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*Resplendent under its newly refurbished thatch, this 400 year old home sits snugly, thanks to the skill of Mr Roy Jones, Master Thatcher.*

*Ruscote, Eardisland, April 2009*

## CHURCH SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE BENEFICE

<b>Sunday 17 May – Rogation Sunday</b>		
11.00 am	Benefice Eucharist for Rogationtide	Arrow Mill
<b>Thursday 21 May – Ascension Day</b>		
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist BCP followed by coffee & cake from Nigella at Kingsland PO Coffee Shop	10.00 am
<b>Sunday 24 May – Sunday after Ascension Day, Easter 7</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Eucharist BCP	Kingsland
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist CW	Eardisland
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist CW	Kingsland
<b>Monday 25 May</b> Bank Holiday – no Creative Chatter		
<b>Sunday 31 May - Pentecost</b>		
10.30 am	Peripatetic Eucharist begins at Leinthall Earles then <u>approximately</u> <u>11.00</u> Aymestrey – Ministry of the Word, Pt.1 <u>11.45</u> Eardisland – Gospel, Sermon, Intercessions <u>12.30</u> Kingsland – The Peace, Communion	
<b>Sunday 7 June – Trinity Sunday</b>		
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist CW	Eardisland
9.30 am	Parents and Children Service	Kingsland
11.00 am	Choral Matins BCP	Kingsland
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist BCP	Aymestrey
6.30 pm	Holy Eucharist BCP	Kingsland
<b>Sunday 14 June – 1 after Trinity</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Eucharist BCP	Kingsland
9.30 am	Matins BCP	Eardisland
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist CW	Aymestrey
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist CW	Kingsland

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## **EDITORIAL**

I understand that Orchard Farm, Dancing Tree as was, then proposed Birds of Prey Centre, has sold at auction for £300,000 to a Mr Vaughan, a farmer from Kingsland. I am told that Mr Vaughan wishes to farm chickens there.

Another change for the village which is on the horizon concerns the possible inception of a village shop, which would benefit us all immensely if it can come to fruition. There is more information on pages 5 and 6, including an invitation to a public meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I do hope you can attend.

Yet more change has taken place with the retirement of Jim Collins after well over thirty years of loyal service as a Church Warden (more details page 11). Jim has always been very complimentary about the village magazine, a tribute to all those who contribute in one way or another. Jim's successor is Dr Alister Hoda from Arrow Lawn.

As you will have gathered there are many events in the village this year which you should find printed on a separate card with this magazine – please contact Barry Freeman on 388226 if you don't get yours. Of course, dates are also printed in this, and all editions of the magazine.

Anyway, the sun's come out and I'm off to do some overdue gardening. Have a good spring and early summer.

Chris Bivand

## **EARDISLAND PARISH MAGAZINE DATES, 2009**

Copy Date	Projected distribution date
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December

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## **EARDISLAND VILLAGE DIARY 2009**

Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bingo, VH – 7.00pm, for 7.30pm start
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Eardisland Community Shop Meeting, VH, 7.30pm
W/E 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Gardens, 11.00 – 5.00pm
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Duck Race, bridge, pm.
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Council meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Midsummer Ceilidh, VH, 7.30pm
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Day – please see pages 27 & 28
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Strawberry Teas. The Granary, 3 – 6pm.
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Open Garden, Hardwick House, with teas 11.00 – 4.00
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Council meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Evening BBQ with music, Hardwick House, 6 – 10.00
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Open Gardens and Teas, 2 – 5.00pm
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Village Show – details in July edition
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Quiz evening, VH, 7.00pm
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Council meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Council meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children's Halloween Party – details later
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee morning for St Michael's Hospice
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Ceilidh & ploughmans, VH
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bingo, VH, 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Council meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas supper – details later

## COMMUNITY SHOPS

After the public meeting in Eardisland on July 28<sup>th</sup> last year, a steering group was formed to consider the possibility and viability of setting up a shop in Eardisland.

We contacted the Plunkett Foundation, an organisation formed over 90 years ago with the aim of improving rural livelihoods through co-operative and social enterprise and of providing solutions that would enrich community life and support rural communities through change.

Through their Rural Community Shops Programme (formerly VIRSA), the Plunkett Foundation is aiming to assist in the opening of 500 community stores across England, Wales and Scotland. To date there are 204 open, with four of them in Herefordshire: Dorstone's *Front Room*, the *Mortimer Country Stores* in Wigmore and shops in the villages of Whitbourne and Yarpole. These four shops have all been visited by members of the group and, as you would expect, all are different in size - but all are thriving.

For example, Yarpole villagers began to consider the opening of a community store when it was announced that the post office and shop was to close. A meeting was held, a team formed, an action plan put together, funds raised and eventually a portacabin was located on the car park of the local pub to house the shop and the post office. The shop is now planning to move into a permanent site in the village church. The shop is run by volunteers and was supported throughout by the Plunkett Foundation which continues to provide guidance and advice.

Confident that what we have seen could be replicated in Eardisland, we circulated a questionnaire to all households in the village to gauge the level of support for a shop, the pool of volunteers that could be available and the possible funds that could be raised within the village. The response was very positive on all aspects so we are now holding a public meeting (details on next page) to move to the next steps.

If you wish to learn more about the Plunkett Foundation or community shops visit their website: [www.plunkett.co.uk](http://www.plunkett.co.uk)

### **Village Shop Steering Group:**

Albert and Joyce Sheffield, Margaret Milchard, Ruth Brinton-Bivand

***EARDISLAND COMMUNITY SHOP  
PUBLIC MEETING***

**EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2009**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**OBJECTIVES**

- To share the progress made to date
- To publish the results from the questionnaire
- To form an association
- To enrol members
- To elect a committee and officers
- To agree the next steps

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## **NIGELLA'S LETTER**

Dear parishioners



Dear Parishioners

As usual this month my report for the AGM is published so that everyone can be kept in the picture about our activities in 2008-9. With regard to forthcoming events, please note two special services. The Rogation Service this year is at Arrow Mill on May 17th, by kind invitation of Richard and Annabel Hall. Then there is the Peripatetic Service for Pentecost on May 31st - see the dates list for more details. Do come around with us to all our churches on that day so that we can really feel like a united benefice, and join us for some lunch in Kingsland

afterwards.

Have a wonderful early summer and may God bless you all.

Nigella

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR EARDISLAND 2008/9**

I can hardly believe that here I am delivering my last annual report! The year has seen much hard work behind the scenes, but as yet very little to show for it. The lych-gate has been repaired and we are very grateful to the Greene family for so generously donating this work; it looks as if it will be solid for many years to come! I feel very frustrated that we have still made no progress with the installation of new heating which would have

tidied up all that awful old pipework and enabled us to reorder the new space west of the choir - I would have liked to do that before I retired. However the PCC has agreed that the work should begin at least.

We have had fewer funerals this year, but every one is a sad event. We have bid farewell to Dora Preece and Laurence Mainwaring and very sadly to Gill Hope whose kindness and

gentleness are much missed. Our oldest parishioner, Joan Phillipson, also died in March - very much ready to do so as she was, it still leaves a hole in our community. This Friday we will celebrate her life in music and poetry - some of her own poems I believe.

There have been two baptisms of parishioners' grandchildren, and four weddings - Tim and Sara Fuller, Tom and Anne-Marie Powell, Peter and Susanna Caine and of course Alex and Danielle Hoda just before Christmas.

The main push this year has been to raise money for the heating and other works needed. £¼ million is a lot to raise and sadly I feel many were put off by the large sum of money needed. Unfortunately, in spite of a lot of hard work by the Appeal Committee, we were again not successful with our bid to English Heritage but we hope the third time will be lucky. There were many fundraising events which meant a lot of hard work for many people. The Auction of Promises at Burton Court was a very successful event, not only in the monies raised but also because it was so enjoyable. Well done all who were involved, and thanks to Ed Simpson for the use of such a great venue.

The flower festival this last year was of its usual high standard and we were treated to a

fascinating evening of the demonstration of floral art after the preview. Many thanks to Esther and Graham Simpson and all who helped in any way.

Then there were the Open Gardens, Pudding Evening, Train Day, and the Village Show at which Jemima flew some of her birds. I would like to say how sad I am that she has had to leave us, taking with her an interesting visitor attraction just at the time when I feel tourism will be of utmost importance to Eardisland.

The Teddy Bungee Jump was tremendous fun in spite of the atrociously cold and wet weather. Our latest event of the Mediaeval Banquet was a wonderful effort and again enjoyed by so many from all the parishes of the group. Many thanks to all those who helped and the generosity of the Hodas in providing that wonderful venue.

No doubt everyone is feeling a little tired after all this activity, but we have plenty of ideas for this coming year, so gird your loins!

As well as all of this we have had our usual pattern of worship, which is at the core of everything we do. We do need to preserve the fabric of our church, but its first and most important role is to provide a space where we can worship God and receive the power to reach out to others

through the living of our lives as Christians.

I do want to thank all those who contribute to our services. Our sidesmen and women, always there to welcome people into the church. Annette who untiringly plays for us and trains the choir for introits and special services – the choir now in their splendid new robes. She does this on top of a full time and demanding job, together with being a mother, wife and housekeeper; so thank you Annette. She also supplies both of our servers, Abbie and Tristram, and they too are reliable and efficient and it's good for me to be able to lean on them - thank you both. Dian Cope as deputy churchwarden and Sacristan is such a help in so many ways. Singing in the choir, chalice bearing and keeping a pastoral eye on parishioners for me - thank you Dian. Then there are the hidden armies of holy dusters and flower fairies who work behind-the-scenes to keep the church cleaned and welcoming to visitors, pilgrims and worshippers alike. Thank you all. Thank you also all of you who read at our services. The church of course has to be opened and closed so that we are able to welcome visitors. Barry Freeman has done this for over two years now and I do want to thank him so much for this ministry of care. Our crucifer, Mike Coleburn, is always willing to move furniture and to turn up

for funerals and weddings; and at weddings means at rehearsals as well. Thank you, Mike.

All the PCC have been supportive and committed to the care of the church and I do thank them all, especially perhaps a rather unsung hero, our secretary Lottie James who has to carry out numerous tasks and remind me before each meeting that we need an agenda. George Alderson is not a voting member of the PCC and refuses the title of treasurer, but I thank him all the same for his efficient bookkeeping.

My work as your rector would be made all the more difficult without supportive and efficient churchwardens and I have had two such people to lean on in Eardisland. Serena keeps me up to the mark and the World Wide Web in business with her e-mails and with her phone calls. It makes me lazy when I know I am don't really have to think because Serena will do it for me -- thank you Serena.

However, I now come to Jim! He will not be happy to be the centre of attention tonight, but he has to bear with us. Jim has been on the PCC for 39 years, 34 of these as churchwarden. He is quietly efficient and I know that any paperwork will be conscientiously completed and put in front of me for a signature. I will then receive a copy to file away for info. He never bothers me with anything that he can do himself.

Over the years he has carried out the work of caring for this building and we are grateful for the wealth of knowledge that he has brought to the job. He has overseen the creation of the new ringing chamber and its glass doors with the moving of the screen and removal of pews to create a splendid baptistry area where exhibitions can be mounted and family baptisms held. Such changes have not always made him popular, but he has taken the brickbats in his usual quiet and gentlemanly way. Ivy on the tower was an issue when I arrived and I saw his wisdom and mediatory skills in handling issues like this. Jim, in a minute we will thank you properly, but I want to say a tremendous thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me over these nine years and for always being here Sunday by Sunday. Thank you. I am delighted that Alister Hoda will be taking up the mantle, so that I shall feel that I am leaving things in good hands for my successor.

And so to the future – “2015” is the bishops’ initiative in the diocese and I do hope you will all try to have your voices heard about what you value in the

ministry you receive from your priest. I hope that I will be replaced but nothing is certain. If you cannot keep up the payment of the parish share you will not be in a strong position to argue for this. I hate to talk about money but the week by week giving must increase to meet the cost of ministry - not of caring for the building but the cost of maintaining a priestly presence in the benefice. I think it is when a priest is removed from being at the grass roots that congregations diminish and the church in our communities begins to be seen as less relevant.

I’ve tried to be part of this community whenever I can - not just at church events but in other ways too. I’m sure I have failed in many ways, but my aim has been simply to be among you as a friend and to demonstrate that what we do on a Sunday is for everyone. The church should be seen as being totally inclusive of everyone who lives in the parish and not just a holy huddle on Sunday. I hope that I have shown the love of God in action in some small way at least and also shown you that you are all infinitely lovable and loved. May God bless you all.

Revd NJT

## **JIM COLLINS : CHURCHWARDEN AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

After thirty-nine years there has been a significant change on the Parochial Church Council in that Jim Collins has retired. Jim first became a PCC member at The Annual Meeting on March 23 1970, and was elected Churchwarden for the first time at The Annual Meeting on March 24, 1975.

Since then he has worked tirelessly for the church, filling in faculty forms, dealing with builders, electricians, insurance cover, architects, Diocesan advisers and committees, archaeologists, and many others as well as supporting a number of vicars. He has seen the church through a number of significant changes and been unstinting in the giving of his own time and considerable expertise. He has also given the use of his own beautiful garden for functions. The work of keeping the church going daily entails all sorts of regular jobs such as ordering fuel, keeping the water tank filled and other such jobs, as well as the inevitable paperwork, all of which Jim did without a murmur. Many may not realize how much he did behind the scenes, including seeing the church through several interregnums, ensuring services continued and parishioners were cared for.

The congregation of St Mary's, and indeed the whole parish of Eardisland, are indebted to Jim for the contribution he has made to keeping the church going, both the building and the services, throughout this long period.

The mantle of churchwarden has now been taken up by Alister Hoda who was elected at the Annual Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **A "THANK-YOU" FROM THE RETIRED CHURCHWARDEN**

At the Annual Church Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April I was presented with a wonderful Rhododendron plant for my garden and also a large envelope. It was not until I returned home that I opened the envelope which contained a card with signatures and kind messages from the P.C.C. and members of the church congregation, and also a most generous cheque. I was completely overwhelmed by this gift and it is my intention to use it in the planting of special trees in the fields along the A44 road to Pembridge so that they will be visible to everyone and I hope give enjoyment to future generations. One tree I shall plant is the Oriental Plane which is described in "The Hillier Manual of Trees and Shrubs" as 'A large, stately tree. One of the most magnificent of all large trees and attaining a great age.'

I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for all their kind messages and their generosity on my retirement as a churchwarden of St.Mary's Church.

Jim Collins

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EARDISLAND CHURCH APPEAL**

Since the last magazine was published the Appeal has benefited from the very successful and enjoyable Medieval Feast held at Arrow Lawn in March.

Plans are in hand for a number of events in the parish this year as part of the Appeal fundraising, details of which are in the diary elsewhere in this magazine. These are aimed at both locals and the visitors to the village during the summer, and we hope will be enjoyable as well as profitable.

The PCC has decided to apply again to English Heritage for

a grant to carry out the most pressing repairs to the church, and therefore feel they need at present to retain most of the monies raised by the Appeal towards our 'match-funding' contribution, should we be successful in our application. All future funds raised by the Appeal will now go towards the heating.

The Appeal is continuing positively and we welcome further contributions or ideas, as well as hoping for your support of the different events being organized this year.

Serena Askew

## **EARDISLAND CHURCH FLOWER GUILD**

Eardisland Church Flower Guild was set up many years ago to ensure that our church would be decorated each week with fresh flowers. The members then join together to do extra arrangements for all the special festivals. We have a limited number of helpers

and anyone interested in joining us would be made very welcome. We also have limited funds and any donations of flowers or money would be gratefully received- in fact, if you feel you can help in any way at all, please do get in touch with me.

P. W. Roche

Organiser- Telephone no. 388492

## **LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**

The Hay festival this month will be host to two archbishops: our own Archbishop Rowan, and also Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was, of course,

the Nobel Prize winner for peace in 1984 when he was the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, a couple of years before he became

the first black archbishop of Capetown. Archbishop Tutu's struggle against apartheid and then, following South Africa's general elections, his chairing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, giving further scope for his lifelong commitment to forgiveness and co-operation, have rightly earned him universal respect and acclaim.

He was described recently in our local press as "a man who seems to have a joyful cloud around him", which I thought was a beautiful and right observation. He has suffered with his people; experienced prejudice and hostility; struggled always peacefully for right and justice but with reconciliation. He is an example to us all in so many ways, not least in his Christian faith undergirding and empowering all that he is and does.

We are living in Eastertide. We continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We know that we cannot do so other than as people who have first stood with him at the foot of his cross, receiving his forgiveness and love.

Like Archbishop Tutu (and Archbishop Rowan) we wish to "have a joyful cloud around" us. Also, like them, we know that that kind of joy, true joy, cannot be experienced by escaping the pains and hurts of the world and our own lives, but only by living through them.

We do not have to face apartheid, thank God, but we do have other issues to face in our own lives, locally and nationally. And prejudice in all kinds of ways continues too. Many are experiencing redundancy, shorter working weeks, reduced income, as well as pains and hurts from illness, accident, family breakdown and other harms.

It was on the cross that Jesus showed the fullest extent of God's love. He showed and lived it in the pain, through the pain. Easter joy is the reality that nothing can kill that kind of love. It is God's gift to us, when we ask him for it. It is his continuing gift to his Easter, rainbow people, including you and me, and our Archbishops.

*+Anthony*

## **EARDISLAND OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 13 & 14 JUNE 2009**

The annual Open Gardens Weekend for 2009 will take place in June again with a number of our beautiful and interesting village gardens open between 11 a.m and 5p.m.

Tickets will be on sale from the Village Hall as in the past where refreshments will also be available. The ever popular plant stall supplied by The Old Vicarage Nursery will also be based on the Recreation Ground, as will parking. We hope to hear the bell-ringers in the church sometime during the weekend.

This year we have the opportunity to view some gardens which have been on view before and some new or not open recently. All gardens both small and large will undoubtedly offer new and interesting ideas to

visitors, whether gardeners or just tourists.

The proceeds this year will all go towards the general running and upkeep of St Mary's Church. Tickets are £4 for adults with accompanied children free. Special rates can be agreed for parties of in excess of eight people booked in advance.

Teas will be provided by the ladies of the W.I. and by the PCC, so will no doubt be of the high standard we have come to expect.

We need volunteers to sell tickets at the Hall, and to help with the refreshments so if anyone is interested can they please let me know.

Please put these dates in your diary and come and enjoy yourselves.

Serena Askew

(01544 388637; e-mail - [serena.askew@btconnect.com](mailto:serena.askew@btconnect.com))

# **EARDISLAND OPEN GARDENS**

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## *EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL*

Whilst I sat at my computer wondering how to start my article for this edition of the Parish Magazine, I decided to take a look back at the article I had submitted for the magazine this time last year. I had concentrated on how the Parish Council wanted to improve their communication with the parishioners.

In the last twelve months the Parish Council has worked towards this aim, the Parish Magazine prints articles we submit regarding meetings and information for the Parish, a new Parish Website is now up and running, with thanks to James MacRae and Ben Woodcock, on which minutes and agendas can be viewed. More information will be added to shortly to the Local Administration section of the website from the Parish Council, but this is also an excellent opportunity for all clubs and organisation to utilise and inform the parish of what you do, what fundraisers you have coming up and to also let people know how those events have gone. For those that do not have access to the Internet or own a computer the Parish Council still use the Village News column in the Hereford Times, which Diane Wolland kindly organises and the Village Notice Board is also utilised. In response to requests from our

Parishioners the above is how the Parish Council have taken action.

Eardisland Parish Council has 10 meetings a year, including the Annual Meetings held in May. The Parish Council meetings are for anyone to come along to. The Chairperson (who is there to manage the meeting) will welcome all present and open the meeting. As well as Parish Councillors and other members of the public, the local County Councillor may also be present along with any guest speakers. The agenda is the order of business for the meeting and can be found on the website and on display on the Parish Council notice board prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda is handed out at the meeting for the public to follow. There are a number of procedures that the Parish Council are legally required to do such as approving the minutes and agreeing finances etc before continuing with the remaining agenda items. If you wish to ask a question or speak about something you will be given the opportunity to express your views during Public Forum. If necessary your point may then be included on the next agenda for the Parish Council discussion, if the item you spoke of is already on the agenda at the Chairpersons discretion you may be allowed to add your previous comments. The Parish Council

employs a Clerk who will usually be sitting near the Chairman. It is the role of the Clerk to take the minutes of the meeting and advise the Parish Council on legal and procedural matters as well as dealing with the correspondence. If you wish to add something to the

agenda for future meetings please contact the Clerk at least seven days prior to the next meeting.

Remember your Parish Council is the first level of elected government and is there to represent YOU.

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### *Parish Councillors*

Serena Askew (Chair)  
Greta Pennington  
Graham Simpson  
David Weir

Janet Maryan Hanson (Vice Chair)  
Peter Davenport  
Ruth Brinton-Bivand

### **RECYCLING**

As you will know from various communications from Herefordshire Council, a new system of waste management is to be introduced later this year.

Most properties will be issued with a green wheelie bin of 240L capacity. If you wish to have a smaller (120L) bin, then you should contact the Council.

It may be the case that some properties will not be included in the scheme for reasons of access, in which case sacks will be provided. There will be assistance provided for the elderly and disabled.

At the last Parish Council meeting Councillor John Goodwin announced that requests for the smaller bins or assistance should be received by the County Council as soon as possible, and certainly by the end of May for Eardisland (not April as advertised).

Further information can be found on HC's website:

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

or by phoning 01432 260051.

The scheme will be operational from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.

## **EARDISLAND COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

A meeting of the Eardisland Community Website steering group was held on the 22nd of April, with the aim of reviewing the website now it has been published for six months and putting forward recommendations to the Parish Council as to how it should progress in the future.

The main points of discussion, and recommendations were as follows:

### **The use of the website for promoting Eardisland as a visitor attraction:**

Current statistics and the results of the recent survey would suggest that around two thirds of visits to the website are from outside the Parish. We would assume that a good proportion of these are potential visitors to the village, and we should make every effort to inform them of what there is to see in Eardisland and encourage them to visit events such as the fun day and open gardens. However, the website was primarily set up as a community website and to aid communication within the Parish and we shouldn't allow the site to become too orientated towards tourism. The steering group recommended to the Parish Council that an enhanced visitor section be developed on the website, separate from the main community website, and that visitors be clearly directed to this section from the front page.

### **Advertising on the website:**

The possibility of selling advertising space on the website was discussed, particularly in relation to the current advertising in the Parish Magazine. There is potential for raising income to subsidise some of the costs of both the website and the magazine, and an opportunity for local business to promote themselves to residents and visitors. This issue needs careful thought as we would not want too much of either publication given over to advertising and would also want to maintain fair pricing. The steering group recommended that Patricia Gill, the advertising manager for the Parish Magazine, put together some proposals for further discussion.

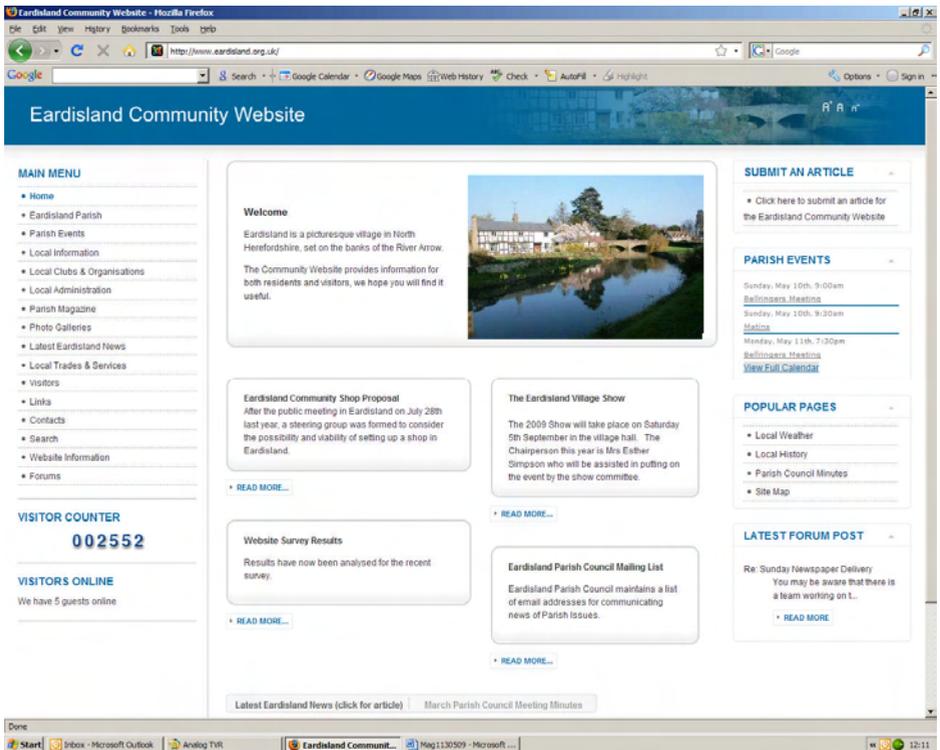
At the Parish Council meeting on the 30th April it was agreed that the website could be 'split' to help promote Eardisland to visitors, and that the issue of advertising be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Please get in touch with Ben or James if you would like to comment on the above points, or use the forum on the website.

## Photo Galleries

The most visited pages on the website are the photo galleries, perhaps giving an indication of how interested the rest of the world is to see what our village looks like. We would really welcome anyone who would like to publish a selection of photos on the site. These could be pictures of the village, surrounding area, or an event that has taken place. You can submit pictures directly from the website, or get in touch with Ben or James and we can help. Pictures don't need to be of professional quality, just show aspects of community life.

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*Above, a screen shot of the village website. If you have a computer, please have a look at [www.eardisland.org.uk](http://www.eardisland.org.uk) Apart from local information you will also be able to see the magazine with most photos in colour, and web links you can follow.*

**WHO'S WHO? - EARDISLAND 2009**

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## SUMMER RECIPES

### SALAD CREAM

1                    Tablespoon plain flour  
4                    Teaspoons caster sugar  
1                    dessertspoon English powder mustard  
Pinch of salt  
2                    Eggs  
100ml.            White wine vinegar (or 50/50 white wine with vinegar)  
150ml.            Double cream (I use thick yoghurt)  
Squeeze of lemon juice

Mix the flour, sugar, mustard and salt. Beat in the eggs and white wine vinegar. Place the bowl over simmering water and keep stirring until the mixture thickens – about 4 to 5 minutes. Once cooked, remove the bowl and leave to cool.

Add the cream or yoghurt. Finish with a little lemon juice. If you want to spice it up, just add a pinch of chilli powder.

Bottle and put in fridge. It will keep for a couple of weeks or more.

It's very good and the recipe gives latitude for amendments.

### MUSTARD GLAZED LAMB

These are good for a BBQ, but if we have summer like last year, then grilling is fine.

Lamb chops or cutlets  
Dijon mustard (not English, it's too strong)  
Demerara sugar  
Salt and pepper

Wipe the lamb, then season. Then brush with mustard, and dip in the sugar – try to get an even coating. BBQ or grill.

These are especially good with fresh seasonal veg from the garden, or perhaps a salad of lettuce, tomatoes and fresh mint.

To finish, how about a summer pudding? Get a selection of summer fruits, add a little sugar and bring to the boil for about two minutes. Line small bowls with slightly stale white bread and pour in the fruit mixture. Put a weight on top and leave in the fridge overnight., all the juice should have been pressed out and soaked the bread. Serve cold with yoghurt or fromage frais.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### *Neighbourhood Watch signs across the Parish*

The NW team submitted the proposals to the Highways Department in late March as outlined in the previous Parish Magazine. In spite of two reminders the Highways Department has failed to respond to our proposal. We will make every effort to elicit a positive response within in the next month. Sometimes the wheels of local government take a little while to get in motion!

### *Seasonal Crime Trends*

#### *1. Theft in Shobdon*

A lorry was stolen from a locked compound in Shobdon between 7:15pm on 21<sup>st</sup> April and 8:00am 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A lorry which was loaded with aluminium and wood was used to ram the gates.

#### *2. Missing Jack Russell Dogs*

If you are a Jack Russell owner or know of any in our area, please be aware that over the past few weeks we have had a spate of Jack Russell dogs reported missing. It may just be a co-incidence or may be more suspicious. Any information would be gratefully appreciated.

#### *3. Rural Shed/Outbuilding burglaries*

Garden crime is an unfortunate reality. Although many people take steps to protect their homes and the property inside them, they leave valuable equipment in gardens and unsecured sheds, providing easy pickings for opportunist thieves. With the gardening season upon us, the force has once again launched its garden security campaign and produced a handy leaflet with tips on how to 'weed out' garden thieves. The leaflet is available to download from [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) and hard copies are available from police stations.

#### *4. Thefts of caravan and trailer wheels*

Four trailer wheels and tyres were stolen from the rear yard of a property in Weobley. In a separate incident a caravan was stolen from a property in Kington.

#### *5. Theft of young conifer trees in Eardisland*

Eleven conifers were recently planted by the proprietors of the Arrow Bank caravan park on the grass verge lining the entrance route to the caravan park. Within days of being planted the conifers were lifted and stolen!

## 6. Nuisance Phone Calls

The police have received a number of complaints from residents in the area that they have received unpleasant phone calls from a male whose number is withheld. We urge anyone who should receive similar calls:

- a) to contact their telephone service provider immediately following the call in an attempt to trace this withheld number. Anyone with BT should call 0800 661 441, and BT can either provide you with a code number to enter following these calls, or block any withheld numbers from your phone, and
- b) to report the call to your local police.

### *Important Information for Drivers*

Thousands of motorists are at risk of being fined up to £1,000 because they are unwittingly driving without a valid licence.

The fiasco has come to light a decade after the first batch of photo licences was issued in July 1998. Motoring organisations have said “most drivers believed their licences were ‘for life’ and that officials had failed to publicise sufficiently the fact that new-style licences expire after a set period and have to be renewed at a cost of £17.50.”

Official DVLA figures reveal that while 16,136 expired this summer, so far only 11,566 drivers have renewed, leaving 4,570 outstanding. With another 300,000 photo card licences due to expire over the coming year, experts fear the number of invalid licences will soar. At the heart of the confusion is the small print on the tiny credit-card-size photo licence, which is used in conjunction with the paper version. Just below the driver name on the front of the photo card licence is a series of dates and details - each one numbered. Number 4b features a date in tiny writing, but no explicit explanation as to what it means. The date's significance is only explained if the driver turns over the card and reads the key on the back, which states that ‘4b’, means ‘licence valid to’. Even more confusingly, an adjacent table on the rear of the card sets out how long the driver is registered to hold a licence - that is until his or her 70th birthday.

A total of 25million new-style licences have been issued but - motoring experts say - drivers were never sufficiently warned they would expire after 10 years. Motorists who fail to renew their licences in time are allowed to continue driving. But the DVLA says they could be charged with ‘failing to surrender their licence’, an offence carrying a £1,000 fine.

### *Herefordshire Horsewatch*

Herefordshire Horsewatch has recently undergone something of a transformation and they are now hoping to recruit new members. Horsewatch is strongly supported by West Mercia Constabulary and regularly keeps

members updated of crime and other incidents of an equine nature, to ensure that everyone knows what is going on in their area. Horsecatch also offers advice and guidance to all those involved with horses on safeguarding their animals and property - tack, equipment, trailers and lorries - against theft. If you are interested in joining Horsecatch, you can call Tara Heinemann on 01544 318038 or you can click on:

[www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsecatch/index.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsecatch/index.htm)

Keith Mitchell (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)



**Eardisland Village Fun Day**  
**11<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Following the appeal for help with running stalls at the event in the last magazine, I have had just ONE offer! PLEASE make a note of the date in your diary and let me know if you can help on the day. I am sure you will all agree that the Fun Day is a brilliant day out for all the family but it can only take place if volunteers come forward. All the hard work will have been done for you in the months leading up to the Fun Day and the more help we get on the day, the more stalls we can run and the bigger and better the event will be.**

**Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize or item/s for the Tombola should contact me for collection or drop them into the Eardisland Tearooms.**

**This year's profits will be divided between Breakthrough Breast Cancer and the Eardisland Community Millennium Fund.**



**Remember, the Fun Day is there for everyone, young and old, so please let me know if you have any ideas.**

**Many thanks – Margaret**  
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# Eardisland Village Fun Day

**Eardisland Recreation Ground**

**Saturday July 11th**

**2009**

**1pm - 5.00pm**

**Free Children's Fancy Dress!**

**Tug-o-War!**

**Fun Dog Show!**

**Line Dancing!**

**Grand Raffle**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Arts & Crafts**

**Gardening**

**Refreshments**

**Inflatables**

**Edible Goodies**

**Games of Chance**

**Beer Tent**

**Cake Stall**

**Plants**

**Ices**

**ENTRANCE FREE!!**

**Space still available for stall holders.**

**Pre-booked Charity stalls welcome free of charge.**

**Volunteers on the day still required**

For further details call Margaret on 01544 388097

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**Proceeds donated to Breakthrough Breast Cancer and  
Eardisland Millennium Fund  
Event kindly sponsored by Eardisland Millennium Fund.**



## MEDIEVAL BANQUET

### SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> March a wonderful array of maidens, gallants, court-jesters, archers, monk, crusader, dancers, and musicians enjoyed an entertaining Medieval Evening in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Hall

at the home of Dr and Mrs Hoda, Arrow Lawn, Eardisland.

The Hall looked very atmospheric with candles and a roaring log fire. The guests sat down to a meal of whole roast boar – with winter salad.

This was followed by puddings of syllabubs, apple and custard tarts made to the authentic medieval recipes.

Guests were then entertained by poetry readings both serious and bawdy by the Master of Revelries, Christopher Taylor. Dancing and music was performed by a troupe called The Ledbury Waytes, who were dressed in wonderful costumes of the period. They showed of their skills on various medieval musical

instruments and they performed a rather interesting dance routine, which was very well received.

The ladies (mistresses) of the Eardisland Church choir doubled up as serving wenches and singers of songs both bawdy and religious!

During the evening a successful raffle took place with several excellent prizes that had been donated from members of the parish. (Thank you all for the generous donations.)

The aim of the evening was to raise funds for the St Mary's Church, Eardisland appeal, and thanks to all involved on this medieval evening a grand sum of £1,400 has been donated to the appeal.

Dian Cope

## THE 'SHOWCASE' EVENING



On Friday 24th April, Eardisland Village Hall came alive with 'the Sound of Music'.

A concert in aid of the village hall funds was put together by Andy Davies, who leads the

Eardisland Village Band (*above*) and a young performers group known as Tunewrights. Both of these groups meet once a month to rehearse at the village hall, made available through Gill Richards, which is a welcoming space for them.

The programme was made up of traditional music performed in a variety of instrumental and vocal combinations, including harp, violin, viola, flute, guitar, recorder, concertina, keyboard and cello.

David Hatcher a local professional musician, made a guest appearance providing a contrast of style on the Northumbrian pipes, holding

everyone's attention with his hauntingly beautiful 'airs.'

The Grand Finale saw a combination of the two bands with nineteen musicians on stage.

The concert was very well attended and many proud parents and audience members commented on what an enjoyable evening it had been.

The event was one of several organised in support of the Village Hall and raised a magnificent £368.

As a member of the audience, may I say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way and made the evening such a success.

Ruth Davies

## **EARDISLAND W.I**



In June 2009 Eardisland WI will be 90 years old and the year has been eventful so far. In January members enjoyed a display of Line Dancing courtesy of Mavis & Doug, Gez & Dave and all joined in. In February the osteopath, Simon Lichtenstein

from Leominster sorted out our joint problems (probably from the Line Dancing!!) March the evening started off with a sherry reception for a member who joined our WI in 1977. Margaret White from Hardwick had celebrated her 90th birthday and was presented with gifts from the members of sherry & book tokens.

After the celebrations Frank talked to us of his faith, family and Franks Biscuits. Afterwards we sampled & made purchases. April members enjoyed a demonstration of Candle Painting by Edna Pollard. In May a guided walk around Leominster, June our Garden Party courtesy of Audrey Beckett and we celebrate our 90th birthday in July with a meal and tour of Stocktonbury Gardens, Kimbolton.

If you are interested in joining or just trying us out please contact our secretary, Mavis Tantrum 01544 387972.

## **A WEEK IN SEVILLE**

Up until a month ago, Seville was a place that I knew little about and a place I had never visited, however that has changed. Having spent a lot of time in other Mediterranean countries, it struck me how Mediterranean Seville was as soon as I got off the plane due to the smell of the oranges, a smell that reminded of one particular place from my childhood.

Like many Mediterranean cities, there was an outdoor way of life with either walking or cycling being the preferred mode of transport especially with the possibility of hiring a bike from anywhere and just going. A shock for many on the trip was how the way of life was so much later. In the evenings we didn't eat until about 9 pm and by the time you had finished the meal and relaxed, you ended up going to bed rather late which was not great when you had to get up early to meet with friends the next morning!

As you would suspect, the weather in Seville is conducive to the outdoor lifestyle. Throughout the city, the vast 'jardines' (gardens similar in size to parks) allow anyone just to stop and sit and admire the spectacular views or talk with their friends. No matter where you were in the city, there was always something new to find or something beautiful to see. Much of the architecture was Arab in style and really was so exquisite and made the city



look even more attractive.

Standing at the heart of the city is the gothic Cathedral and Giralda (bell tower) where your breath is constantly taken away from you as everything is just so awe-inspiring. I found going inside the Catholic Cathedral something of an experience as the decoration in it was just so beautiful and unexpected.

The way of life in Seville differed from our own as much emphasis was placed on the religious way of life; churches would be found in the most obscure places and they would always be packed to capacity with queues outside, even for midweek services. Rather different to St. Mary's on a Sunday morning! The people are friendly and bars and cafés scatter the pavements and you feel at completely at home just walking around the city.

Although I had never been before, I found Seville to be a stunning mix of old Mediterranean, modern European and Arab culture and architecture. A week really wasn't long enough to explore the city in all of its splendour and I wish that I had been able to spend a lot more time there.

Abigail Blyth

*Abbie spent a week at a language school in Seville organised by Hereford Sixth Form College. The students are shown in the photo – Abbie is third from the left in the front row, seated.*

## EARDISLAND HISTORY & HERITAGE SOCIETY

In the History Meeting on 16th March, the evening was divided into three separate sessions. In the first Roger Brookes spoke about his discovery of the Eardisland Bronze Age Dirk. In the second, Graham Simpson gave a slide presentation showing the features of the cellars of Burton Court. The final section was devoted to a question and answer session in which three long-standing village residents responded to a range of interesting questions. We were delighted to have their presence to take part in the programme for the evening

At the outset, it was a great pleasure to be able to introduce 15 year old Ruth Brookes to the meeting. She and her twin sister Holly discovered two pieces of medieval pot in 1999 on a mound at Burton Court, which were taken for identification to the Archaeologists in Hereford. These finds gave rise to the work of the Eardisland Archaeological Project Group and the long running work at Burton Court. Without that discovery, it was pointed out, it was unlikely that a History & Heritage Society would exist today, and this meeting would not be taking place! Ruth was accompanied by her father, Roger. He spoke about his metal detecting work and his discovery of a Bronze Age dirk in Eardisland.



### *The Discovery of the Dirk (above)*

Roger explained that he worked in a field which had been identified of potential interest by archaeologist Dr Ray and ran his detector over the spoil of material cleared from a ditch by the farmer. He explained how he uncovered the artefact, which he recognised immediately as an ancient dagger. He took it to Dr Ray who identified it as a Bronze Age rapier. (This was later redefined as a dirk, according to its specific dimensions)

### *The Eardisland Dirk*

It dates between 1400-1140BC. The nearest similar finds are in Bath & Swansea Bay. The item was retained by the archaeologists for cleaning and preserving. It remains with them at present

Roger also was involved in the discovery of a Victorian song writer in the parish, Herbert Connop of Grove Farm. When the song was uncovered Roger was asked to sing it on the video *Hidden Eardisland*, which was being made in 1999. This was the first known performance in living memory. We hope that he will provide another rendition at a future meeting of the Society.  
*The Victorian song writer of Eardisland*

Herbert Connop was traced through directories and parish magazines. The first mention of him at Grove farm is in the Directory for 1865. In October 1871 it is stated that 'Mr Connop gave 2/6 (12p) to the Harvest Home Thanksgiving. (Mr Cowes gave £1). In January 1872 'Mr Yeld gave an address and poetry reading: Mr Scott Bailey gave a rendition of 'Handy Andy' and Mr Connop & the choir performed'.

In February there was a talk, by Rev Jeffcoat, of Warwickshire, entitled '*The Dress of our Forefathers*' together with a magic lantern show in the schoolroom. In May 1872 'Mr. Connop gave £2.10 (£2.50) to the school repair fund'. (Mr Clowes gave £20). There was a concert in which Mrs Hundley of Glan Arrow and Mr Connop performed '*Near a Stream a Youth Reclining*' and Mr Connop gave a solo performance of '*The Vagabond*' described in the review as '*A most comic song which he gave with humour not soon to be forgotten*'. His song, *Connop's Goodbye* was published in Hereford in the 1870s by Hains & Co and in London by Weekes & Co of Regent Street, presumably a fairly prestigious publisher. He must have left Grove Farm in 1875 for in that year, the Kingtons are listed.

### *Another guest appearance*

Also attending the meeting was Janet Boydell, (nee Kington) whose family lived for nearly 100 years in Grove Farm from 1875. Janet brought with her a Crimean War sword once owned by her great grandfather. (Details of the sword were explained by Roger Brookes, who is also an expert in militaria). She also brought photographs of her family (her father fought in and survived the First World War as a Lewis gunner) and an illuminated address presented to Colonel Clowes in 1902 on his return to Burton Court with his wife and young son. Her grandmother is one of the names listed as a tenant farmer.

### *The cellars of Burton Court*

Following this first session, Graham Simpson provided a slide presentation of 'The Cellars of Burton Court'. Graham took us on a tour of the cellars revealing some of the intriguing features that can be seen. He also raised many questions regarding the structure of the cellars (in relation to the walls above,

which indicate that many architectural changes have occurred to the house.). He showed photographs of the 72 foot deep well, the strange floor structures and possible doorways in the various cellars and lost staircases. The fact that some walls are built in stone and others in brick presents questions about the dating of various areas. Another discovery, which Graham personally made, was that the Great Hall is built on natural glacial material; this was not previously known. Graham noted the various areas for further research which is ongoing and remains an important aspect of the work which is proceeding at Burton Court by those interested in conducting the archaeological research. This is the first occasion on which a slide presentation has been made to the group and it was exceptionally effective.

### *Questions and Answers*

The evening ended with a question and answer session: this was an opportunity to raise some questions of long standing residents about the more recent social history of the village. Gill Richards, John Gittoes and Janet Boydell spoke about their memories of growing up in the village, of attending the school, their teachers, local properties and their occupants. One of John's outstanding memories was the death of his donkey in a local orchard! Another was playing in remnants of an old wartime glider on the mound. John's father was the village AA Man and is responsible for the provision of the AA box in the village, which is of great historic importance. For Gill, her delightful school memories including recollections of Mrs Davies, wife of the postmaster in the village. She was regarded as one of the kindest of all the teachers, and spent her whole career in the school. Gill explained how it always amused the children to see what colour bloomers Mrs Davies was wearing, when she leaned over to poke the fire each morning, in the schoolroom. Gill also recalled the visits Mrs Clowes made to the school on her horse, invariably, dressed in black, causing great consternation among the pupils, who had to show due deference whenever they met her. Janet recalled the Italian prisoners of war who worked on her father's farm and how they wrote a warm letter of thanks to him and his wife when they finally departed back to Italy. She described how many of those she knew and who have left the village frequently make return visits and keep in close touch with her (and one who is due in the near future is the Bishop of Chile!). It was a great privilege to hear three long time residents reflect on the way life had changed in the village over the past 60 years. They recreated a lost world but were well aware that things were not always easy and it was not necessarily a golden age.

The discussions concluded at 9.30pm and thanks were expressed to all the speakers who had made the evening an interesting and varied one.

Paul Selfe

## RAINFALL – THE YEAR SO FAR

2008 was the third year in a row with above average rainfall, with a total of 915.8mm (275 above the norm). 2009 began as if it would be a continuation of that run, January rainfall amounting to 91mm; 35mm above average. Then, however, a dry period set in with only 21.7mm in February and 29.1mm in March. April began in the same way, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month we had had only 16.3mm. The second half was wetter and the final total for the month was 51.7mm, almost the exact average for April. Overall, so far this year, (1<sup>st</sup> May) the rainfall has been slightly down on what we would expect.

Temperature wise, all four months have seen wide variations with periods of unusually sunny and (at 1.00pm) well above average temperatures alternating with some very sharp frosts.

Over the whole country the winter of 2008/9 was cold by recent standards, the average over the whole season being the lowest since the early 1990s; but lower than we were used to 20 or 30 years ago! Over much of England, especially in eastern counties there was heavy snowfall during the first three days of February. Eardisland escaped the heaviest falls of snow and by the 4<sup>th</sup> the thaw has set in. For a few nights, however, we had temperatures of minus 8 or 9°C (approximately 16°F).

Peter Glenn



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## SUPPORTING THE SECRET SERVICE

As part of its activities during 'Carers Week' (8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June) St Michael's Hospice is hosting a Conference for Carers '*Supporting the secret service*' on Wednesday 10th June at the Courtyard Theatre. Entry is from 10.30am and is free of charge; the conference starts at

11.00am and finishes at 1pm.

All those caring for someone who is terminally ill are welcome. Advice, information and support will be available and a DVD for carers will be shown which is full of practical and helpful advice. For more information contact the Education Team on 01432 851000 or email [info@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:info@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

**For further information please contact Anika Backhouse, at St Michael's Hospice on 01432 851000 or email: [abackhouse@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:abackhouse@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)**

### **PUBLIC DISABILITY CONSULTATION**

What is it like to be disabled and living in Herefordshire? Throughout May, there will be a comprehensive consultation to find out.

The Herefordshire Council, Primary Care Trust, and Hereford Hospitals Trust (together known as Herefordshire Public Services) are working together to develop a joint Disability Equality Scheme for 2009-2012 which proactively supports disabled people in Herefordshire. As part of that process, they need to consult widely with the community, and especially disabled people.

Herefordshire Public Services defines "disability" as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term impact on a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities. This extends to long-term chronic or progressive illness, mental illness, learning disability, and sensory impairment. A lot of people with these kinds of health issues are not visibly disabled; many do not consider themselves disabled – but their opinion still counts.

There are two ways to get involved:

1. Fill in the questionnaire on-line at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/disability](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/disability). Copies will also be available from libraries, Shopmobility centres and Info Shops, or on request, and an easy-read version is available too. The survey will run from 1 May-1 June 2009.

2. Come along to a public meeting on Monday 11 May to talk about what's important to you. Help with transport is available. Contact the Council to reserve your place.

*The contact for this consultation is Harriet Yellin (Herefordshire Council, Diversity Officer) on 01432 260216 or e-mail [diversity@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:diversity@herefordshire.gov.uk).*

The results of the questionnaire and public meeting, along with feedback from Herefordshire Public Services employees and representatives of local disability groups, will help them to draw up a Disability Equality Scheme which will be published in November.

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The Cider Museum at 21 Ryelands Street, Hereford, is a charity and offers a fascinating insight into one of the county's most famous products. I certainly enjoyed my visit. The museum is running a Cider Festival on w/e 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October, which will include demonstrations of traditional cidermaking as well as crafts, and tastings.

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*Two old postcards of Eardisland, sadly not dated. Note that Bridge House (top) is described as a guest house. The mill (bottom) was burned down in the 1960s, I believe, and the remains salvaged to form part of the current 1970s house. Just look at the size, it's huge. Thanks to Jolyon Gill for helping to reproduce the pictures.*

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9.30 am	Holy Eucharist BCP	Eardisland
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist BCP	Kingsland
3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Leinthall Earles
6.30 pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Kingsland
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11.00 am	Sung Eucharist CW	Kingsland

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