

Bird song at dawn

ON Sunday May 3rd, the dawn chorus walk goes again, led by Richard Smout. On this occasion, we will meet at 4.30am in the car park opposite The Coop. Most volume occurs before dawn, and so we have decided to 'bite the bullet', and start early!

Having given time in the last few years to identifying birds by their song or call alone, I have found it very rewarding to feel confident with a proportion of local species. Some are actually easier by sound than sight, eg a distant Raven or mediterranean gull, which would otherwise pass as a crow or black headed gull. By me

that is!

It can be fun to try to write the sound of the song, or describe it so as to be recognisable to the reader. We have no difficulty with cuckoo, for example, which is coucou in France, kuckuck in German, and kakukk in Hungarian. Probably you will recognise ca coo coo .. ca coo as a wood pigeon, but try this from wikipedia: filip filip filip, codidio codidio, tereret tereret. If you have that as a song thrush, well done! But songs of some birds are impossible to write phonetically, though can be described. Try writing the song of the blackbird, dun-nock or wren! A relatively straightforward description would apply to



Photograph: Wikimedia

A blackcap - often heard as part of the dawn chorus but rarely seen.

our three noticeable gulls, for example, the squawking black-headed gull, the traditional seaside sound of the herring gull, and the soulful mewing of the noisy Mediterranean gulls. Some smaller birds are much easier to hear than see, such as the blackcap which can be very vocal, whilst remaining frustratingly difficult to see even when close by.

Anyway, you might know many of these already, but if not, then by the end of the walk you will know quite a few. Richard will be alert to the less common birds, such as yellowhammer. Most species have a helpful brief description and recording on 'Tweet of the Day', which you can google or find on YouTube.

The walk will take about two hours, though individual flexibility is understandable. At the finish you will be most welcome to have a hot drink and muffin or pastry at my house. Donations to The Friends of Carisbrooke Church welcome.

Richard Knight

Dance school show a huge success



Photograph: Robert Longford Photography

Piers Ramsdale-Capper and Georgina Davis Field, from the Elmwood School of Dance, which meets in Carisbrooke Church Hall, dancing to "Shallow" in "The Next Chapter". See more on page 10.

Activities for April in Gunville

NEWS for April from Gunville Community Association:

Plant Sale: Our annual plant sale will be on **Saturday 18th April**, 10am-12 noon. We rely on gardeners to donate plants and seedlings, so please look out your surplus stock. We shall open up at 9am for delivery of plants. If you would like your plants to be collected, please ring 529697. Proceeds from the sale go to the upkeep of

flower tubs in Gunville. Refreshments will be available.

This will be something of a community event, as Friends of the Animals will be holding a jumble sale in the church that morning. Come and look around both displays and enjoy a drink and a cake.

Bench: Please put Friday 8th May in your diary. This is the Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. A new commemorative bench is on order for the corner of Gunville Road and Broadwood Lane. This will be installed by that date, and a celebration event will be held. Times and details in next month's Parish News.

The existing bench, given by Carisbrooke Forum around 2005, needs some attention, but will still be serviceable. If you have ideas on where this could be re-sited, please let us know (529697).

Nellie's: Our award-winning Wednesday afternoons of coffee, cake and chat continue fortnightly, 2pm-4pm. The April dates are 1st, 15th and 29th.

Parish Council: Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council will be holding its April meeting at Gunville Methodist Church on Monday 6th April. This is a chance for local people to put questions during the public question time from 6.45pm.

Planning: We have been looking at various kinds of day trips which we would hope to subsidise. Is there a trip you would like to do? If you have ideas for other events in our community, or for improvements to our environment, ring 529697 and we can tell you who to contact. Or could you help with planning? Planning group meetings are usually every other month.

Short Mat Bowls: Monday afternoons, 2pm-4pm, continue, with a bank holiday break on the 13th April.

Library Bus: The next visits are Mondays 30th March and 4th May in the church car park, Broadwood Lane, 1.30-2pm. Come and compare notes with other readers, and chat to the helpful librarian.

Martin Cooper
Gunville Community Association

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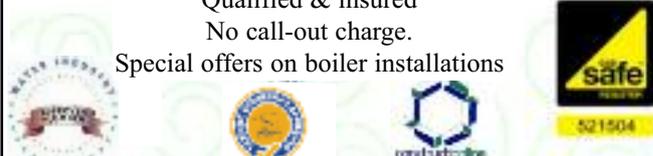
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Thought for the month

SAT in Parson's Pantry this week there was only one topic of conversation on everyone's lips: coronavirus! And it does seem as I write this that we're getting new advice every other day, either from the Diocese or from the government. And as if that wasn't bad enough, there's also loads of information on the internet as well (although it has to be said that not all of that is helpful or true!). So what do we do? What is the best guidance?

The problem is of course that I'm no doctor. I'm simply not qualified to give public advice! I can follow the best practice as I receive it, making decisions on how to run a Communion service, or what we need to do to enable Parson's Pantry to continue. But that is as far as I can go. So why on earth am I writing about it here, if I'm not willing to give any advice? The answer to that is quite simple – I want to consider, not the medical, but the ethical aspects of the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Panic buying of soaps and sanitiser gels, not to mention toilet rolls, seems to be the prevalent action by many people at present. And this is all well and good, but what about those who have been unable

to do so? Do we have a duty of care to them as well? And as people begin to self-isolate, how do we ensure that the vulnerable are still being considered and looked after? Perhaps in all this we can take an example from the early church described in Acts. This was a church learning how to care for each other as a community, and particularly for those in their midst who were vulnerable. (For example, by the middle of the third century, the church in Rome was caring for fifteen hundred widows and other poor persons.)

Of course, some isolation is an inevitable consequence of illness, unless, that is, the surrounding community actively reaches out to include the sick individual. And this is where the modern Christian Church can perhaps take the lead. As well as encouraging you all to look after your neighbours as this progresses, if you cannot find help from anywhere else, we are offering a phone number (07949 704286) where we will try to offer practical help. Obviously, we will not be able to do emergency shopping for the whole of Carisbrooke, but equally we do not want anyone to be isolated and unable to get necessary help. So do let us know if you need us to serve you in this way!

Rev Marcus Bagg

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Celebrate Easter at Gunville

THIS month we think about Easter and the events surrounding it, and consider what it means for us today.

Jesus might have been expected to ride triumphally into Jerusalem on a magnificent horse as he came to the climax of his 3 year mission. Instead He chose a donkey. We explore the significance of this on 5th April (Palm Sunday).

It seemed that Jesus failed in his mission as he died a criminal's death on a cross (a most brutal and efficient form of execution devised by the Romans). However his followers claimed that He won a great victory over evil by rising from the dead three days later. We celebrate Easter day by focussing on the significance of these claims.

Messy Church

Messy Church won't be taking place in April but will resume as

soon as possible according to national guidelines and regulations.

Sunday services 10.30am

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH FOR GUIDANCE ON WHETHER SERVICES ARE TAKING PLACE

April 5th: Palm Sunday. *The most amazing entrance ever?* with Martin Cooper.

April 12th: Easter day. *Too good to be true?* with John Wells.

April 19th: What does the Bible say about money? with Chris Reddecliffe.

April 26th: with Dennis Lloyd.

Music and Song Group

We welcome any musicians and singers to our music group, to sing popular songs and have a good, fun time together. Beginner, intermediate or proficient, we can have a great time singing together. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each

month at 7pm.

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CONNECT and groups and activities for younger children – Come and find out more ways we can get to know God and live out our faith in everyday life! 10.30am–noon on Sundays.

THE ARK Parent and Toddler Group, Tuesdays in term time 10-11.30am (£2.00)

If you would like to find out more about us there is further information on our web site, which you can find at www.gunville.org.uk

Andy Smith

Gunville Methodist Church

Carisbrooke weather in February

CARISBROOKE was visited by three storms in February: Ciara, Dennis and Jorge. The last appeared to be named out of sequence but was labelled by the Spanish Met Service although the storm centre passed way to the north of the British Isles, nowhere near Spain. Moreover, nobody could pronounce Jorge properly as consonants J and G are Spanish sounds that approximate to KH and H in English. The problem with Ciara was not the rain but the strong wind that caused quite a lot of damage in our gardens. Dennis was windy but the rain was its main feature. Jorge was windy with a large amount of rain over three days.

Although February was a short month, it rained on 21 days, with only 8 being dry. It started with 11mm on the 2nd with another 3mm on the following day. Storm Ciara arrived on the 8th with daily falls of 3, 6 and 4mm that was nothing like as bad as the rest of the country but with

extremely strong winds. 14mm fell on the 13th before the arrival of storm Dennis on the 16th, starting with 5mm of rain followed by an enormous 25mm the following day with fairly strong winds. The following week and a half remained fairly windy and produced a few millimetres each day with 7mm in particular on the 25th. The month finished with the arrival of Jorge from the 27th to 29th with 12, 11 and 3mm of rain and very strong winds. Total rainfall for the month was 125mm, considerably more than the previous month's 88mm.

Daytime temperatures were surprisingly warm varying from 9C to 12C with it being particularly warm during the storms. Only one night went below freezing with -1C on the 6th, although it was chilly on the 5th and 28th at 1C. Most times it was between 4C and 8C but was as high as 11C during Storm Dennis. The mean minimum for the month was 5C and the mean maximum was 11C.

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World flavours for the Trefoil Guild

AS anyone connected with the Girlguiding movement will know, February 22nd is Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls and women worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

Our local Trefoil Guild (a non-uniform, adult branch of Guiding) celebrated Thinking Day this year by looking at the World Centres for Guiding and the countries where they are located. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has World Centres located in Mexico, Switzerland, India, Africa and the United Kingdom.

When we had looked at each centre and the country where it is located – Pax Lodge in the UK, Our Chalet in Switzerland, Our Cabana in Mexico, Sangam in India and Kusafiri in Africa – we tasted food from each of the countries. Not everything was to the taste of everyone involved, but we had fun trying them all, and ended with good old home-made scones and strawberry jam to link with Pax Lodge in London.

If you are interested in the Trefoil Guild and would like to know more about what we do, please contact Jane on 01983 521274.

Brenda Hall



Photograph: Sue Mitchell

Everyone enjoyed exploring the flavours from around the world.

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April services	10.30 am	6.30 pm
5th	Mr Rob Howgate	No service
10th	Good Friday devotion	
12th	Easter Day, Dr David Green	No service
19th	Mr. Richard Salmon	Mr. Brian Cooper
26th	Mr Gordon Holmes	No service

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Spring in Carisbrooke

AS we go to print in the middle of March, the wild flowers in the hedges and banks around the village show little sign of being held back by the bad weather over the past weeks. A few hazel catkins still shake in the breeze, while celandines and daisies show through the grass in the churchyard, primroses cover areas of the banks round the castle and white violets peep through on the banks of Millers Lane.

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Defibrillator arrives

THE defibrillator, for which The Eight Bells has been running fund-raising events over the past year, has arrived and is now fully functioning! It has been fitted on the rear of the building at The Eight Bells, easily visible from the car park and the garden. From the front of the building and the road its position can be identified by the sign placed above it. Watch out for training opportunities coming along in the next few months.

Kelly and Kevin at The Eight Bells are now looking for a new project as a focus for future fund-raising and would welcome any suggestions from the community. If you have any ideas, preferably something out of the ordinary, get in touch with them at the pub, or contact the editor on carisbrooke.editor@aim.com and we will be happy to pass on your suggestions.



Photograph: The Eight Bells

Parsons Pantry on the move



Parsons Pantry opened in Carisbrooke Church Hall in April 2018. Two years later it has become popular as a meeting place in the centre of the village where friends can enjoy our selection of teas and coffees with a slice of one of our delicious cakes. It also provides a chance for a relaxed chat with the vicar over a cup of coffee.

However, it has become necessary for us to change the day of opening from Monday to Wednesday, same time, same coffee & cakes, same place. To make it easier for our regulars to remember, the change will take place immediately after Easter, so instead of missing the bank holiday on Easter Monday, April 13th, we hope to be opening on the Wednesday from 15th April. We do hope that if you have been a regular customer on Mondays you will continue to support us on Wednesdays, and if you haven't yet managed to make it on a Monday we will be very happy to welcome you on a Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon.

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Stuck at home and wondering what to do?

AS the effects of coronavirus spread across the country I would very much like to continue to produce Carisbrooke Parish News for as wide a delivery as is possible. I feel this will provide a lot of people with a small link with the rest of our community.

I realise that there will be little or nothing happening of a group nature to report on, but maybe we can take advantage of this by having a go at producing a contribution which will interest others.

Do you have a hobby which you would like to tell us about, or normally take part in a sport or a club which we do not usually report on? Do you have memories of life in Carisbrooke which you would like to share, have you taken interesting photos on a walk, or seen interesting changes in the village?

Have a go, I would love to be able to fill the next online issue with interesting snippets from around our community. Contact details on page 12.

Editor

Renovating the Priory Farm orchard

I HAD a great day on Friday 21st February, when fruit tree pruning was taught and practiced under the expert guidance of Claire Draper of The Plant Shop. Also invited was Phillip Wilson from Kent, with a surprising amount of theory and evident expertise, as you might expect from someone who has close connections with Brogdale living fruit tree collection.

The training group consisted of Claire's team at the Plant Shop, and two tree surgeons, ... oh and myself, just

interested to know what to do!! For me it was really helpful, and I have gone about pruning generally in quite a different way. Much more likely to thin within the shape of a tree, and hopefully with neater cuts close to the main stem. I can also tell the difference between a leaf bud and a fruit bud which I had never thought of before.



Photograph: Claire Draper

The pruning team take a well-earned break.

The removal of brambles climbing high into the trees of the orchard at Priory Farmhouse, and the pruning of these trees, will undoubtedly renovate the orchard. Longer term plans are to reinstate the meadow, and we all wish Tommy and Bonnie, the owners, and Claire, who is doing much of the work, well with this project.

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Making 'Promises' in sign language

RAINBOWS, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from the units in Carisbrooke and Newport recently joined with others from across the Island for World Thinking Day 2020.

Around the World the 10 million members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) celebrate World Thinking Day every year.

This celebration of the birthdays of the founders of the Movement on 22nd February, is an annual event and recalls the birthdays of the first World Chief Guide Lady Olave Baden-Powell (born 22/02/1889) and her husband Lord Robert Baden-Powell (born 22/02/1857). Celebrations take a different form each year, having a different theme relevant to that period in time.

On the Island some 400 members of Girlguiding IW enjoyed an afternoon of activities at Lower Hyde Holiday Park, Shanklin. This involved Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers with their Leaders and was based on the WAGGGS theme for 2020 'Living Threads – Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.'

With a variety of activities all the girls had an opportunity to find out more about the World Association of



Photograph: Suzanne Whitewood

Almost 400 girls and their adult leaders gathered in the main hall for the conclusion of the afternoon, during which awards were presented and everyone joined in with the singing.

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, had fun with games and crafts and thought of Girlguiding members around the World.

Covering the theme of Inclusion all the members learned and practiced their 'Promise' in British Sign Language as several girls use this and this put one of the Living Threads themes into practice.

Special guests included the Island's Lord Lieutenant Susie Sheldon JP, the Island's High Sheriff Geoff Underwood, and the Chairman of IW Council Cllr. George Cameron.

There was also a surprise visit from a Girlguiding SW England Region Deputy Commissioner, Sarah French.

One of the event activities had involved girls making and decorating a light, and with hall lights dimmed the 400 lights glowed as everyone joined in the singing of 'This Little Guiding Light of Mine' to conclude the event.

Tessa Bryson, a Ranger and helper with 2nd Carisbrooke Brownies said, 'I had so much fun from teaching Brownies how to work together and make story bracelets to doing acting with the Rangers. I loved it so much helping

the Brownies discover their true creativeness. I can't wait for it to happen all over again next year when I can learn so much more about different World Thinking Day traditions.'

Members of Girlguiding are well known for raising funds for other charities. £270.00 was collected for the WAGGGS Thinking Day Fund. This is in addition to the £937.61 that was recently sent to the Island's sister Guides in Australia following the bush fires.

**Suzanne Whitewood
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Bowcombe wool prices high in 1911



THIS photograph shows the 34th Isle of Wight Wool Fair held by the auctioneers, Henry Way, on the 6th July 1911. The base for the Wool Fair was the Drill Hall, but the actual auction, shown here, was held in a building that has now gone, The Rink. This was set back from the corner of Lugley Street and Hearn Street, and had been built in the preceding year to meet the craze for roller-skating. From the original photograph it is just possible to make out posters advertising the next skating event. The building is festooned in flags for the celebration of the coronation of George V on the 22nd June.

At the Wool Fair itself 23,000 fleeces were sold in 194 lots. We are told that the fleeces fetched up to 14d per pound. We are also given an insight into the quality of local sheep flocks. The only seller to achieve the top price was a Mrs Blake of Hunnyhill in Brighstone. Carisbrooke farmers fared almost as well. Andrew Cheek of Rowborough and H L Morris of Idlescombe were able to get 13½ pence per pound, L C Attrill of Bowcombe Farm and E V Harvey of Great Park sold for a farthing less, while W and M Morris of Plaish were given 13 pence. The statistics show what an important area the Bowcombe Valley was for sheep farming, and the high standards that were achieved.

Richard Smout

Elmwood shines in "The Next Chapter"

ON Sunday, March 8th, pupils of The Elmwood School of Dance took to the stage for two sold out performances of "The Next Chapter", under the leadership of the school's current principal, Laura Stone.

Both shows went brilliantly well. Fantastic reviews from parents and pupils alike are still coming in about how much they enjoyed the night and how impressed they were with the professionalism and talent involved.

Elmwood, based primarily out of Carisbrooke, has rehearsed in Carisbrooke Church Hall for over 40

years. Laura, having grown up in that hall under the tutelage of her mother, Shirley Stone, who ran the school for the majority of its 48 year history, was eager to put all that she has learned both as a teacher and professional performer into practice, and adding to it the hard work of the pupils, it certainly paid off on the night.

A huge thank you to all involved. We couldn't have done it without you. Elmwood holds classes from ages 3+ in tap, ballet, modern and jazz. New enquiries are always welcome.

Andrew McKay

Over the years in the Parish News

10 years ago in April 2010 we reported that:

- **Fr Mike Exell would be retiring on Easter Day after 17 years at St Mary's Church.**

- **The year 8 boys rugby team from Christ the King College had beaten the team from Downside Middle School by 108-0!**

- **There was a full peal, lasting 3 hours, rung on St Mary's Church bells in aid of the Earl Mountbatten hospice.**

30 years ago in April 1990 the Parish Press (as it was then) reported that:

- **Gilbert Wolfe, one of the last independent milkmen to deliver in the village, was retiring.**

- **2nd Carisbrooke Brownies entered the Ryde Music Festival, gaining 86 points and the winners shield in their class of the singing event.**



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Fun and fitness for the W. I.

OUR chairman, Lynn, welcomed the ladies to the March W.I. meeting, gave the usual safety announcements and asked if there were any queries on last month's minutes.

The Isle of Wight W.I. Federation is 100 years old next year (the same as Carisbrooke) and an appeal has been sent out for help to suggest and organise events.

For 'Show the Love for the Environment' this year we are growing sunflowers to see who has grown the tallest by September, the seeds from which can then be fed to the birds. We have also been knitting sunflowers and have made over 50, which will be displayed on the tree in the W.I. House garden from May. Lynn thanked the ladies for making them and photographs were taken of them by Sheila.

For the Isle of Wight bedroom in Denman College £100 was donated to help with the new curtains. This was largely the result of a lovely coffee morning held at Sheila's house.

Lynn told the ladies we are going to have a stall in June at the Carisbrooke Fete, the theme to be Plastic Soup, reminding people about plastic in our seas.

We also need ideas for our 100th birthday next year and the members were asked for volunteers to help with the celebration.

The speaker for the afternoon was Ellen, whose subject was Fitness for all. She told us about the way our muscles waste away if we don't use them and about some people who, because they keep fit, were still doing wonderful manual things at the age of 100 plus. She then gave out instructions for some exercises we could do each day, which we went through with her. At the end Mary gave a vote of thanks.



Photograph: Sheila Hall

The bright sunflowers knitted by the members of Carisbrooke W.I. will be displayed on the tree in the W.I. House garden.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April as our usual meeting day will be Easter Monday. Our speaker is Sylvia who is talking about "Preserving during the War Years".

Laura Hunt
Carisbrooke WI

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Diary of Events for April

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FRIDAY, 10th April is the copy date for the May issue. If you would like to contribute news or an article please contact the editor, Brenda Hall, on tel: 520666, or send an e-mail to carisbrooke.editor@aim.com

It has now become obvious that the government will not allow meetings etc to continue during April.

We will be back with you in print as soon as it is possible to do so, in line with the government guidance.

In the meantime, please have a look at the message from the Editor on page 8.

We will be thinking of you in our community and hoping that you all keep safe and well. There is a phone number on page 3 which you can use if you need help and have been unable to find it from family or neighbours.

**Our best wishes to you all,
The Trustees of Carisbrooke Parish News**

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