

**St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
May 2022**



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of
Acton, Church Minshull,
Wettenhall & Worleston.**



A popular tradition among young women on May Day was to rise with the dawn, wash their face with the dew, to ensure a fair complexion! If you did, it seems that you would marry the first man you met afterwards! This was among a long list of things which are said to have gone on to celebrate May 1st, or May Day. I read that 'It was the time set aside for celebrating the first signs of summer. The people of England gathered on their village greens for May Day revels and to dance round the Maypole. The girls would dance and the prettiest of them would be chosen as May Queen.'

Perhaps some of this is fanciful and presents a sentimentalised view of the countryside, and I wondered as I read it how many people in our parishes remember such celebrations. I have seen maypoles and maypole dancing but it was not particularly connected with May Day.

I wondered too how relevant any of this can be in 2022. I am writing this in the first week of April when a cruel, unjust war rages in Ukraine, we are struggling out of a pandemic, and the cost of living has risen dramatically so that many families say that they will have to choose to 'eat or heat.' What else then can we find that is celebrated this May, apart from May Day?

This year, Ascension Day comes at the end of May - on Thursday 26th. It was then that Jesus ended his time with his friends and followers after his resurrection. He could not stay with them for good so he gave them his farewell instructions. He had told them about the Kingdom of God and their part in spreading the good news about it, and he said that they must wait in Jerusalem. Then he took them to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem and assured them that his Spirit would be with them soon. As they listened a cloud hid Jesus from their sight. They returned to Jerusalem and waited and we know that later they did indeed receive the Holy Spirit and they began to spread the good news of Jesus and his kingdom of love and salvation. It spread throughout the world. Disciples of Jesus are still telling people the good news today.

God's presence is with us too, as it was with the first disciples. He can give us strength and hope and love. We just need to ask him. That is worth celebrating and holding on to however pessimistic we feel about the world today.

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 1st May 11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong
- 8^h May 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer
- 15th May 10:00 am Messy Church, 5 pm Evensong
- 22nd May 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Rogation
- 29th May 11:00 am United Service, 5 pm Evensong
- 5th Jun 11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

- 1st May 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 8^h May 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 15th May 11:00 am Communion
- 22nd May 11:00 am Messy Church
- 29th May 11:00 am United Service at Acton
- 5th Jun 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 1st May No Service
- 8^h May 9:30 am Communion
- 15th May No Service
- 22nd May 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 29th May 11:00 am United Service at Acton
- 5th Jun No Service

Wettenhall

- 1st May 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 8^h May 11:00 am Communion
- 15th May 11:00 am All Age
- 22nd May 6:30 pm Rogation
- 29th May 11:00 am United Service at Acton
- 5th Jun 11:00 am Morning Prayer

St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning & Flowers
1 st May	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs M Sherry
8 th May	Mr N Moss	
15 th May	Brownies	Mrs K Noden
22 nd May	Rogation	
29 th May	United at Acton	Mrs M Drinkall & Mrs B Brockbank
5 th Jun	Mr G Tucker	
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Congratulations

Clare and Matthew Dale on the safe arrival of their baby daughter **Elsie**. A sister for Lydia, William, George & Charlie.

Also to **Nikki and Ben Kinsey** on the birth of their baby son **Joey Benjamin Richard** on 26th March.

Rogation Sunday

Sunday 22nd May at 6.30pm in church

Weather permitting, we will celebrate Rogation Sunday with a short walk around the parish, as we ask for God's blessing on our crops and on our community. We'll complete the walk at Milford Farm to share refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is very welcome to join in.

Coffee & Cake

The next meetings will be on Thursday 5th May & 2nd June from 10-12noon!

Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.



Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As we look forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, St. David's has arranged various events, to which everyone is invited.

On Thursday 2nd June we will be lighting a beacon following the design and guidance on the official Jubilee website.

The event will start at 8:30pm at the church and the beacon will be lit at 9:40pm to coincide with everyone else around the country. Hot and cold snacks and drinks will be served.

The weekend will culminate in a service on the 5th June at 11am followed by the Queens Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch in church, commencing at 12:30pm consisting of meat baps, salad and other trimmings. Vegetarian options and home made Special Jubilee desserts.

There will be a list to sign up for the lunch at the back of church for numbers and everyone from the community is invited. Please let one of the PCC members know and they will add your name to the list.

Mothering Sunday

We celebrated Mothering Sunday in the usual way with a beautiful basket of posies prepared by Mary Drinkall and Katie Noden. The Brownies distributed them to every member of the congregation and we all enjoyed tea, coffee and cake at the end of the service. A big thank you to Mary & Katie for making the day so very special for everyone.

See Photos at the top of next page



The Platinum Pudding Competition

2022 Sees the entire nation and the whole of the Commonwealth celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. As part of these celebrations the Palace launched a competition to find a pudding that we can all make and enjoy as we come together to mark this momentous occasion. The official competition is now closed, but thankfully, courtesy of St. David's, you will still be able to join in.

Now there may be those of you who have entered and those of whom wished they had, so here is your chance to get involved either way. On the 5th of June, we will be joining the nation and getting together to enjoy the Big Jubilee Lunch at St. David's Church. The event will have the usual high standard of culinary delights we are famed for at St. David's but to make it even more special we are holding our very own Platinum Jubilee Pudding Competition. The idea is that anyone can enter a pudding of their choice, it can be an old favourite using your mum's secret recipe, or something you pull together to help round off your Sunday lunch. Or for the more adventurous, something completely new and original. You can then bring your puddings along to the Big Jubilee Lunch where they will be judged (and possibly eaten too) and we will announce the winner during our celebrations.

The Winners will receive a Platinum Jubilee medal – Gold, Silver and Bronze for the top three, with the overall winner receiving a very special trophy. These will be presented during the Big Jubilee Lunch.

So drag out your baking bowls and get experimenting / practicing and we look forward to sampling your culinary delights in June.



Darnhall Brownies



We've been busy creating wax candles for Mothering Sunday and Easter bonnets and making gift bags to celebrate Easter.



St Mary and the Visitation

On 31st May the feast day to commemorate the visitation of St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth, is celebrated in Catholic and Anglican churches. Mary had been visited by an angel, who informed her that she was to be the mother of the son of God, and she was also told that her elderly cousin Elizabeth was expecting a child, despite her age. Elizabeth's husband Zachary was the child's father and God had a role in this rather unexpected event. Elizabeth's son was to be John the Baptist and would play his own part in Jesus's life when Jesus started his ministry in adulthood. The visit of the angel to Mary is called the Annunciation, and when it had taken place Mary had immediately left Nazareth and travelled to see her cousin. Zachary and Elizabeth are thought to have been living in Ein Karim, the mountain village southwest of the old city of Jerusalem.



When Mary reached the village, she found out that Elizabeth was six months pregnant. On meeting the two women both recognised that their pregnancies were uniquely special, and Elizabeth exclaimed that her unborn child already recognised that Mary was carrying the Son of God. In response to this news Mary is said to have sung the Magnificat in joy at their situation. The Magnificat begins with the words 'My Soul doth magnify the Lord' It is Mary's stated joy and honour that she has been chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. Mary is thought to have remained with Elizabeth until John was born.

Ein Karim was identified as the place of the Visitation by Helena of Constantinople in Byzantine times. She built a church in the village and also identified a wellhead where Elizabeth and her son had drunk the water and a rocky area where Zachary and his family had hidden to avoid the slaughter of the first-born sons after the birth of Jesus. During the Crusades this first church, now in ruins, was built over by another two-storey church, and another church built over the wellhead. These became known as the Church of the Visitation and the Church of John the Baptist. A 12th century hall adjacent to the Church of the Visitation still stands and is remarkably well preserved. However, by 1480 most of the original buildings were in ruins and it was eventually purchased by The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land in 1679. They appear to have left it untouched until 1862 when the current building was constructed, and the ruins restored. The courtyard now has a statue depicting the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth and 42 tablets on the walls carrying the words of the Magnificat in many languages, still a place of pilgrimage today.



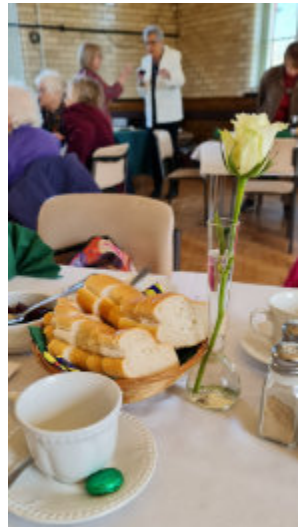
Heather Pope

Darnhall & Wettenhall WI 100 Years

Darnhall and Wettenhall W.I. 100th Anniversary Lunch

The 100th Birthday for Darnhall and Wettenhall WI should have been celebrated in 2020 during the pandemic, and like so many of our special occasions it was delayed until this year. Finally, on 19th March 2022, the members could all get together in Darnhall village hall for a celebratory lunch, friendship and conversation. A delicious lunch of hotpot and choice of starters and dessert was followed by a short informal talk, an excellent poem reflecting on the changing times of women over the past 100 years [See page 10] and many memories of the WI members and meetings from past years.

Darnhall and Wettenhall WI meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm at Darnhall Village Hall. Women of any age are always welcomed as new members or guests. Why not come along yourself? The next meetings are 3rd May and 7th June.





How the Times have Changed!

(In the last 100 years)

*Well ladies, we're one hundred, the oldest that we've been.
You'd think that fact alone would merit something from The Queen!
Just what would those Members think, from when our group was founded?
If we could travel back in time, I bet they'd be astounded!*

*If we told them 14-18 was not the war to end all wars,
For 39 to 45 was much worse than before.
King Edward was not allowed the one he chose to wed
And so in 1936 George was crowned instead.*

*If they thought that was shocking, then much much worse than that,
We often come to meetings wearing trousers and no hat!
No longer do we walk there or use pony and trap,
We drive up in our motor cars and park them round the back.*

*Should those ladies go to Sainsbury's, I bet they'd be surprised
When they saw the range of products, they'd be truly mesmerised.
Clothing, food, magazines, medicines, homewares too,
And if taken short while shopping, they could pop into the loo!*

*And should they come to Darnhall and stand outside the Hall
They'd probably think it hadn't really changed that much at all.
But inside we have toilets and a cosy heating system
And I'm sure they'd be envious of our lovely fitted kitchen.*

*There have been so many changes in the past 100 years,
Wives no longer stay at home they have their own careers.
Children go to Nurseries, Child Minders or have Nannies.
They spend less time with parents and much more time with Grannies!*

*1928 was a year worthy of note,
For that was the year all women got the vote.
Thanks to the Suffragettes we're allowed to have our say.
We've had two female Prime Ministers to the present day.*

*In 1969 man travelled to the Moon in rockets
And advancement in medicine has given us Antibiotics.
When we need a Doctor we don't worry about the bill,
We pay National Health Insurance to cover us when we're ill.*

*Holidays abroad are commonplace these days,
We hop onto a Jet Plane and in the sun we laze.
We don't just go to Cyprus, Italy or Spain,
We travel all around the World to avoid the British Rain!*

*In 1999 WI made Headline News.
Jam and Jerusalem became outdated views.
Gone was the image of twinsets and of pearls,
Now WI was famous for glam Calendar Girls!*

*We've listened to pop music on transistor radios,
Used tape recorders, Walkman and taken videos,
We have laptops, computers and smart mobile phones
And Sat-navs in our motor cars to guide us to our homes.*

*We have "Alexa" in our kitchen; she can turn on all the lights
And even turn the heating up on cold and frosty nights.
We've so much new technology it leaves our heads a-spinning,
Everything seemed much simpler way back at the beginning!*

*There are some things that haven't changed, some things stayed the same.
Community and friendship and laughter still remain.
For Darnhall and Wettenhall WI we'll give three hearty cheers,
And let's all raise our glasses to the next 100 years!*

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Cross Country Pages

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this month to

Blake Nixon	Olivia Mason
Ethan Adlington	Scarlett Jackson
Henry Barton	Stanley Nicholas
Jack Hopley	Verity Smith
Lily Molyneux	

Ascension Day

Ascension Day is Thursday 26th May when we remember Jesus' Ascension into heaven, His Great Commission to spread the Gospel, and His last promise - 'I am with you always, even to the end of time'. We will celebrate with a short service and walk through Dorfold Park, Acton, beginning at 6.30pm and ending with a fish and chip supper. Further details from Rev. Anne.

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Ladies Lunch

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Mobile Library

May	May	Jun	Tuesdays	
3 rd	24 th	14 th	Arrive	Depart
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park South Lea Green			11:10	11:20
Home Farm Park North Lea Green			11:30	11:50
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms Alraham			14:05	14:30

May	Jun	Jun	Thursdays	
19 th	9 th	30 th	Arrive	Depart
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:35	11:45
Worleston Village			11:50	12:10



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10am – 5pm, 29th April to 2nd May

The annual Plant Sale and Art Exhibition will take place in and around St Bartholomew's Church over the May Bank Holiday weekend. There will be a selection of high quality, locally grown plants, as well as a selection of new contributors to the art exhibition. There will also be a bric a brac stall in aid of Ukrainian refugees.



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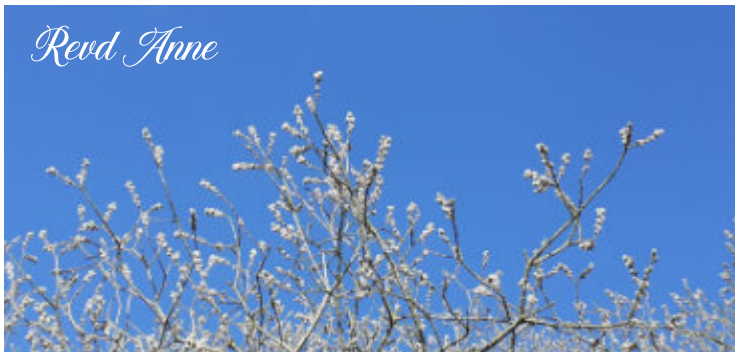
Cross Country Community Spring Photo Competition

Winners

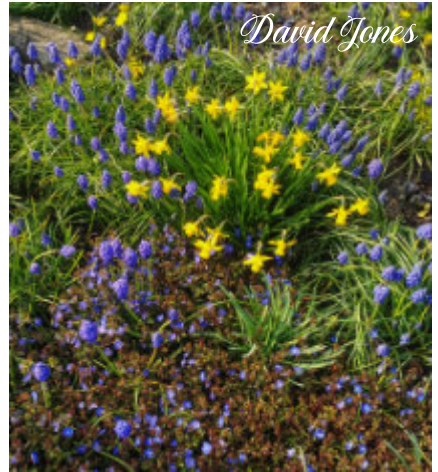


This year's competition produced an abundance of creative photos depicting nature at its finest!

Rev. Donald Brockbank had the unenviable task of choosing the winning photographs.



Highly Commended



David Jones from Winsford submitted the beautiful magnolia blossom and the bright pink Azalea flower with twigs in the background.

Elizabeth Bull spotted 'the host of golden daffodils ' whilst on holiday in Scotland!

Rev. Anne captured the pussy willow against a perfect blue sky.

Michael Moss received Highly Commended for his beautiful shot taken at Kew gardens. Also Highly Commended was David Jones photo of Daffodils amongst blue bulbs.

Dave wins a camera / mobile phone tripod and the top prize of an Amazon Eono (latest wi fi addition to the Alexa family)

Rev Anne and Liz win Plants.

Mike Moss wins a Power Pack for his mobile phone.

Thank you Donald for judging the photos

Congratulations to everyone who took part and brightened our Spring days.

Thanks to Chris and Heather for organising this event and providing the prizes. Look out for the next competition later in the year!

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Calveley School

Easter Bonnets & Welly Walk

On a beautiful Spring day in March the children took part in an Easter Bonnet competition and a sponsored Welly Walk. The bonnets were amazing creations of every kind, and even the Easter Bunny joined in the Welly Walk! Thanks to Mrs Sue Kinsey for judging the bonnets and to everyone who sponsored the children and took part in a wonderful afternoon.

Residential Visit to Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre

Years 5 & 6 spent an action-packed few days at Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre in Staffordshire. Alongside pupils from Acton they enjoyed various activities including canoeing, climbing and zip wires. They also enjoyed a disco, celebrating the birthdays of Sonny & Maisie and lots of delicious food!





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Worleston School

Visit of Bishop Sam Corley

We were delighted to host Bishop Sam Corley (Bishop of Stockport) at St. Oswald's in March. It was also so very nice, and a feeling of a return to something like normality, to have Rev Anne back in school and with the children again. It was a delightful morning where Bishop Sam led Whole School Worship ... with help from our wonderful Ethos Team of children in Key Stage 2. He then had a guided tour of the school from Head Boy and Head Girl followed by a Q&A session with our Year 5 and 6 children. He really was put on the spot by the children with lots of challenging questions ranging from 'Who is your favourite character in the bible?' to 'What is the best thing about being a Bishop?' and 'What would you like to do if you weren't a Bishop?' The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the visit of Bishop Sam and he left with a good understanding of the 'Caring, Christian Family' Ethos of our school.

Mother's Day Tea Party in school:

Our Nursery and Reception aged children hosted a Mother's Day tea party in the Early Years setting for those adults that love and care for them. It was one of the first opportunities we have had to invite parents into school for this sort of event and provided an ideal opportunity for the parents to spend time with their children in school and look through some of the learning they have done this term. There were also cups of tea, juice and lots of tasty cakes and scones on offer!

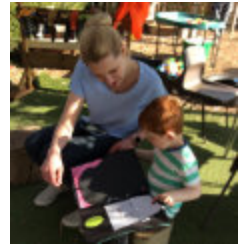
Wizard of Oz performance at Worleston Village Hall:

The children amazed their parents and family members with their performance of Wizard of Oz at Worleston Village Hall in March. These were children from St. Oswald's school who attend the drama and dance 'Stage Stars' After School Club with Felicity Finch. This is a very popular After School Club that has been running for many years in school but is the first time we have been able to do a performance like this with a live audience for several years. It was well worth the wait as the cast of the Wizard of Oz were absolutely 'FAB-U-LOUS'!

Easter Service in St. Oswald's Church:

We were thrilled to be able to carry out our whole school Easter Service at St. Oswald's church before breaking up for the Easter Holiday. We worked out that this is the first time in over 2 years that we had been able to be altogether in church and performing to a live audience of family and friends. It was heart-warming to see the church so full again and the children did an amazing job of telling the Easter Story from our youngest children in Nursery right up to our oldest children in Year 6. We had some Easter favourites for our parents such as children dressed up telling the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a Donkey as well as the 'Spring Chicken' song that was sung beautifully by our Early Years children.





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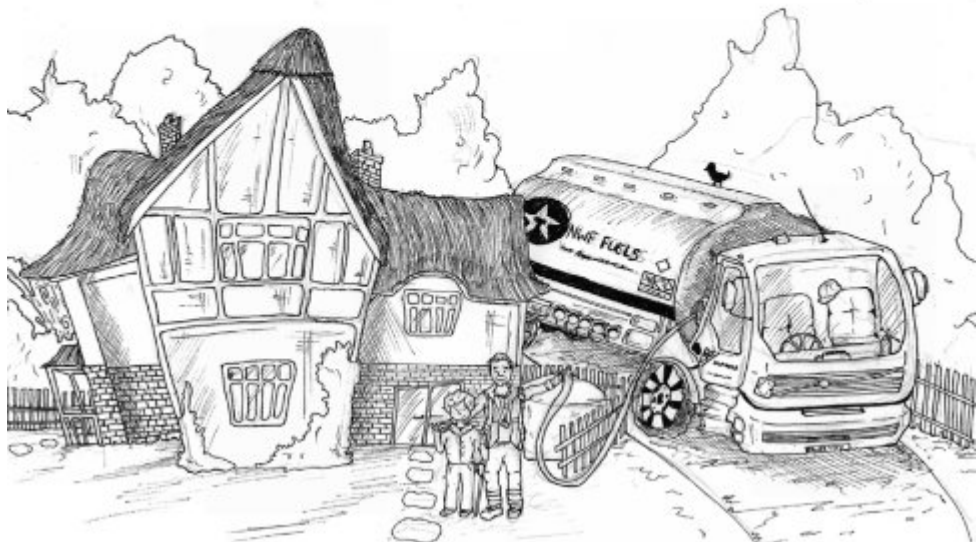
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Recipe

Pineapple Pudding

Our thanks are due to Diane Darlington who sent this. It was one of her gran's favourite recipes

Ingredients

- 1 pint/570ml milk
- 1 large tin pineapple.
- 4oz/110g butter
- 4 egg yolks
- 4oz/110 g plain flour
- 4oz/110 sugar

Method

- * Put butter, sugar and milk into saucepan and melt slowly.
- * In a bowl mix flour and juice of pineapple.
- * Bring butter mixture to boiling point. Stir in flour and juice mixture. Boil gently stirring all the time until flour is cooked. Bring off boil.
- Cut pineapple into small chunks
- * Beat 4 egg yolks. Pour into pan mixture. Add Pineapple Chunks Stir well. Do not allow to boil again.
- * Pour into serving dish. Leave overnight in fridge. Delicious cold next day.

St Oswald's Church, Worleston				
Sidespersons				Coffee
8 th	May	Mrs A Stokes		Mrs S Parker
22 nd	May	Mrs D Darlington		Mrs M Booth
29 th	May	United at Acton		
Flowers				Cleaning
8 th	May	Mrs K Alexander	May	Mrs J Alexander & Mrs E Basford
22 nd	May	Mrs J Bailey	June	Mrs J Foster & Mrs G Morgan-Wynne
29 th	May	United at Acton		
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Please Note The scheduled services may be suspended if there are any changes to Covid restrictions. Please look out for notices around the village and on the website.

From The Registers

Baptism

On 20th March 2022

Josie May Lane, infant daughter of Denise and Peter Lane was baptised at St Oswald's.

We welcome Josie and all her family

Marriage

On 2nd April 2022

Alice Wrenshall and Thomas Mintoff were married at St Oswald's.

We pray that they will have a long and happy life together..



Thanks

Thanks to **Jill Alexander and Emma Basford** who made us a delicious Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday. It was a fruit cake covered in marzipan with 11 marzipan balls on top. It is an old custom to remind us that Jesus had 12 disciples but one betrayed him so only 11 remained at the end.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to **Geoff Darlington and Keith Callwood** who have both been in hospital recently.

We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Date for your Diary

St Oswald's school will be holding a School Fair on Saturday July 2nd.



Coffee and Cake



St Oswald's Worleston

Saturday May 7th
from 10am-12 noon.



Come along and enjoy a Coffee & Cake and a chat.
Everyone welcome for as little or as long a time as you wish

Worleston Village Hall Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday, 24th March, Worleston Village Hall held an 'Afternoon Tea' to raise money for a defibrillator, to be kept at the hall. The event was very successful, with over 60 tickets sold and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful sunny day to hold it on! The guests were treated to freshly made sandwiches and a selection of cakes & sweet treats along with their tea and coffee. It was a lovely social gathering for friends, many of whom had not seen each other during the last couple of years, to catch up in a safe & unhurried atmosphere.

The hall trustees are pleased to announce that this enjoyable afternoon raised £670 towards a defibrillator. During the afternoon a raffle was also held in aid of Ukrainian refugees, which, due to the amazing generosity of everyone involved, raised £535 for that cause.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the organisation, and to those who helped on the day and to everyone who bought tickets & attended the event.





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