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Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter, our attempt to keep you informed of the many activities being undertaken by your Parish Council in seeking to improve the quality of life here.

Our hope is that we can continue to improve two way communication and we would welcome any ideas which you may have. As always, we would ask you to let us have your email address so that eventually we can reduce the cost of communication and devote our resources to other projects. Please email the clerk at clerk@walford-pc.org.uk to include yourself on our database.

During the summer we have made varying degrees of progress with projects, some of which will be explained in more detail in the newsletter.

The Walford links cycle route has made some progress with a better understanding of the costs of the more difficult construction aspects.

The Kerne Bridge canoe launch transfer of ownership is currently being progressed by the lawyers.

After a slow start, we have made significant progress through the summer with plans to alleviate the flooding at Daycroft Lane.

There is much to do to finalise and achieve these, but thanks must go to Cllr Drummond and the Balfour Beatty Locality Stewards, who have been a great help.

We have, during the summer, engaged with the self help pothole scheme which has seen some improvements to the state of our minor roads, delivered by the Lengthsman.

We have also raised the profile of the Village Agent scheme and engaged with the Clinical Commissioning Group in the hope that we can finally get this important concept off the ground in order to set up an ongoing regime of help for those in need in our Parish.

As you can see, there is much going on and we invite you to come along to our Council meetings where you can share your ideas with us.

Community Speed Watch

Warwickshire and West Mercia Police

The safer roads team of the Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police have launched 'Community Speed Watch'.

This is a community driven road safety initiative, which enables community volunteers to address concerns about inappropriate traffic speed on local roads in their area. It is supported by the Safer Roads Partnership team, but managed and run by volunteers in the community.

The scheme involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the

speeds of vehicles with approved speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, notice is sent to the drivers by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in future.

Want to get involved?

For more information and how to become a volunteer, please contact your local safer neighbourhood team.

www.westmercia.police.uk

www.warwickshire.police.uk

Or by calling 101

Walford Parish Council Meetings 2015

The Parish Council will be discussing the frequency of meetings on November 12th and as the outcome of this discussion may have an impact on the meetings schedule for next year, we will not be including a list of dates in this issue of the Newsletter.

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and alternate between Bishopswood and Walford Village Halls. Meeting notices are posted around the Parish and dates of meetings on the website; or these can be requested by contacting the Clerk, preferably by e mail.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Dave Berry

The Steering Group have completed the first essential stage towards determining the Neighbourhood plan; seeking the views of the parishioners.

The response rate to the questionnaire was sufficient to provide us with a clear mandate. Our thanks go to all those who responded. See our website for the data analysis, under projects.

The Neighbourhood plan has to be in line with the policies in the Herefordshire Council Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy has just been submitted for government examination which began on 23rd September 2014, the Steering Group have decided to put any further activity on hold until completion of the examination and final adoption.

If anybody would like to help with the tasks involved in putting our Neighbourhood Plan together, please contact us.

*Dave Berry - Chairman
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group*

Village Warden Scheme

Helping those in need is a splendid undertaking which gets a nod of approval from one and all. But how to achieve a reliable working system is the tricky bit.

**What sort of help is wanted?
When and who is able to meet the call for help?**

These are the problems that our fledgling operations face.

Accordingly, we have approached the Red Cross, who are experienced in these matters, for some help, advice on training and costs over a six month period, to get our system rolling.

The Parish Council will need to approve their proposals and costings and secure funding before the system can get cracking and then



**In the meantime, any more volunteers should get in touch via email or phone, with Councillor Terry Snow:
terry.snow@dsl.pipex.com
or 01989 567639.**

Parish World War One Memorials - Restoration

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has embarked upon the process of applying for grants from War Memorials Trust to restore the WW1 memorials at St Michaels and All Angels Church and at Howle Hill.



War Memorials Trust is the charity that works for the protection and conservation of war memorials across the UK.

There are estimated to be over 100,000 war memorials in the UK. Many of these are treasured but sadly others are neglected and vandalised or left to suffer the effects of ageing and weathering. This is where War Memorials Trust comes in. They want to ensure each and every memorial is **preserved** and the memory of the individuals recorded, whether they be from past or present conflict, civilian or service personnel.

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes which between them cover the whole of the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

The process began with a pre-grant application to War Memorials Trust. This is a simple form that allows the Trust to identify whether the works in a proposed project are **eligible** for funding, and if so, to identify the appropriate grant scheme for the project.

A positive response has been received to both pre-grant applications and the next step is to submit applications for the scheduled grant assessments, due on 30th November (for Howle Hill) and 31st December (for St Michaels and All Angels.) **Update in the next newsletter.**



Cable replacement now complete . countryside restoration begins later this year

As you are aware we have been working in the area since 2011 to replace underground electricity cables. I am pleased to say that the new cables have been installed and are now an integral part of the national electricity transmission network.

You may have seen that our working compounds are still in place, as there is still some work to be completed. This includes restoring the land where we have worked to a suitable condition, which we hope to begin in September. We expect this to be largely complete by autumn 2015.

The work will be carried out for National Grid by our contractor, Neary Construction.

We hope that you find this helpful and thank you for your continued patience.

If you have any questions about the work we will be doing or you have any concerns, please get in touch with us on 0800 073 1047. This helpline is available between 7am - 7pm seven days a week.



Matthew Thompson MPRCA Consultant JBP PR & Parliamentary Affairs

Borders Broadband Update

*Information from
Fastershire Broadband*

The rollout of fibre broadband in this area as part of the Fastershire project started on 27th September 2013.

Ross on Wye - We have made good progress, but the rollout in this area has been extremely challenging.

Our team have found significant number of blockages and damage in the underground duct in some locations in this area. Rather than clearing the blockages, our engineers are having to replace sections of the underground duct before they can lay the fibre cable.

5,511 homes and businesses have access to faster broadband in and around Lea and Ross on Wye.

We now expect the roll out of fibre broadband in this area to be completed by the end of December. Further work to ensure all premises have access to faster broadband with a minimum of 2Mbps will be completed by December 2016.

For more information visit the website on:
<http://www.fastershire.com/>

Walford Pre-School Playgroup is a registered charity base at **Walford Village Hall**. We provide outstanding childcare for families in the area with children aged between 2 years 9 months and 5 years old.

Our main priority is to provide an excellent early years education that enables our children to learn and explore through play, in a friendly and safe environment. Each day our children are presented with an exciting array of activities from baking, biking, gardening, painting and many more besides, while our highly qualified staff oversee all aspects of the children's development.

Children normally start playgroup for the term of their 3rd birthday.

We are holding our annual Christmas Market on Saturday 6th December at Walford Village Hall from 12:30 – 2:30pm.

It's the perfect location to purchase all your Christmas shopping, while supporting your local Pre-School Playgroup at the same time. **So please come along, meet Santa and have a fabulous afternoon.**

If you can't make it to this event, please look at our website for more information:

www.walfordpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk

or contact our Play Leader, Sara Jones on 01989 566979 or during sessions on 07765 005871.

Walford Primary School

World War One Week

Pupils at Walford Primary School learned lots of facts about WW1 during a week of activities to commemorate the centenary anniversary which culminated in Camo Day, a nationwide non uniform day in aid of SSAFA, who support anyone who is currently serving or has ever served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force.



Brothers, Arthur (6yrs) and Hugo (8yrs) Lawson, gave a copy of their great grandfather's book 'Vignettes of the Western Front' (*Reflection of an Infantry Subaltern in France and Belgium, 1917-1918*) to Louise George, Head teacher.

Arthur and Hugo's father, Charles Lawson, visited the school to share some of their great grandfather, Sir Henry Lawson's experiences of life in the trenches during WW1 which are recorded in his book.

Louise George said, "This has been an excellent way for the children to remember and honour the sacrifices made by so many during WW1 and Charles Lawson really helped to bring his grandfather's experiences to life for all of the children."

Information supplied by Walford Primary School

This year I have received very few reports of clearance required, although I have attempted to clear some paths notified last year, before they became a repeat this year.

Feedback from parishioners would be appreciated, so please get in touch.

I am still struggling with overgrown hedges. These are the responsibility of the landowner with the hedge / tree growing on their land. Please be aware of this, if you bound a PROW and keep the vegetation cut back sufficiently to allow passage for users.

Heather Evans – Rights of Way Officer



Wye Valley Walk finger post

The Lengthsman report

Please send any local reports to:
lengthsman.coordinator@walford-pc.org.uk

POT HOLE PILOT SCHEME:

You may recently have noticed our Lengthsman repairing minor pot holes in the Parish. For the last couple of months, Balfour Beatty – who are responsible for the maintenance of highways for Herefordshire Council – have been running a pot hole pilot scheme.

This initiative is to trial the filling of minor pot holes in the Parish, by our Lengthsman. For the period of the pilot, materials are free, although if the pilot is successful and the scheme is rolled out countywide, materials will have to be paid for by the Parish Council, from the Lengthsman's grant.

The way that the pot holes are selected for repair, is that our Balfour Beatty Localities inspector along with our Lengthsman co-ordinator Simeon Cole, visits areas where pot holes have been

reported. The Localities Inspector assesses and marks the holes which are eligible for repair, after which the Lengthsman fills them, with the materials provided by Balfour Beatty.

In order to be eligible for working on the Highway, our Lengthsman underwent training in order to achieve his Streetworks Card; this training was also provided free of charge by Balfour Beatty.

The Lengthsman has recently carried out the following work:

Strimmed and cut back from Coughton to the Bollin, from the Bollin to The Vine Tree Inn, next to Walford Church, from Bishopswood Stores to the corner before Kerne Bridge, tidied around the monument at Bishopswood and filled pot holes at several locations in the Parish.

Annual Study Tour

The Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee hosts this annual event for local Ward Cllrs, Parish/Community and Town Cllrs, Officers of County and District Councils and other interested parties whose districts are within the WVAONB area. This year's tour, a joint event with representatives attending from the neighbouring Malvern Hills AONB, had the theme of '*Food and Farming*'. Around 50 participants visited the following sites in the Wye Valley around Ross-on-Wye :

The Model Farm: This is a co-operative and local food initiative with a farm shop selling a range of produce. The farm site of around 180 acres, owned by Herefordshire Council, is organically run and the Herefordshire cattle are pasture fed, the site being self sufficient and thus not needing to buy in feed. Tenant farmer Simon Cutter was winner of the WVAONB Farming Awards in 2013.



Windmill Hill soft fruit enterprise

A Lottery Fund grant of around £90,000 enabled the EnviroAbility Charity based in Ross to set up the *Grow-A-Lot* community growing project on around 1 acre of ground on the site.

The land area is managed organically by the farmer and is divided into growing strips which local residents can rent for a season to grow their own produce. In addition there is a small orchard on the site which is to be brought back into productive growth through the *Three Counties Orchard Project* whose objective is to manage and conserve traditional orchards.



Power Cables to be Underground

Brockhampton Estate: Owned by the Clay family (along with nearby Perrystone estate) this 4,500 acre estate comprises 800 acres broadleaf woodland, 2,500 acres 'in hand' and the remainder tenanted. The farming enterprise is mainly arable but animals are reared for the retail meat market.

The estate owner has given permission for Western Power Distribution to underground around 1 mile of overhead power cables which run down the valley in this picturesque AONB landscape near to a right of way.

Overlooking the valley nearby is Brockhampton Church, a thatched Grade 1 listed Arts and Crafts designed Church, which has several tapestries inside made in the workshops of William Morris.



Brockhampton Church tapestries

Broome Farm : the home of the Ross on Wye Cider and Perry Company: This business has developed over 3 generations evolving from dairy and sheep farming to cider and perry production from the orchards. Around 50,000 L are produced annually from the 65 acres site where around 120 varieties of apple and 30 varieties of pear are grown. A converted barn is used to stage events throughout the year except in autumn when it becomes a cider and perry production unit. The business has recently expanded by purchasing The Yew Tree Inn at Peterstow where off-sales will be available

Harewood End Agricultural Society: A project led by local historian Heather Hurley and supported by funding from the WVAONB Sustainability Development Fund, is researching the Society which was founded in 1890 and whose current Chairman is Eric Drummond. A book documenting the history is to be published to mark the 125th anniversary in 2015.

Corporeal Connections in the Contemporary Landscape: This PhD project, supported jointly by Birmingham University and the WVAONB unit, is being undertaken by Midlands artist Gregory Dunn to research how people connect with and benefit from being in the landscape.

The WVAONB offers a variety of unique terrain and landscape to experience both today and from the times of the original Wye Tours documented in Gilpin's 'Observations of the River Wye'

Windmill Hill: This site, adjacent to the WVAONB and a past finalist of the WVAONB Farming Awards, is the home of a soft fruit enterprise; growing strawberries, blackcurrants, raspberries and blueberries on this 192 Ha site. 30% of the growing area is under polytunnels with water collection from their roofs to irrigate the plants many of which are grown at table top height in a cocoa fibre substrate.

Around 800 tons of strawberries and 280 tons of raspberries are produced per year and a large unit is under construction to freeze the excess of production (for use in food manufacturing) of all the fruit varieties over and above the fresh requirement



Thanks to the WVAONB management unit for an informative and interesting day

If you've any queries about the above projects or the other activities of the unit, please contact the WVAONB office on: Tel 01600 713977 or look at the website www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

Bridget Vine – WVAONB Rep to Walford Parish Council

Ditches and drainage in Herefordshire

Guidance on Landowner Responsibilities

Herefordshire is a beautiful rural county in which agriculture is a significant industry. The risk of flooding is reduced and condition of highways improved by keeping them clear of excess water through good roadside drainage.

Water damage can be extensive, costly to repair and may be a safety hazard to road users and residents. We want to encourage everyone to pick up their own responsibilities.

Who is a Riparian Owner?

Under common law you as the landowner are known as the Riparian Owner of any watercourse within, or adjacent to your property. Where a watercourse is sited between two or more properties, each owner will be equally responsible. You are also responsible for any structure in or adjacent to the watercourse.

What is a Watercourse?

A watercourse is any channel through which water flows and can be above or below ground. It may range from a reasonable sized ditch with a constant flow, to nothing more than a depression which carries water infrequently.

Watercourses are classified as either:

- **Main Rivers:** Are managed by the Environment Agency, but responsibility for maintenance / repair lies with the Riparian Owners, the EA have permissive powers to maintain / improve them.
- **Ordinary Watercourses:** Are managed by the local Land Drainage Body. Responsibility for their maintenance and repair lies with the Riparian Owner.

You must maintain the banks and bed of the watercourse or of the piped sections to avoid any obstruction to the flow of water. This includes trees and shrubs and litter even if not deposited by you.

Should you wish to pipe, bridge or cover an ordinary watercourse, you must obtain consent in writing from the local Land Drainage Body. If an obstruction or lack of maintenance impedes the flow of any watercourse the drainage body may serve notice on the Riparian Owner to remove the obstruction. If no action is taken, The Drainage Body may carry out the work itself and recover the cost.



As a Riparian Owner what am I responsible for?

To accept the natural flow of water across your land from an upstream neighbour and transferring this, together with drainage from your own property, to your neighbour downstream.

To accept water ponding on your land even if caused by inadequate capacity downstream, as there is no common law duty to improve a watercourse downstream.

You must carry out at your own expense any necessary maintenance of the watercourse to the satisfaction of the local Land Drainage Body.

ROADSIDE DITCHES:

The three categories of roadside ditch:

- A ditch on the field side of a fence or hedge taking land drainage as well as highway drainage, which is a responsibility of the Riparian Owner.
- A ditch on the road side of fences and hedges taking land drainage as well as highway drainage, which is the responsibility of the Riparian Owner.
- A ditch created by the Highway Authority and owned by them solely for draining the highway, which is their responsibility.

Most open ditch drainage systems in Herefordshire are historic and the responsibility of the adjoining Landowner to maintain, but the Highway Authority has prescriptive powers to drain into them.

Common Law imposes a duty on the owner of land adjoining a highway to maintain these ditches that provide natural drainage for land and highway.

The Highway Authority can cleanse and restore the profile of these ditches as appropriate and charge the owner where necessary.

Herefordshire Council (together with the Lugg, Lower Wye & Lower Severn Internal Drainage boards) are the local Land Drainage Bodies and may exercise their statutory and common law powers when they deem it necessary, such as where obstruction to the flow of water creates a risk of flooding.



For More Information:

Contact Herefordshire Council Customer Services team on 01432 261800.

Web: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/
Land Drainage Body

‘Walford On Wye’

You may recall that the Parish Council included a short article in the Spring Newsletter, asking for opinions on the proposal to add ‘On Wye’ to the name of Walford.



There were a few responses to this article as well as comments from members of the public present at subsequent Parish Council meetings; Some parishioners were in favour of the idea and some against it, as one would expect.

Over the ensuing months, there has been debate and discussion about the proposal and ways to approach it.

The eventual outcome of these discussions was that at the October meeting, The Parish Council decided not to take the proposal any further.

A meeting was held between the Locality Inspector Dave Atkinson, Frank Myers and Eric Drummond on the afternoon of the 19th of September. The two parish councillors showed the locality officer the problems and likely causes and obstructions. A possible solution was also outlined, which had been put forward by Mr John Chinn who owns the land on the lower side of Daycroft Lane. This in essence was to restore part of the old mill stream and then create a new road crossing behind Bakery Cottage.

Dave Atkinson being fully appraised of the problem was going back to discuss the issues with his colleagues and team leaders.

A meeting was subsequently held at Homme Farm on the evening of the 19th when numerous residents of the affected area attended. Mike Phillips and John Chinn the two land owners were also present as well as Frank Myers and Eric Drummond.

John Chinn outlined his proposal of creating a new overspill stream which in part would follow the old mill stream. The general feeling of the meeting that the proposal was helpful and would in all likelihood improve the situation. It did however rely on building a new culvert under the road. It was decided to await the response from the Locality Inspector, who would report to the Parish Council meeting the following week.

Dave Atkinson and Kevin Williams the two Locality Inspectors attended the parish council meeting on 8th October and said they had support from their colleagues to organise a meeting of all concerned enabling all the relevant officers within Balfour Beatty to fully understand possible solutions and hopefully find a way forward. It was left that the locality officers would come back with a suitable date and the Clerk will contact all parties to set up a meeting.

Councillor Eric Drummond

Walford Links update

The Walford links cycle route has made some progress with a better understanding of the costs of the more difficult construction aspects, such as the

proposed elevated section of the route. **It is anticipated that following further discussions, a more detailed report will be included in the next newsletter.**

General Rubbish Collections

General rubbish collections change from November 2014 to alternate weekly with general rubbish being collected on one week and recycling collected on the other. Collection days may change and

your recycling week may also change so please ensure you check the information delivered with your new bin or check the council website for more details www.herefordshire.gov.uk/bincollections

Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch Site

Since the last edition of the newsletter, we are pleased to report that this project has made significant progress.

Solicitors have been appointed, in order to negotiate the Community Asset Transfer between Herefordshire Council and Walford Parish Council.

Oakells Francis Law were selected on the basis of their suitability for the task, in particular, their experience of other Community Asset Transfers locally.

The Parish Council hope to be able to report a successful conclusion to negotiations in the next edition.

Goodbye Oil, Hello Sun!

AN INSPIRING TALK & SLIDE SHOW By Renewable Energy Expert Richard Priestley

An evening exploring the possibilities of how we produce and use the energy we need. Innovation in renewable energy technology is opening up new opportunities both globally and locally.

Talk at Bishopswood Village Hall

Bishopswood Village Hall HR9 5QT
Thursday 20th November 2014
7.30 for 7.45pm

Tickets £3 at the door, includes tea coffee and biscuits.

The bar will also be open.

For more information:

Ring 01600 891325 or

Email: info@wye-valley-healing.co.uk

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At the September Committee meeting discussions were basically focussed on maintenance and the upkeep of the Hall. As usual the subject was the wear and tear of the floor which is to be examined by our floor treatment consultant, who will give his recommendations during next half term.

Wear and tear could be a description of the Hall walls. The trouble that arises is that some party organisers and guests like to decorate the Hall with an assortment of notices and decorations which are fixed to the walls with a few yards of sellotape, which unfortunately remains there after the party! This observation is an appeal to party bookers to remember to do a total removal before leaving. **Please!**

Now for more positive matters...

The Committee noted that we now have final Hereford approval for the kiddies

play area, which brought us to the subject of funding needed to get us under way.

One of a number of suggestions was that we need to return to a social programme where all profits will go to the Play Area fund.

Yours truly is working on a Family Musical Quiz session probably on Saturday or Sunday and at a reasonably early time to cater for a good mix of generations. A date has to be sorted and will be published as soon as it's fixed.

We hope that this event will revive our good social events (the popular Pudding evenings, Horse racing, general Quiz evenings or maybe just a good three course meal session)

All we need is a good turn out to make it all worthwhile!

Bishopswood Village Hall

Cathie Hatherall

What a lovely day for ducks – some said as the rain fell on the Bank Holiday Monday Duck Race in Bishopswood. The fun went ahead, despite the weather, with a couple of stalls and barbeque continuing under cover outside, whilst other stalls and children's games were moved into the Hall.

Children of all ages played together in true Community spirit, with games such as Hoopla, soft ball skittles and Darts, to name just a few.

The afternoon events were well supported and then came the main event of the day – the 21st Annual Bishopswood Duck Race, from Kerne Bridge to the Canoe Launch.

The fun went on to the evening BBQ & Barn Dance with the Life of Riley, who managed again to get most people on the floor dancing for an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The next Community event at Bishopswood Hall was the popular Sunday lunch, when a roast beef dinner and home made puddings were served to approximately 75 people, on 21st September.

On Sunday 28th September couples dusted off their dancing shoes for the regular Tea Dance, with live music from Malcolm Wilce. Teas & coffees were enjoyed along with some delicious home made cakes.

Looking forward

Events to look forward to in the remainder of this year at Bishopswood Village Hall are

Thursday 6th November – French Evening with foods, drinks and music from France, kindly put on by Bishopswood Women's Institute

Saturday 15th November – the Annual Bishopswood Quiz Night – 7.30 including light supper – doesn't matter if you don't

have a Team, come along and you will be welcomed into one.

Saturday 6th December – Bishopswood Christmas Social with live band Whalebone, returning for a second year

Saturday 13th December – Community Christmas Lunch – 2 delicious courses for only £7.00 with scrumptious home made puddings. The Christmas Draw will also take place.

St Michael and All Angels Church

Councillor Karen Chinn

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The highlight of the church's summer was a fundraiser held at Cobrey Park on **Friday 6th June**. The evening saw 100 guests arrive in the summer sunshine to drink a glass of Pimms on the lawn, followed by a home-cooked two-course meal and the highlight of the night: the promise auction.

High spirits and exceptional generosity from our local community and further afield saw the event raising an astounding £15,000 which has been put towards the cost of the new driveway at the church.



In late August, the vicarage played host to a **barbecue and camp-over** which was great fun for all involved and the weather was kind.

Harvest festival was celebrated on Sunday 28th September in the surroundings of our beautiful church which had been transformed into a glowing autumnal fayre, decorated with seasonal vegetables and flowers.

Regular Events

Our monthly Paddle and Praise, kindly hosted by Wendy Alston, is an ever-growing event. Parents and kids usually swim and sing in Wendy's pool followed by snacks, a bible story and craft activity.

Contact Wendy Alston for more details about upcoming Paddle and Praise activities: wendy.alston@btinternet.com

Coffee on a Tuesday (COAT) is held monthly, welcoming everyone in the community. For more details contact Revd. Laurence Mathew

laurence.mathew@rawchurch.org.uk

And finally, a big thank you...

...to the parishioners of St Michael and All Angels Church who have donated generously as part of our Gift Day. We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful community. To those who may still wish to, we will gratefully receive donations throughout the coming weeks.

Walford Churchyard

Important Notice

The existing burial area in St Michael's churchyard is becoming full and in order to maintain the tradition of burials the PCC are applying to re use the area to the south of the church. The gravestones currently standing in this area will not be touched. This area was cleared of remaining old headstones some 50 years ago and it is this area that we are proposing to re-use.

Whilst the PCC believe that there are no graves with living relatives in this part they are keen to hear from anyone who may be affected by this. There will be a plan of the relevant area in the church for the month of October after which plans will proceed.

If you have any queries please contact the Benefice office (01989 562175) or the churchwardens:- Gay Chinn (01989 563128), Murray Alston (01989 562959).

Gay Chinn

All Saints Church – Bishopswood

Carol Pimblett

WEEKLY SERVICES

1st Sunday - 11.15am Sunday Praise at The Village Hall, following Breakfast (9.30 - 10.45am) Except Dec – see below

2nd Sunday - 11am Holy Communion Except Oct – See below.

3rd Sunday - Services now vary please see Church notices or contact Wardens

4th Sunday - 11am Holy Communion

5th Sunday - Services vary around the five parishes please see Church notices or contact Wardens.

NOVEMBER

All Saints Church will be commemorating the **100th Anniversary of WW1** on the weekend of **7th - 9th November** with events as follows:

Friday 7th @ 7pm – Musical Concert 'Songs from the War Years'

Saturday 8th 11am-3pm Open Day for displays of War Memorabilia.

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday Service 10.40 am War Memorial (opposite Wyese Stores, Bishopswood) 11.05 am in Church.

DECEMBER

Sunday 7th 3pm Christmas Carol Service Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies afterwards

Breakfast in Bishopswood Served from 9.30am to 10.45am at The Village Hall on the following Sundays:

5th October, 2nd November, 4th January, 1st February.

A good hearty breakfast to get your day started – for just £5.50 (£3 for children)

Please note there will be no Breakfast served on 7th December due to the Church Carol Service.

www.bishopswoodchurch.co.uk – All Saints Church web site

www.wyereaches.org has information on services at all five group churches.

Wardens: Monica Edmunds 01595 860303 & Carol Pimblett 01989 565533

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