

The Byword



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Urgent medical concerns 24/7	111
Rural Wheels	01327 263627/262153 Or 07791 438043
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Powergen (general)	08455 191523
(emergencies)	0800 056 8090
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West Northants Council	0300 126 7000
Richard Corbett (Village Hall)	01327 260180



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Byfield

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We can get in touch with you regularly, or you can call us on 01327 227000.

If you have a problem or issue, you can turn to us, and if we can't help, we'll find you someone who can.

New to the Village ?

Firstly – Welcome! Secondly - Do you have a Good Neighbours Fridge magnet, and details of how we help? Thirdly - Would you like to become a volunteer and meet some of your neighbours?

When you join our roster of volunteers, you state what you can help with and when you can be available. We will offer small tasks to suit and you can accept or decline each time, with no obligation. Whether you are handy, friendly, talented or just have a car and the time to use it, we can find the occasional way for you to help someone else – a reward in itself !!

Call or email for a no-obligation chat, and find the sign up form on the website.

Rural Community Larder - @Woodford Halse

This is a fabulous resource for the whole community and that includes Byfielders!! The Larder provides access to store cupboard and fresh food each week, at prices that allow your finances to stretch further, as well as helping reduce food waste.

Why not come along and have a quick look :

Tuesdays 1-2.30pm & 6-7pm

The Nest (in the primary school carpark) Scrivens Hill

If you need assistance in getting to it, please do get in touch, as our volunteers are to be found helping there each week.

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Face to Face

With

Reverend Clare Glover

When you meet the new Rector of Fiveways Benefice for the first time you are struck by her openness, her friendliness and ability to make you smile while you are in her presence. However, she also has a more serious side and an empathy which will well suit those who come to her for comfort in difficult times.



Clare was born on 29th August 1972 in Billericay in Essex, although the family moved several times before Clare was 2, so most of her memories are from Faversham in Kent. Dad was a careers adviser but also became a Deacon in the Baptist Church, while Mum was a teacher. Clare's younger brother still lives in Faversham, so it must be a good place to live!

As a girl, Clare went to a grammar school and from there to Leicester University where she studied medicine, gaining a First Class Degree in Epidemiology and Public Health, prior to becoming a doctor.

Clare's first job was as a doctor at Coventry Hospital, fulfilling the role of Churchwarden at Coventry Cathedral in her spare time (proving that she is a supreme multi tasker!). Her husband to be, James, was a server at the cathedral and so this was an opportunity for the couple to meet and for that initial meeting to turn into a lifelong partnership.

When they first got married Clare and James lived in Coventry but really preferred the idea of a life in the country and consequently moved to Kilsby, where they spent the next 25 years. Clare got a job as a G.P. in Northampton and James as an aircraft engineer in Rugby, although he subsequently trained to become a pilot and is now a Freight Pilot. Meanwhile Clare was training part time to become a priest.

The couple were blessed with 2 children, Bea (born in 2001) and David (born in 2003). Bea is now training to be a teacher and David is at Birmingham Conservatoire, with the bassoon as his special instrument. We saw the family in action at Clare's introductory barbecue recently and it was easy to recognise that it is a sociable and industrious unit which we are very happy and privileged to have living within our community.

After Clare was ordained at Peterborough Cathedral in 2022, she spent a couple of years as a curate working for different benefices within the Diocese of Peterborough, most recently at the Naseby Seven. She did actually apply there as well, since they were also in an interregnum, but we were fortunate to get our interview for Rector in a couple of days before the Naseby one, so nabbed her quickly while we had the chance! A decision we are more than happy with. Clare and her family (and 3 cats!) are now settling in and Clare has already demonstrated her sociable nature by attending various groups and schools, with many more on the list. In her spare time Clare hopes to be able to get to grips with the garden and occasionally wind down with her beloved pastime of knitting.

Clare is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible in Byfield, Boddington, Aston, Eydon and Woodford at the same time as working to take the life and mission of those churches onward. We, in our turn, look forward to getting to know Clare and her family better, and welcome them to what we hope will be a long and happy life within our communities.

Face to Face Questions for Reverend Clare Glover

- 1. A couple of your earliest memories?** Lying on the ground and looking at a yellow plant (Forsythia?). Losing a wellie boot in the mud down on a beach in Kent. It looked like flat sand but found to my cost it wasn't!
- 2. What sort of child were you?** Shy and quiet with my nose in a book or making something. My grandmother taught me to knit and I never looked back.
- 3. What did you want to be when you grew up?** I wanted to be what I first became, which was a doctor. I was never squeamish but more interested in the whys and wherefores of a wounded knee!
- 4. What was the defining moment that persuaded you to become a priest?** The realisation that I wanted to pray for people. When you are a Doctor, patients often come to you in difficult or sad moments of their lives, needing comfort as well as medical intervention. I found I wanted more and more to help people through these experiences. I was brought up with a background of religion and it has always been an important factor in my life so I felt I could give something to others through my own faith and beliefs.
- 5. What qualities do you feel are the most important in a rural priest?** Being able to get on with everyone and not being precious about the way things are done. Being open to encompassing varying ways that come from different people and parishes.
- 6. A failing you can own up to and an annoying habit?** Putting things down and forgetting where they are (does that sound familiar?). Taking on too much and then getting in a flap when it becomes overwhelming!
- 7. A hidden talent?** Crafting particularly knitting. Also, I love growing things when I get the chance.
- 8. What kind of music do you like to listen to?** Mostly classical, in particular Bach's Toccatas and Fugues but a favourite is Dvorak's New World Symphony. Apart from that I also appreciate modern jazz ... something like Miles Davis.
- 9. A book that has made an impression (apart from the Bible and anything else religious)?** 'Lord of the Rings' by J.R.R. Tolkien. I first read it as a teenager, then in my twenties and a third time later in life. I remember being particularly sorry for the Tree People. A quote I have found especially memorable is this one from 'Fellowship of the Ring':
"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.
"So do I," said Gandalf," and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."
- 10. If you could choose anything off an endless menu, what would your starter, main and dessert be?**

It would depend on the day, but in summer it would probably be a starter of salmon pate with crusty bread followed by a Caesar salad and finishing with a pavlova.

11. Your special place? There is a lake called Lake Gwynant at the bottom of Snowdon, where we camped and canoed when the children were small, that is special to us.

12. A frightening experience? My daughter Bea was 5 weeks premature and after the birth I spent 5 days in intensive care wondering what was going to happen next. Of course, as a doctor you know all the awful things that could be a prospect and there I was all wired up, worrying and trying to feed the premature baby that was in my arms. (Bea is now a very healthy-looking adult!).

13. Your perfect day? Canoeing on a lake with James and then having a picnic afterwards. It would not be too hot or too cold but just right!

14. What advice would you give your 21-year-old self? I would tell myself not to worry too much and be such a perfectionist. When I was in medicine it was particularly driven and target centred which puts pressure on you to be like that as well.

15. How do you see your future? I want to settle down into these communities for the foreseeable future and put down roots. I want to look after the garden and bring it on to be part of my family home.

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The Byfield Charities

Over the years there have been several charities operating in Byfield but as the income of them has decreased they have been combined into the two charities that we have at present. Shaw's Charity used the income from renting out a field annually on the road to Priors Marston to pay for the upkeep of causeways (i.e. paths or tracks) in the parish. Adjacent to this field was another field which was also let out annually and was called the Poores allotment and the income provided coal for the poor people of the parish.

The Rector of Byfield received 'tithes' from the farmers of Byfield and was expected to give 48 pecks (96 gallons) of wheat to the poor on St. Thomas' Day (21st December). This was later amended to the giving of a loaf of bread.

The interest of £150 left by Mr John Lovett of Hillmorton, Warwickshire in 1834 was for the poor of the parish who did not receive parochial relief. Mr Samuel Greenwood of Byfield left £3 yearly in 1693 and income from a narrow strip of land in Woodford Halse for the instruction of poor children.

Mr Thomas Edwards of Budbroke left 10/- (50p) yearly to distribute loaves of bread on Mid-Lent Sunday. The Revd. Sir John Knightley, Bart. in 1802 left the interest earned on £100 to the Sunday School. For many children this was the only education that they received. Mr Joseph Fessey left a more substantial bequest in 1898 as £1200 was left to the Rector and Churchwardens for the benefit of the aged, infirm and deserving (!) poor of the parish.

There was also the rent of the land called Clock Meadow and owned by the Church. The rent money was used to pay the clock winder and upkeep of the Church clock. You should recognise most of these names of these benefactors as they have been used as street names in Byfield.

In the 20th century the awarding of these charities was overseen by a committee rather than just the Rector and Churchwardens but by the 1990s it was felt that they produced such a minimal return on the investments (except the Causeway and Poors Allotment) that it was decided to amalgamate them into just two charities. The amalgamation of the charities took place in 1994. However, the two fields that were let each year continued to raise income at the 'land letting' ceremony at one of the pubs in the village. This ceremony was always an amusing occasion as after the first bid the auctioneer had to walk 3 times around a small table and then try to leave the room. Of course the bidders would wait until his hand was on the door handle before calling out another bid. This whole event became more and more funny especially as people were also keeping the auctioneer supplied with beer!

Finally, there were no more bids and the attention could turn to the second field. A newspaper (Mercury & Herald) report in 1961 stated that The Causeway field (just over 9 acres) was let after 32 bids for £63. The Poors Piece (or allotment) which was just over 17 acres was let for just £51 which was £93 less than the previous year.

In 1998 it was decided by the committee that it would be better to sell the fields and invest the money. Both fields were at a disadvantage as there was no source of water on the land which discouraged owners of animals from wanting to bid. In the same year it was also decided to wind up the Greenwood charity and the proceeds (£69.37) were given to Byfield School for purchasing geographical globes.



Land letting at the Bell Inn, possibly in the 1960s. From the left: Cecil Cotterill, Fred Boddington, Fred Trenfield (Stationmaster), Frank Howes (farmer), Alf Smith (baker), Bert Wingrove 'walking the table' and Edward Thompson (farmer).

CHARITIES APPLICATION

NEED A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL NEED
FOR YOURSELF OR A GROUP?

Then you fill in the form on this page and give it to one of the Trustees listed. It would help if you can give a copy of a receipt or quote. We try to help by giving at least some of the money you are asking for and it comes in cheque form. Applications need to be in by 4th September.

Application Form for Funding

Do you wish to apply for funding for yourself?

Name -----

Address ----- Phone -----

Someone else?

Name -----

Address -----

A Byfield organisation?

Name of group -----

Applicant ----- Phone -----

What is the funding for?

Signature (Give or post to a trustee listed)

Byfield Combined Charities Trustees:

Chris Cross (Chairman), 28 Bell Lane ... Christl Davis, 20 Westhorpe Lane ... Lyn Grennan, 35 The Twistle ... Pam Hicks (Treasurer), 1 Edwards Close ... Rosemary Johnson (Secretary), The Corner House, 34 Bell Lane ... Angela Weller, 18 Church St... Lesley Palmer, 23 Banbury Road...Revd. Clare Glover, The Rectory, 55 Church St.

What is going on!

Book Sale – Saturday 7th September 10am – come along and bag a bargain!

Rhymetime starts again on Tuesday **September 10th** 2.30-3.00pm (**every Tuesday** during term time (free) musical fun for under 5's and their carers).

Craft Group – Tuesday 6th and 20th August, Sept 3rd and 17th 10am -12 midday

Book Group – Thursday 15th August & 19th Sept 10am-11am

Art Group – Thursday 8th and 22nd August and 12th and 26th Sept 10am-12 midday

New members very welcome at all of the above sessions!

Children's "Marvellous Makers" Craft Session – Tuesday 27th August 1pm-3pm. A chance for kids to get creative with junk models and jewellery! See our FB page for details (places are limited so please sign up for this at the library).

A crafting table will also be available for children during library opening times.

Our volunteers can help with bus passes and blue badge application, please check the documents you require before coming in. The library is a designated "Welcoming Space" where there is always a hot drink/cuppa soup available and a warm welcome to anyone who would like to spend time in the library. Free WIFI too. Please join us.

All activities are free of charge and provided by The Friends of Woodford Library. Donations are always appreciated and go towards enhancing your library experience. Library telephone numbers 01327 262054 or 01604 526362.

Library opening hours are Wed 10am-2pm, Thursday and Friday 2pm-5pm and Saturday 10am -12 midday.

Churches Together Coffee Morning

This coffee morning takes place at Hinton Methodist Chapel in Woodford Halse. The next two will be on Saturday 10th August and Saturday 14th Sept 10am -11.30am. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

Woodford Halse Community Village Show Saturday 14th Sept at the Village Centre

Sixty different categories covering art, cookery, fruit and veg, photography, craft, including 10 categories specifically for under 16s – so plenty of ideas to keep young ones busy over the summer break!

Copies of the Categories booklet available at WH Library/Community Café. Or email

woodfordhalsevillageshow@gmail.com

Letter from the Rectory

So far summer this year hasn't been very summery. The weather has been cooler and wetter than usual and, at least for me since I moved to Byfield, this year has been particularly busy. I'm looking forward to August which often seems to be a quieter month and hoping for some drier weather. After the summer fetes and end of year activities the children from our local schools are enjoying their long summer holidays and many families from the village have gone away for a summer break. In this beautiful part of the country August also seems to be a time when we welcome families from across the country who have come to stay here on holiday and to enjoy the beautiful countryside of this local area.

Although for many of our local farmers August is a busy time as they are hard at work in the fields preparing for and bringing in their harvest, for many of us late summer is a time for rest and relaxation, a time for sitting in the garden, spending time with family and friends or catching up on the books we have wanted to read or the projects we have planned and hope to finish. Life can be busy for all of us and for many people the school summer holidays provide a welcome break from the daily chaos of the school run and the chance of a slightly different pattern of life. Maybe working from home, sharing childcare responsibilities with friends or extended family or perhaps the school summer holiday gives some people a chance to spend longer periods of time with their grandchildren getting to know them better while their parents go to work.

We all need times of rest and relaxation, times to stop and watch the world go by and to reflect on our lives and sometimes a change of activity or pace of life can be as refreshing as time spent doing nothing. Studies have shown that without periods of rest human beings become less productive. When we are tired it takes longer to complete the same task and without times to rest and recover, we can become exhausted and irritable. The church calendar has built times of rest, reflection and celebration into the seasons of the church year and the seasonal pattern of our worship. From earliest times Holy days have provided a chance for people to take a break from their daily work and to stop and spend time with their families while enjoying the presence of God. We still mark some of these Holy days as holidays when people have time off from work to spend with their families, or to spend outside enjoying the beauty of the natural world. The 29th of August which is the day we remember St John the Baptist, for example, often falls on or close to the August Bank holiday weekend. Christians believe that even God took time to rest and enjoy the goodness and beauty of the natural world so it seems fitting that at least some Holy days should have become for many of us holidays and days of rest.

Whatever you are doing this summer, whether for you it is a busy time at work or an opportunity for rest and relaxation I hope that you manage to find some time to enjoy the company of friends and family and that there are at least some days and evenings warm enough to enjoy the beauty of this area. I am certainly looking forward to my own summer holiday and the chance to explore some more of the local countryside.

Best wishes
Clare



Byfield Parish Council

- Facebook – please follow @byfieldparishcouncil
- Website – please go to our website www.byfield-pc.gov.uk where all agendas, minutes and useful documents can be seen. The Parish Council normally meets on the second Thursday of the month in the village hall starting at 1930 hrs. Members of the press and public are always welcome to attend. contact details for the Parish Clerk are:

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Byfield Parish Council
c/o Byfield Village Hall
The Green
Byfield
Northants
NN11 6UT

Telephone 07717 337048
Email clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk

Chairman's Report

- Appointment of a new Clerk

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Alex George as the new Clerk and RFO to Byfield Parish Council. Alex lives in Byfield and although new to Parish Clerking has related experience in local government / the public sector and we are sure will quickly become adept at the role.

- Bypass / Relief Road

At the Annual Parish Meeting this concept was discussed and met with a range of views, the Parish Council considered it again at a formal meeting and decided this was not a project that it would actively become involved with at this stage.

- John Russell

Many were saddened to hear of the death, at 86, of John Russell. Sometimes known as Mr. Byfield, John was born and lived his entire life in the village. His family ran a general store at the junction of Bell Lane and Banbury Lane and although that closed many years ago its history is recorded in John's book 'Discovering Byfield' which was published in 2005. John's contribution to the village lives on in The Brightwell, its associated clubs, his many years of service as Chairman of the Parish Council and on Daventry District Council and, of course, his book.

The General Election is over, we have a new MP, Government and Prime Minister. Our thoughts might now turn to the next set of elections which take place in spring 2025 for unitary and Parish Councillors. We expect there to be vacancies but even if there are not anyone eligible can stand and there can be a ballot. Is now the time to be thinking about what you can bring to our village? How can we make it an even better place to live? Please feel free to contact the clerk, chairman or any parish councillor to have an informal conversation and answer any questions you may have about this very worthwhile opportunity.

If you are moving away then farewell, and thank you for being part of our community. If you are new to Byfield then welcome, we are sure this will become a happy and fulfilling place for you to have your home.

Environment

You may have read this before but it is a useful reminder not only about land ownership but also our obligation as householders to keep hedges and other planting under control and not to provide a hazard to pedestrians or road users. The Parish Council is grateful to villagers who trim grass,

plant shrubs or otherwise maintain public areas near their property, it is a neighbourly thing to do. No one should place themselves at any risk doing this and of course it does not create any exclusive rights of access or ownership to a piece of land and it remains entirely legal to walk on or across such areas.

The Parish Council will happily consider planting trees on any public land and invites suggestions.

Parking Bay Outside the Co-op

At its meeting on the 11th July the PC will consider a proposal to remark the parking bay next to the Co-op and possible signage to highlight that this is intended for short term parking and to assist those who cannot walk far to get to the shop and post office easily, rather than long term or overnight parking.

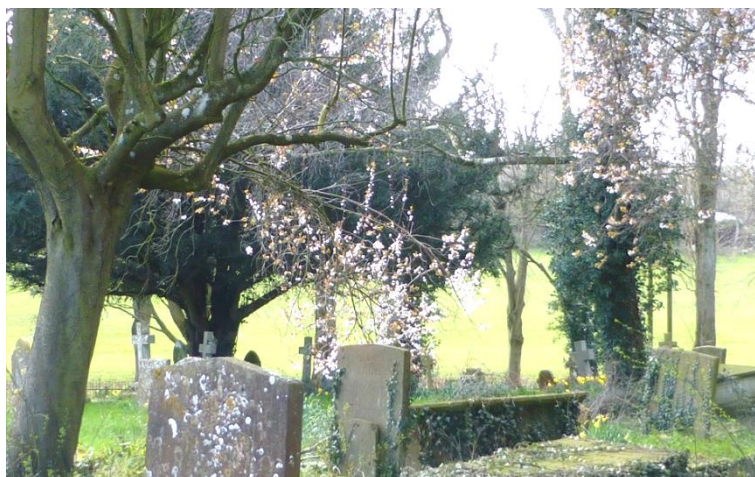
The conclusion of the meeting will be recorded in the minutes which are available on the website.

Brightwell Recreation Ground

The impressive and newly refurbished Brightwell Pavilion is available for occasional hire. Please contact the clerk with any initial enquiries.

Closed Churchyard

The Parish Council is responsible for the closed churchyard, that is the area around Holy Cross



Church. We maintain the walls, cut the grass or strim dependent on the area and keep the paths clear. Care of individual memorials is the responsibility of the family or friends of the deceased and we can only take action if a memorial is unsafe.

We are aware of a dead cherry tree and also some damage to the wall abutting Gooseberry Lane and will address both problems.

New outdoor exercise equipment

As mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting, we are developing a plan of works to introduce new outdoor exercise equipment to be distributed across the Brightwell. Cllr Mike Burdon is leading on this project and we are all looking forward to the results.

HS2 and Highways

Cllr Gillic acts as our liaison with HS2 contractors. We encourage villagers to find much more information, and personalize what they receive, you can get a lot of information from the [HS2 website](#).

If you have a question about HS2 or their works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on [08081 434 434](tel:08081434434) or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

If you see unusual loads or activity in the village please try to get a photograph of the vehicle or activity in order for us to challenge with the contractors. It is important that the transport plans and construction methods are adhered to at all times.

N.B. We are aware of tunnel segments travelling through Byfield and have tried to ensure that these follow the proper route ie travel north on the A361 from the M40 at Banbury.

As previously reported the Parish Council is aware of concerns about the verges in Jubilee Close and parking problems for residents. Neither the Housing Association responsible for the publicly owned properties nor WNC responsible for Highways appear to be able to help and has suggested that the Parish Council might want to provide crossovers or parking spaces which is somewhat outside of our usual remit and certainly not something within our budget. Early indications are that this work might cost in excess of £120,000. To put this into perspective our budget for Roads and Rights of Way is £8000 pa, our entire budget for every service we provide is approx. £88,000 so if we were to go ahead with this work we would need to borrow a substantial amount of money.

No final decisions have been made and we would need to consult with the entire parish to get approval to borrow.

Burial Ground

Please follow the rules on the noticeboard to help keep this a calm and comforting place including not using glass. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove items which are dangerous or unsightly such as decaying flowers.

Footpaths

Remember whenever using public footpaths to follow the countryside code, pick up after your dog, leave gates as you find them and keep to established paths.

Planning

There have been two recent planning applications in the village:

2024/2419/FULL	Nutwood Cottage 14 Boddington Rd. Byfield NN11 6UP	Replacement garage, revised driveway, retaining walls, new greenhouse, new windows to the main house.
2024/2416/FULL	46 Banbury Lane Byfield NN11 6UX	Demolition of side double garage and rear conservatory and erection of a new two-storey side and rear extension, replacement tiled roof over utility room and new open front porch.

If you are considering making a planning application in order to extend or improve your property you might find it helpful to contact the planning office at the Daventry office of West Northants Council. The advice they give could save time and help to ensure that your application proceeds as quickly as possible. ***It is also helpful to inform your neighbours of your plans so that if they have any concerns, these can be discussed.***

Allotments

Councillor Lindsay Clark continues to oversee the area and we follow a policy of sub dividing the bigger plots into more manageable sized areas. All plots are currently taken but to go on the waiting list please contact the clerk clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk .Byfield Parishioners have priority for any plots that do become available.

Lights and Utilities

Cllr Davis is the first point of call for any faulty light, that includes day burners as well as those not working at night - email christl.davis@byfield-pc.gov.uk

Pocket Park

If you would like to become involved in maintaining and developing the whole area please feel free to reach out to the coordinator at brightwellpp@runbox.com, or come along to one of the monthly sessions. We look forward to meeting you. - Chris Butlin - Brightwell Pocket Park Coordinator.

John Gillic - Chair - Byfield Parish Council

Councillor	Tel./email	Area(s) of Special Interest
John Gillic (<i>Chairman</i>) 28 Banbury Lane	01327 262917 j.gillicbpc@icloud.com	Council Chairman; Finance, Burial Ground, Closed Churchyard, Village Hall Trustee
Sally (Pom) Boddington 31 Bell Lane	01327 263745 pom.boddington@byfield-pc.gov.uk	Pocket Park, Allotments, Environment, Brightwell Recreation Ground
Michael Burdon 19 Westhorpe Lane	07576 977382 michael.burdon@byfield-pc.gov.uk	Playground
Lindsay Clark 39 Lovett Road	lindsayclark.bpc@gmail.com	Allotments Coordinator, Rights of Way
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Nick Thompson 26 Greenwood Close	07716 167082 nick.thompson@byfield-pc.gov.uk	Rights of Way, Environment

The Pride of Byfield Bowls Club! Luke Smith.

Some people are lucky enough to be born with all the physical attributes they need to succeed in life. Some people are born with a disability which means that they have to display the resilience and determination needed to overcome them and realise their dreams. Twenty-two-year-old Luke Smith definitely falls into the latter category and has not let his disability hold him back when it comes to achieving success in the sporting world. Luke was born with cerebral palsy, which affects his right-hand side, but it is amazing how that fades into the background when Luke is taking part in sporting activities.



Luke lives in Bicester but spends a lot of his time in Byfield where his grandparents Pete and Diane Adkins live. Fortunately for us, Luke has become a regular member of Byfield Bowls Club and plays for the club at least once a week, attaining the respect and popularity amongst his fellow bowlers that he so strongly deserves.

During the past couple of years Luke has caught the eye of Disability Bowls England, attending trials which led to selection for the National team. Luke's greatest achievement so far has been representing England in the Disability Bowls World Cup, which was held in South Africa during May this year. What a great adventure that was, not only for Luke, but for the accompanying family members of mum Dawn and grandparents Diane and Pete! You might think they just went along to cheer and encourage but no! Pete tells me he fulfilled some vital roles while he was there. Some of these were Chief Hydration Officer (making sure drinking water was supplied), Security Officer (looking after kit when players were on the green), Transport Manager (loading and pushing wheelchairs) and even the dizzy heights of Team Manager one day when the usual people were not available!

There were 11 National teams competing for the World Cup Trophy over the space of a couple of weeks and England came in the very respectable position of fifth. Luke was representing England in both the singles and the pairs, winning some and losing some but enjoying the experience whatever the outcome.

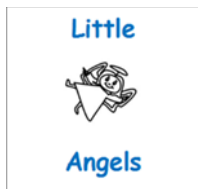


Back home in England Luke's life is still centred around sport as he works with the David Lloyd Leisure Centre in Bicester, mostly helping with children's football. At the weekend he trains or plays for Oxford City Disabled Football Team. On Mondays he plays with Byfield in the Northampton Men's Triples League. A very fulfilling life for a very energetic young man!

Perhaps Luke will never get another opportunity of a lifetime as he did in South Africa, or perhaps he will – who knows? But in the meantime he is very grateful for the experience and sends a massive thanks to all his sponsors and everyone who helped him achieve this amazing trip.

Luke with Mum Dawn and Grandparents Pete and Diane all wearing England kit in South Africa.

The other photo is of Luke after his successful singles match against the player representing India



Little Angels

Little Angels is a time of simple worship for families with babies and pre-school children, held in Holy Cross Church. We have a short interactive story, one or two action songs and a short prayer. There are then activities and toys for the children - and time for a cup of tea and a chat. In May we heard about the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples 50 days after Jesus had risen from the dead. We blew like the rushing wind, 'flickered' like the flames of light that appeared over the disciples' heads and then celebrated the 'birth' of the Christian church with balloons!

In June we heard the story of the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep. Milo and Pippa helped to build a pen for the sheep to gather in at night and then searched out all the animals that were 'grazing' around the chancel, putting them safely in the pen. When we counted them up there was one missing. Jesus tells us that no-one is forgotten so we had to look high and low and eventually found the sheep hiding under the altar! We gave three cheers!

Come and join our storytelling! Find out more about Jesus and how much he cares for us. We won't be meeting in August but will resume in September. We aim to meet on the third Monday of each month in term time at 2pm in Holy Cross church, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December.
Lesley and Lyn.



Rising Stars!

A Junior Church youth group for those aged 7 – 12 years.

In May we remembered the disciples holed up together in Jerusalem waiting for the helper that Jesus had promised to send after he had ascended to heaven. We set up the church with three escape rooms and the young people had to work out the code that would open the padlock to let them out of their 'room' by solving a series of puzzles. They did a brilliant job and opened the padlocks in time to enjoy pancakes together.

In June our theme was relationships: we read Jesus' message saying that a community or family can only be successful if they work together and that anyone who believes in God and is loving and caring to one another is part of His family. We talked about the values you need to bring people together in a community eg patience, tolerance, generosity, good humour, honesty, loyalty, openness.

We 'made' our family out of playdough, added in our friends and then thought about others who are lonely or get left out who might like to join our family group. We placed them all in God's hands. We finished by making a friendship bracelet to give to someone who might be feeling sad.

Come and join us in Holy Cross Church on the third Thursday in the month from 6 – 7.30. Our evening is based on a Bible story but will include games, puzzles, crafts and **FOOD!** We will not be meeting in August but will meet on September 19th, October 17th, November 21st and December 20th. Do come along – we'd love to welcome you.

Any questions? Email lep23a@gmail.com or text 07941 328535

LP, LG



Messy Church



Our summer holiday Messy Church will be on Thursday, 22nd August in Holy Cross Church from 11am until 1pm.



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If you want to see God, send him a text while driving!

Some summer jokes

How can you tell that the ocean is friendly?
It waves

Why do fish swim in salt water?
Because pepper water would make them sneeze

Where do sheep go on vacation?
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What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?
Swimming trunks.

What travels all around the world but stays in one corner?
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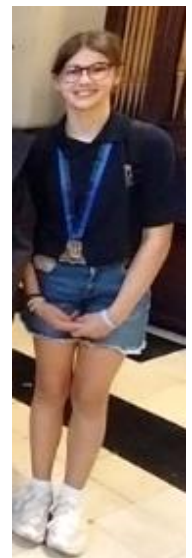


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Young people have always played a role in reshaping the world and Bell ringing is no different. Recently one of the Byfield young ringer Freya Bartlett has joined up with five other outstanding ringers from the Daventry area. They entered in the annual Ringing World National Youth Contest on Saturday 6th July 2024 in London and came in 4th out of fourteen teams from around the UK.

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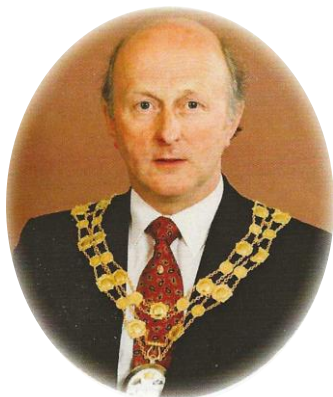


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JOHN RUSSELL (“JR”)

When John died recently it was the end of an era. No-one could have been more involved with his beloved Byfield and no-one could have been more active in ensuring that progressions were made in the village which benefitted all the inhabitants.

Although John was a serious man in some respects, he was also a bit of a joker, appearing in the Byfield School punishment book for chatting and pranks and later taking on dares as a teenager. That didn't stop when he became an adult, as he was a puller of legs and liked to make little comical additions to the script in the village pantomimes. However, John's serious side came to the fore when he took on positions of responsibility, amongst which were Chairman of the Village Hall, Chairman of the Parish Council for 24 years and President of the Cricket Club for 44 years without ever playing a game of cricket! Later on, he also became President of the British Legion and was elected onto the District Council as an Independent candidate. John was not content to sit back there either, but took a prominent role by becoming Chairman for 2 terms.



I had personal experience of John's time on the Parish Council, as I was Vice Chairman during some of his tenure. John had a straightforward way of getting anything done, which was: Have an idea, research the practicalities, delegate to nominated councillors and sub committees and then let them get on with it! Thus, John was the driving force behind extensions to the Village Hall, extension of the Brightwell Field and amalgamation of all the Sports Clubs into one large area, with appropriate facilities to hand. He also instigated the idea and work needed to make the old station area into the new burial ground.

John was born and bred in Byfield at 'Ramblegarth' at the top of Bell Lane, opposite what was once the family grocery shop. Incidentally, his father Les was born in the same house – no wonder Byfield was entrenched in John's blood! John went to Byfield Primary School, followed by Towcester Grammar School, an apprenticeship at Grimsbury Motors in Banbury, National Service in the RAF and after various other occupations ended up as Station Manager at Weedon Depot, testing heavy goods vehicles and buses.

During his time in Byfield John was very much a church man, as his father had been before him. He followed Les into the church choir and was often chosen to sing the solos as a boy treble. This connection continued throughout John's life and he often used to boast that he had lived through the incumbencies of 12 Rectors.

One of the highlights of John's life was the award of the B.E.M. to him for services to Byfield and Daventry. But I think he would agree that surpassing it was meeting his wife Jill in Eydon Village Hall in 1955 and dancing to 'Twenty tiny fingers, twenty tiny toes' (which was very appropriately played at his funeral).





The couple had the bungalow in Banbury Lane built to their own specifications and managed to nurture a superb garden alongside. When Jill died a couple of years ago John was never the same man, as she was definitely the power behind the throne. I don't think he would have been too sad to be joining her, but we are sad to have lost them both.

R.I.P. Jill and John.

C.C.



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2nd Tuesday Group

During summer months the Group (previously named Byfield Over 60s Club) aims to have visits to a variety of venues.

In May just a few members went to Birmingham Botanical Gardens and then in June many more visited the model village of Bekonscot near to Beaconsfield. A 1930s time-warp which started as a project for a wealthy City gent to have an outdoor location for his model railway and into which he (and his gardeners) inserted houses, shops, a zoo, air field and churches and much more.

July saw 21 members and guests visit Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne for a booked tour of this wonderful place which has been lovingly brought back to life by volunteers. The Yard was the national winner in 2006 of a BBC-TV programme – *Restoration Village*. This gave the trustees the finance needed to get the long-forgotten blacksmith and wheelwright yard up and running again. The Yard had been closed in the 1960s when the final Mr Chedham called it a day and locked the gates for the last time. The family had operated a blacksmiths' and wheelwrights' workshop on the site for 150 years. The Yard became overgrown and was saved from possible sale for housing development by being purchased by the Parish Council in 2001. It is now run by volunteer trustees and is open on most Saturdays to showcase a wide variety of crafts and activities – and for group visits during the week.

On 13th August members plan to visit the Fosse Way Garden Centre and on 10th September monthly speaker meetings start up again in the village hall – with Martin Sirot-Smith giving a talk on Tudor Harvest Customs.





Although the group started life as an Over 60s Club it is now open to anyone of any age – so anyone 'working from home' who would like (and is allowed) a hour or so away from the computer is most welcome to come along on the 2nd Tuesday in the month to join the talks. On the 4th Tuesday afternoon, the Group runs a Beetle Drive in the village hall (Meeting Room) from 2 to 4pm. Open to anyone to come along.

For more information about the Group please contact Rosemary Johnson on 01327 261327 or Angela Weller on 01327 260022.

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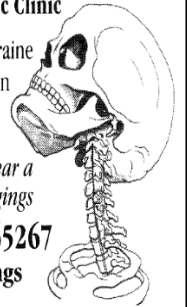
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AUGUST

As usual in August there is a reduced rota of services.

Sunday 4th August

10am Morning Prayer at Boddington
10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon
10am Benefice Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Sunday 11th August

10am Benefice Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

Sunday 18th August

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Boddington
11am Benefice Holy Communion at Eydon

Sunday 25th August

11am Benefice Holy Communion at Byfield

Every Wednesday

9.45am Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at Byfield.

200 Club

If you want to join the Holy Cross 200 Club then speak to Chris Cross on 260764.

The draw is held on the second or third Sunday of each month, depending on the rota of services.

There is a prize of £50 and £25 each month.

The deadline for the next Byword (October/November) is Sunday 1st September

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st September

10am Morning Prayer at Boddington
10am Café Church at Woodford Halse
11am BCP Matins at Aston le Walls
11am Holy Communion at Byfield

Sunday 8th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon
11am Holy Communion at Boddington
11am Café Church at Byfield

Sunday 15th September

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Aston le Walls
10.30am Café Church at Eydon
11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Sunday 22nd September

8.30am BCP Holy Communion at Byfield
10am Benefice Holy Communion at Woodford Halse
6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

Sunday 29th September

10am Benefice Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

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