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JULY NEWSLETTER 2002

What a month June 2002 was. We had the magnificent celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee with the whole country united in a great show of patriotism and loyalty and we had the World Cup. It was like stepping back in time in our street, the week before the Jubilee. The street was bedecked with bunting and flags, the trestles were put up the middle of our cul-de-sac and the fun began. We had lots of really heavy showers when the food was covered, everyone dashed under cover, then dashed back out, wiped down the chairs and the celebrations continued well into the night. It was sheer enjoyment for the young and old, and we all say roll on the Diamond Jubilee, we are ready for it.

Love it or hate it, England's progress in the World Cup stirred the nation to further patriotism and unity as flags flew from large buildings, houses, cars and the whole country were joined in emotions from depths of despair to sheer elation. Even the schools in many areas opened early and served breakfast, but nothing prepared us for the disappointment of losing to Brazil. However, we still say 'Well done England' and we'll do even better in 2006.

Have you noticed how advertising on T.V, has changed over recent years. At one time it was all so straightforward—you knew exactly which product you were being asked to buy. The messages were so simple for such items as S.R. Toothpaste, Camay Soap, etc., but now we have long, loud, elaborate adverts and sometimes even when they have finished, you are not quite sure what exactly is being advertised. They are more like an extract from an epic film. Do you remember the advert where a girl is sitting in a Poppy field eating a Cadbury Flake—you really wanted to reach out and take a bite? Then the one where crowds of children sang 'We want to buy the world a coke.' The messages were simple but well remembered. Perhaps the advertisers have got too clever for their own good.

One of my pet hates is spiders, I can live with the small ones but over a certain size they make me shudder, so perhaps others who are not spider lovers might learn something from the words of Leo Tolstoy: 'The means to gain happiness is to throw out from oneself like a spider in all directions, an adhesive web of love, and to catch in it all that comes.' Perhaps a more congenial way of looking at those dreaded spiders and their webs.

Marie Cove.

If you require the services of a vicar please have a word with Moreen who is dealing with baptisms and Margaret weddings. Funerals can be arranged with either. Please note Margaret will be away from the 20th for 2 weeks.

SERVICES IN JULY

St. John's Hall, Ansley Common: Services at 10.30 a.m.,

July 14—Family Service with Sunday School.

July 28—Communion by Extension and Sunday School.

St. Laurence's Church Service at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.,

July 7—a.m. All Age Worship, Worship Team.

p.m. Holy Communion Rev. Laurie Beard.

July 14—a.m. Holy Communion Rev. Raine.

p.m. Evensong. Mrs. Brenda Moss.

July 21—a.m. All Age Worship. Worship Team.

p.m. Holy Communion Rev. Pam Stote.

July 28—a.m. Holy Communion Rev. Raine.

p.m. Evensong. Mrs. Brenda Moss.

Ansley Common Fellowship meet every alternate Monday, Starting 8th July.

Wednesday Fellowship will meet on the 10th and 24th at 34 Nuthurst Crescent.

Links Group will meet 7.00 p.m. on 1st, 8th and 15th and will then break for the summer holidays.

We wish all children a happy holiday.

The Church will be open on Saturday, 13th July and 27th from 2.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.

On July 7th at 10.30 a.m. Gill and Geoff will be commissioned at the Cathedral during the Sunday Eucharist to go out to Romania. The Rev. Mark Oxbrow, who heads up the East European work in CMS, will be the preacher. Gill and Geoff will be commissioned by the East European Director, Timothy Okroev.

Any one wishing to go please have a word as Buffet Lunch will be served after the service and they need to know numbers. We are also trying to arrange transport as a group.

Gill and Geoff have been very happy at the college and they hope to fly out to Romania in the 3rd week of July to start learning the language.

On July 9th there will be a public meeting at the Ansley Social Club at 7.30 p.m. This is to discuss the Ansley Surgery and is being organised by the Drs. Dickson, Craggs and Zurob. Councillor Sid Tooth will Chair the meeting. This is your chance to hear at first hand the difficulties at the surgery and to have your say as to how these difficulties can best be resolved.

Senior Citizens: Monthly Service on Tuesday 16th at 9.30 a.m. This will be led by Donald. Everyone welcome.

The Senior Citizens will be having a bring and buy on the 2nd July for their funds. This will start at 10.00 a.m. Please come and have a "cuppa" and a chat.

From The Registers

The funeral of Canon Peter Buckler, OBE took place in Church on Friday, 14th June and he was then laid to rest in the Churchyard. He was 85. Donations in place of flowers are for the Church Building Fund. We will let you know some of his many achievements in a later issue, when the article has been written.

We are again grateful to David Goadby for the use of his land to park some of the many cars.

While writing this month's notices we heard that Mrs. Dorothy Light, aged 96, died on the 17th and her funeral will be on the 28th June.

The results of the Coffee Mornings, St. John's 12th £40.50; 20th £63.10. All proceeds to St. John's upkeep.

£110.49 has been sent to Tear Fund from the monthly boxes and a receipt has been received.

The New Vicar — What Happens Now ?

On June 5th the PCC's of Ansley and Arley met with Bishop Anthony, Arch Deacon Mark Bryant, The Deanery Lay Chair Mr. P. Rogers, The Vicar of Fillongley Rev. Nick Clarke as deputy Rural Dean and our respective patrons.

Ansley's patrons are The Church Patronage Trust, this is an independent trust set up in 1871 with five trustees who are always a mixture of lay and clerical Trustees. The Trust Deed states its commitment to basing its appointments on principles of Bible teaching, orthodox Church teaching and spiritual religion. The Church Patronage Trust seeks to appoint to its parishes people of independent mind and spiritual and evangelistic vision.

Ansley's right of patronage was given by Rev. Charles Heaton to the Church Patronage Trust when he was vicar at the beginning of the last century.

What are patrons ? "The origin of ecclesiastical patronage is ancient and obscure, but it probably grew up gradual as an incident of the system by which, if a lord founded a church on his estate he acquired the right of patronage as the usual consequence." "The right of patronage is a form of property which the owner is freely entitled to deal with in his lifetime or by his will as he thinks fit," subject nowadays to certain legal restrictions as set out in The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 (from A Handbook for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors). Until this time the Patron could appoint anyone he liked to a parish, and that vicar would own the "Freehold" and could stay as long as he wanted.

Today—All the people present at the meeting on 5th June have a say, and using the Parish Statement that we have been working on for the last few months, which we revised slightly, this will enable a job description to be produced.

Later the position will be advertised in the relevant places, e.g. Clergy press and applicants sought.

In due time a short list will be produced and interviews will take place with the Parish Representatives (in Ansley's case the two Church Wardens) together with the Patrons the Bishop, Arch Deacon, etc. This is expected to happen in the Autumn.

Brief Extracts From May AGM of Ansley Parish Council

For 2002/2003 Mr. Malcolm Sutton re-elected Chair, Mr. Philip Rees Vice-Chair. Inspector Martin Samuel of Atherstone Police heard views of Parish Council on issues requiring police attention in the Parish, and advised the Police need the co-operation of the local community in identifying matters and persons so that appropriate action can be taken against those committing crimes. Also advised a replacement for PC Mark Jackson who covered Ansley Village until beginning of this year, is due to be employed within the month.

A decision on the Council's application for funding from Sport England for proposed drainage works at Ansley Village Recreation Ground currently awaited. Agreed further applications for funding be sought in case Sport England unable to assist. Funding applications from WREN (Landfill Tax Funding) and the Coalfields Regeneration Small Grants Fund will be sent out shortly.

Proposals discussed for fencing boundary of Birchley Heath recreation ground, following correspondence from Warwickshire County Council advising sites within their area could be prone to unauthorised encampment by Gypsy and New Age Travellers. Birchley Heath considered to be such a risk, and Merevale & Blyth Estate Office in favour of Parish Council's proposals to fence off this area. Tender requests for fencing works to be sent to assess financial implications of such a project.

Permission again extended to Arley Hurricanes Junior F.C. to play coming season's matches at Ansley Village Recreation Ground, and they were wished every success in their endeavours this year.

Details of mobile library service being operated by WCC received and timetable for this unit visiting every other week, Birchley Heath (Friday), Ansley Village (Monday) and Chapel End (Tuesday) can be found posted on Parish Noticeboards.

Future Ansley Parish Council Meeting dates: July 11th, Sept. 12th and October 10th at the Church Hall, Ansley Village, 7.30 p.m. start.

We would like to congratulate Herbert Fowler School on winning the Warwickshire Road Safety Quiz 2002. They had to compete against many schools, and we say 'Well done Herbert Fowler team.'