and the longest hours of sunshine ever recorded. The long spell of fine conditions advanced seasonal events. For example, naturalists noted some butterflies appearing nearly two weeks earlier than normal. We had a good showing of brilliant yellow male **Brimstones** and beautiful **Peacock Butterflies** in our garden. However, this Spring was notable for the number of **Orange-tips** on the wing. Our Honesty flowers were a great draw to them.

An **Orangetip** male with wings apart, showing off the orange wing tips. The males are normally on the move searching for females but on this male stayed long enough for me to photograph it



Females could be mistaken for Small White butterflies. They do not sport the colourful wing tips but in common with the males, have mottled grey-green undersides of the hind wings - what one sees when the wings are closed, rendering the females difficult to spot.



I was lucky to encounter a courting pair. In response to the male fluttering frantically around her, the female adopted an open winged posture with the abdomen raised, which was an invitation to the male to mate with

her. This activity went on for a minute or two. The male occasionally flew so close to her that he almost brushed her raised abdomen.

Right: The male performs a close pass over the soliciting female.....

Surprisingly, no mating took place. It looked as though the female was willing to accept the male but he was not sufficiently aroused to copulate with her. If pheromones were involved, perhaps she was not emitting enough to entice him.

After a successful mating, the eggs are laid on several crucifers and especially **Cuckoo Flowers** and **Garlic Mustard**. **Honesty** is also acceptable as a food plant for the caterpillars.

According to a YouGov poll for the National Trust, 68% of the respondents had felt closer to nature as a result of the pandemic lockdown, and 55% of them planned to continue spending time with nature after the pandemic. It is seeing behaviour like I have just described that is so wonderful.

John Sparks



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