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The conclusion of Banfest'07.....

Pub Quiz Night had a fantastic turn out. Robin did a spectacular quiz with Gloria providing a lovely ploughman's at the interval. There were definitely winners and grinners. Thank you Gloria and Robin.



The Car Boot Sale took a different turn this year with it being held in the Village Hall Car Park. Most people were fitted in and even the sun shone. A big Thank you to Fran, Barbie, Sue and team, the bacon butties were great!!

The Pet Show was supported very well by a tortoise, a frog, African Land Snails, 2 cats, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, a hamster, 5 ponies's and lots of Dogs!! Thank you to the judges, Elaine and Fiona who did very well with help from Barbie and Andy making some very difficult decisions:

- The Most Talented Pet Aaron Bullock and Taz (dog)
- The Best Groomed Pet Samuel Mitson and Henry (dog)
- The Most unusual Pet Sue Griffin and Fred (tortoise)
- The Dog with the Waggiest Tail Darren Manville and Rio (dog)
- The Happiest Pet Ashley Hall and Ben (dog)
- The Pet with the Prettiest Eyes Molly Marshall and Arthur (Guinea Pig)
- The Best Behaved Pet Jackie Manville and Boyd (dog)
- The Best Turned out Horse Seth Bell with Dusty
- The Funniest Photo of a Pet Beth Mac Leod with Kitty (cat)
- The Best Handler of The Day Molly Marshall and Archie (rabbit)



evening and the atmosphere was just great.

Arts Crafts Afternoon. Last but not least was a lovely afternoon put on by the Methodist Church. Thank you to Syd, Shirley, John, Laura and many more who worked very hard in creating many crafts with a lot of artistic ability flying around!!



staff of Banwell News who sold over 200 tickets for this event.

So, in conclusion, thank you to all the volunteers for putting on a fantastic Banfest'07 and thank you Banwellians and Friends for supporting it.

Lyn Ralph
Pictures by Neil Merrick

- Pet of the Day Beth Mac Leod and Kitty (cat)

Thank you to you all for coming along and making it a great success.

The Magical Summer Night at the Castle was fantastic, Thank you to Neil and Ali and their great team – a lovely event. The weather, the view, the band, the fun with the magicians, the falconry – all made for a perfect



Also we would like to thank Court Farm who, on the 14th July, kindly opened their doors with the Cowboys and Indians and raised £636.30 for Banwell Community. A special thank you must also go to the



Prayer

The Church families of St. Andrew's and Banwell Methodist Church will be praying for the people in your area on the following Sundays.



August

- 5th Summer lane
- 12th Thomas Close
- 19th The Paddocks
- 26th Waits Close

September

- 2nd West Garston
- 9th West Street

If you have any special prayers or concerns, whether for yourself, one of your family or for a neighbour (e.g. someone who is sick: getting married: seeking employment: going away to work or college: or in any kind of trouble or difficulty), please ring one of the following numbers either to have a chat, or leave a message, or make an appointment for one of us to visit you, or vice versa.

St Andrew's: Dinah Harrison 822344
Methodist: The Revd. Sam 852314

Michaelmas Fair

Just a reminder for anyone wishing to enter Winscombe Community Association is holding their Michaelmas Fair & Show on 8 September at 2 p.m. at the Community Centre in Sandford Road. We are hoping there might be people in Banwell who would like to enter our open class for wine (red, white, rose), sloe gin and home-brewed beer. If you would like more information and a copy of the class schedule/rules please call 01934 843082. Programmes are now available. Entry forms need to be in by the Thursday before Show and entries be in place at the Centre between 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the day of the Show.

Many thanks
Jo Risk

Winscombe Community Association

The things you read will fashion you by slowly conditioning your mind.

Banwell Playgroup for rising 3s-5yr. olds meets Monday to Friday during term-time 9.00am - 11.30am. For more information please contact the Playgroup on 823404 or Wendy Lloyd 820605.

Baby/Toddler Group meets every Friday morning 9.30am -11.45am. at the Scout Hut. Contact Gareth Thomas 823177

Banwell Scout Group: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Peter Bradbury, Group Scout Leader 01934 822719

Banwell Fish Scheme: Chairman Mrs Dinah Harrison 822344. Lift Co-ordinator Mrs G Boddy 823621.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Mr David Westlake 30 Knightcott Road, Banwell. Tel: 822433.

Youth & Community Centre Booking Secretary: Nicola Hooper (Parish Clerk) 812567, email clerk@banwell.org

Methodist School Room Hire Bookings Tel: 822873 or 822066

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

Banwell Bridge Club Contact: Roger Boland Tel: 820615 or Meg Tillotson Tel: 823252

Services In Our Churches

ST. ANDREW'S

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Family Eucharist
	3.30 pm	Evensong
1st Sunday	3.30 pm	BCP Eucharist
	7.15 pm	Young at Heart

METHODIST

	10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC Cheddar

Sunday	9.00 am	Mass
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ALL WELCOME

Happiness

There are three mistakes we can make when it comes to planning our future happiness.

Some of us suffer from 'DESTINATION DISEASE', to quote the writer John Maxwell. We look ahead and think: when we reach THAT point in our lives, we'll be happy. It might be a trip, a new job, a new home, retirement. But in fact, our happiest moments in life will be found all along the way, not at some point pre-determined by us. That is a recipe for future disappointment!

Others of us suffer from SOMEBODY SICKNESS. Are you looking for that certain somebody to make you happy? Sure, 'somebody' may bring you occasional happiness, but it will not be permanent. No other person can totally fulfil you – they have deep needs of their own. You have to take responsibility for your own happiness in life. The Bible urges us to 'delight in the Lord' – because He never fails us.

Still others of us suffer from YESTERDAY BLUES. We like to crown the past with a halo, and remember only the good times. If your past was great, be thankful, but live – and be happy - where you are now – in the present! The Psalms urge us to remember: "THIS is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad IN IT."

From the Registers

Funerals:

June

- 19th Lillian Morrison
- 27th Marcia Burgess (in Australia)

July

- 6th Patricia Lovatt Irving
- 9th Lillian Edna Weeks

Weddings:

July

- 21st Frances Jo Taylor to Matthew Phillip Cooke (Fran & Bert)

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This is the Reverend Canon Levie Mumba who is the Vicar of our link parish of Chililabombwe in Zambia. He arrived in Chililabombwe

(which is right on Zambia's border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo) on 18th February 2006, having come with his family from his previous parish of St. Nicholas, Kalulushi, to take charge of Chililabombwe's two Anglican churches, the church of St. Clare and the church of St. Francis of Assisi.

He was formally inducted to the parish one year later on 18th February 2007 when there was a big service to welcome him, with church members from other denominations attending. Canon Levie was overwhelmed by the gifts presented to him.

Chililabombwe Parish has six Lay Readers, choirs, praise teams and servers and has groups for all ages: Mothers' Union, St. Veronica's (for young wives), Men's Anglican Fellowship and Boys' and Girls' Brigades. Each of the church congregations has projects in hand.

St. Clare's Church is in an open place unprotected by fencing and the building suffers from damage at the hands of trespassers. The congregation's first priority has been to repair the damage, including replacing all

seventy-two panes of glass which had been broken. This has been done and the interior has been painted and looks very nice. The next job is to build a small house for a caretaker. It is hoped this will be finished by the end of the year and then the big job will be to build a wall to keep out trespassers.

The Congregation of St. Francis at present hold their services in what was meant to be the Church Hall, and their main project is to build the church, the foundations of which were laid some time ago. In the meantime, the Hall has needed new doors for its main entrance and new curtains. Having fitted these, the church members are now concentrating their efforts on the new building.

On Palm Sunday Canon Levie presided over a service at which seven denominations united under the umbrella of the Christian Council of Zambia. They met in an open field, beginning with the blessing of the palms and then processing together to the premises of both Chililabombwe's churches – two kilometers of walking, with songs being sung by the different denominations.

Easter was kept just as here, observing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Canon Levie sends greetings to "our link parish members of St. Andrew's Banwell", thanks us for our support and prays that the Lord will continue to strengthen the ties between us. Amen to that.

The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. If you can, try to belong to the first class. There's far less competition.

Dwight Morrow

BANFEST 07 GRAND DRAW WINNERS!

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MRS LAYCOCK - W-S-M
- 6th A case of wine donated by The Bell Inn
MRS BETTY KNIGHT - HUTTON
- 7th £20 meal voucher from The Railway Inn at Sandford
MR LONG - BANWELL
- 8th Drinks and bar snacks for 4 from The Brewers Arms
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**Banwell Village Hall,
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on

**Saturday 29th September
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Some of the charities taking part will be :

- R.N.L.I. – Winscombe Branch
- Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Alzheimer's Society – Dementia Care
- Motivation – Backwell
- Jessie May Trust - Bristol
- Peace, Hope Trust – Help for Nicaragua - Backwell
- Banwell Seniors Club
- Vine Counselling Service – Ecumenical project
- Targa Association – Transylvanian and Romanian Group Aid

Refreshments will be available plus a Raffle, proceeds of which will be divided between the charities taking part on the day, also a Name the Monkey and Dog.

Please come and support these and other very worthwhile charities to enable them to continue to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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Parish News Covers



Ponies at the top of Burrington Coombe.



Ben Nevis from the Devils Punch Bowl, Scotland.



Regents Park, London.



'Gale Force Nun' by Philip Jackson in the grounds of the Bishops Palace, Wells.



Axbridge Lake from King's Wood, Winscombe.



Snowdon from Llanberis, North Wales.



Wooded Avenue, Burrington Coombe.



Selworthy Village near Minhead.



Swallow Falls Betws-y-Coed, North Wales.



Sunset over Arran, West Scotland.



Glen Nevis, Scotland.



Winscombe Vale from Wint Hill.

I have received many enquiries about the subjects used on the covers of the Parish News, some from across the country – it amazes me just how far our magazine travels. Here are the answers. The current cover was taken at Rowberrow.

Ed

Visit A Church

In this holiday month, anyone who begrudges what it costs to maintain Britain's churches in good repair should be aware of the extent to which church tourism benefits the economy: no less than £300 million a year, according to the Church Heritage Forum.

"Cathedrals and historic churches are a quintessential feature of our landscape and are part of the historic narrative of our national identity, which has a strong appeal for domestic and foreign visitors alike," the Forum told a Government committee's enquiry into tourism. The potential for even greater development is not always recognised and, as a result, is not supported and resourced to the degree that it deserves.

The current interest in genealogy and the tracing of ancestry, in which churches play a key role, is an area that could be promoted during the Olympics in 2012, the Forum suggests. This would help to spread the benefits of Olympics tourism across the country.

Local initiatives, such as in North Yorkshire, have shown that encouraging church tourism by providing training and resources to local churches can increase visitor numbers by as much as 120 per cent. They have also shown that opening up more churches brings real benefits to community cohesion and encourages churches to provide other community activities.

Church buildings and cathedrals are consistently in the list of most-visited tourist attractions. Five World Heritage sites in the UK specifically include church buildings: Bath Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, Durham Cathedral, Fountains Abbey and Westminster Abbey. An independent survey found that

visitors to cathedrals generated £91 million for their local cities in terms of direct spend by visitors. The benefits to local economies of visitors to parish churches are more difficult to quantify, as they do not charge for entry and most are not stewarded, but various surveys suggest that 35-50 million visits a year would be a realistic estimate.

The Churches Tourism Association now has a website (<http://www.churchestourismassociation.info>).

Broadband Issues

This month I received an email from Mike Horne asking if there has been any input from local broadband users reporting slow download speeds. It would appear there are problems with Banwell's exchange. My own experience is that speeds are variable depending on time of day. Never have I got anywhere near the 8meg that was carrot dangled when I signed up. I have installed broadband for quite a number of people in Banwell and speeds seem to be capped at anything from 2meg to 6meg. I have never seen 8meg even for those who live close to the exchange.

Mike suggests that if enough people complain about it something might be done. Email me your experiences and perhaps together we can put some pressure on BT to do something about it.

Ed

Only ask your child what he wants for dinner if he's buying.

Fran Lebowitz

MENDIP SOCIETY

AUGUST 2007

SAT 4th Stanton Drew. Special interest walk around Stanton Drew stone circles, together with an on-site talk by Jodie Lewis. Tea, cakes and a possible swim in her pool by kind permission of Riki Kittel. Meet Pensford, outside the Rising Sun, GR 618637, 2:00pm. Contact Roger 01761 490458.

SAT 11th Radstock & Kilmersdon. 5½ mile walk in the Somerset Coalfield. Moderate but includes one steep climb up Jack and Jill Hill. Meet outside Radstock Museum, GR 690549, 2:00pm (car park further along on right). Contact Roger 01761 490458.

SAT 18th Winscombe. Approx 5 miles towards Sandford. Some hills. Meet car park behind Woodborough Inn, GR 421576, 2:00 pm. Contact Mary 01934 843789. No dogs.

SAT 25th Harridge Wood, Stoke Bottom & Withybrook. Meet at entrance to Harridge Wood, Nettlebridge on old road off A367, 1 mile NE of Oakhill, GR 648484, 2:00pm. Distance 4 miles. Moderately strenuous with some gradients. Contact Richard Ivens 01275 852786.

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Churchill Music! Presents The Royal College of Music String Band

October 13th 7.30pm

St. John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill.

Churchill Music! leaps into its new season with the String Band of the Royal College of Music, London. Comprising some of the most exceptional young talent in the UK today, the RCM String Band draws individual players from countries across the globe and many are already international artists in their own right. Musical director, Mark Messenger harnesses their collective electricity to generate a programme of string orchestra favourites including Edward Elgar's fabulous, 'Serenade for Strings' to celebrate the composer's 150th anniversary. Come and give this wonderful young orchestra a rapturous welcome! Can you bear to miss it? We hope not!

Tickets; Champions of Churchill Music! £8.50; Non Champions £10.50 Under 18's £4.00 Available from: Ursula Dornton, Dove Cottage, upper Langford, Somerset BS40 5DH 01934 852919

This book is dedicated to my brilliant and beautiful wife without whom I would be nothing. She always comforts and consoles, never complains or interferes, asks nothing and endures all. She also writes my dedications.

Albert Malvino

Archaeological Society

We enjoyed a talk demonstrating the origin, demise and re-birth of the Kennet and Avon Canal, which runs from the Thames at Reading to Bristol and the sea. From 1723 when it was first decided to make a navigable route via the two rivers from Reading to Bristol Docks, it was a major part of the heavy transport system from London to the West for 100 years. It eventually had to give way to the Great Western Railway, but in the 1950s, enthusiastic volunteers raised money and worked to redevelop the canal until it has once again become a major waterway, this time for holidaymakers and the wildlife which abounds along its length.

The Society is organising a trip on the canal on 6th October, 2007. If you would like to join the coach for this interesting day out, please telephone Jeanne Evans on 01934 823 878, as soon as possible. Cost £15

Pat Corbett

Put The Kettle On!

How many times this summer will you reach for the teapot? The good old English cuppa has revived our flagging spirits for years, giving solace to the downcast, providing instant hospitality, and the best excuse for a short break during the day. Hot sweet tea can be helpful to people who have had a shock. Sadly, cold tea is all that actors get on stage, when the script calls for whisky to be drunk...

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BANWELL GARDENING CLUB

47th Horticultural show

1st September 2007

2.30pm at the Village Hall

All Banwell residents are invited to join in the 47th annual Horticultural Show. With classes of flowers, vegetables, fruit, wine, baking, floral art and children's section there really is something for everyone, whatever their age or ability.

Just bring along your entries to the hall between 8.30 and 10am for staging and return at 2.30pm to see if you won!

There will be cakes, tea, coffee and you will be sure of a warm welcome, so come along and join in.

You can download entry forms by clicking on the garden club website at www.banwell.info. Entry forms will also be available at the Library and Vickerys.

For more information telephone Jude Long (820769).

Ever wondered about those people who spend £1.50 a time on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards.

Jon Stewart

Sri Lankan Meal



On June 2nd 2007 a fantastic evening was had by all in the village hall. Apart from a great social occasion the main aim was to raise funds for a sponsored trek across the Sinai desert in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Due to the great support we raised £435. Grateful thanks go to Hilda and Rev. Sam for providing the delicious meal and also many thanks to all those who attended.

Anne Martyn and Sarah McMillan are still busy raising more funds and also following their fitness regime in preparation for the trek. If anyone would like to sponsor us please contact on 820334 or 823027.

From various Church notice-boards:-

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for to-day has been cancelled due to a conflict.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7.00p.m. Please use the back door.

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTA

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2007

11a.m. to 3p.m. in the School Hall.

Beautiful handmade crafts and gifts.

Take advantage of early Christmas shopping?

Jewellery, glassware, greeting cards, quilted, wooden and silk goods, pottery, soaps & bath treats, art, clothing, mirrors, vases and scarves will be on sale. Presents for adults and children. Over 40 stalls. Well over half the stalls are new to this year's Fair.

ALSO a "Mini Farmers' Market" in the Sixth Form Centre. A range of local fresh vegetables, cakes, spring flowering bulbs and jams & chutneys on sale.

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The bible tells us to forgive our enemies - not our friends.

Margot Asquith



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Year 1

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Charlie says -

"These are not peas, these are little drops from the planet Mars." Alex Heal Aged 6

"These are not tomatoes, they are red drops falling from the sky." Melissa Pike Aged 5

"These are not ice lollies, these are icicle moon squirters." Saffron Fitzpatrick Aged 6

"This is not cabbage, this is a green and white tingly roll." Ruth Munday Aged 6

"These are not tomatoes, they are strawberry balls from the strawberry tree." Abigail Pople-Hughes Aged 6

"These are not oranges, they are squirty sweeties from the sweet shop." Kiara Pike Aged 6

"These are not apricots, they are baby suns that dropped down from the sun." Ellena Brooks Aged 6

This is not spicy chicken, this is special sand from the ocean." Olivia Bentley Aged 6

"This is not cabbage, this is green footballs from outer space." AIfie Marsh Aged 6



"This is not broccoli, this is an ocean nibble from under the sea." Chloe Morse Aged 6

"This is not bacon, this is a ghost squirter from inside an orange balloon."

Ryan Hicks- Hardwidge Aged 6

"These are not sweetcorn, these are yellow smarties." James Cornelius Brown Aged 6

"This is not an ice lolly, it is an ice lick from Iceland." Amelia Ball Aged 6

"This is not cabbage, this is space worms from outer space." Tom White Aged 6

"This is not a kiwi, it is a green squirter from Greenland." Bryn Acre-

The National Lottery

How likely are you to win?

Over the past ten years life in Britain has been transformed by one major new institution – the National Lottery. Some see it as nothing more than a harmless flutter or as a way of giving to good causes, but others may be addicted and causing all sorts of problems to the people they love.

Only twenty-eight percent of income raised is used to benefit good causes – with only seven per cent actually going to charities. No - people want to win the big prize and so they dream greedily as to what they would do with the winnings.

Let's have a look for a minute at the reality of this. In the years the lottery has been running there have been around seventeen hundred millionaires created. The odds of winning the jackpot are in fact around fourteen million to one. Putting this in to perspective:

You are seven times more likely to be struck by lightning.

It is the equivalent of choosing one hundred and forty paperbacks and then selecting the right book, chapter, page, line, word then letter before the odds are harder than winning the jackpot

If you buy a ticket on a Monday you are more likely to die before the Saturday draw than you are to win [so whatever you do don't buy your tickets on a Monday!]

This all may seem funny, but sadly there is a much darker side to it. Many people now are gambling who never did before the lottery came into existence and this in itself is

leading to a whole new range of gambling proposals including the opening up of new casinos across the country.

The lottery is also in effect a tax on the most desperate members of our society. Figures show that it doesn't matter whether you are a millionaire or unemployed you are still likely to be spending the same amount on tickets – but in percentage of income terms there is a huge difference. Nearly everyone will have lost some thing in the region of £2000 plus – money that many people really desperately need to make ends meet.

Keith Tondeur
Head of Credit Action.

A Calling

Gladys Aylward was just a simple woman who did what she believed God called her to do. A movie, 'The Inn of Sixth Happiness' was produced many years ago telling her life story. In 1920 she sailed to China, where she opened a home for orphaned children, who'd been left to starve or wander the streets. She'd read the words in Isaiah: "...if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs..." (Isaiah 58:10 – 11 NIV)

When the Japanese invaded China, Gladys was forced to flee. She ended up on the island of Formosa with more than 100 children to care for. Despite hardship and danger, she devoted herself to looking after them. Years later, when she was honoured for her work, she said: "I did not choose this. I was led into it by God. I'm not really more interested in children than I am in other people. But God gave me to understand that this is what He wanted me to do – so I did it!"

Rugby Game

A man had tickets for the Rugby Cup Final. As he sat down, another man came over and asked if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No," he says. "The seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Cup Final, the biggest sporting event in the world and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married," he said sadly.

"Oh ... I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shook his head. "No, they're all at the funeral".

Singing

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A six –week Free Singing Course is starting in Warmley in October. The course will take place on Wednesday evenings at Grange School and will be run by Linda Corcoran, musical director of Bristol's Great Western Chorus. The course is open to men of all ages who would like to start from scratch, improve or return to singing and have fun in the process.

There's no catch – the free course is sponsored by the Great Western Chorus who simply want to 'Get Bristol Singing'. For details contact Kevin Willis on 01179564596 or Kevin.willis@singbristol.com

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Village Websites

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The Friends of Banwell Primary School Website – www.banwell.info/friends

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Banwell Bowling Club Website – www.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002

Banwell Royal British Legion Website – www.rbl.banwell.info

Banwell Baby and Toddler Group – www.geocities.com/banwellbabytoddlers

A Royal Drive-by A Blessing Comes

As the Queen and Prince Philip made their way from Blagdon to Weston they passed



through Banwell. Chris Parratt managed to snap this picture as they made their way to visit the Healthy Living Centre on the Bournville Estate and the Helicopter museum.

It's good to get away from noise
From chaos and from din,
To seek in solitude and peace
The beauty that's within
To go into a quiet place
Where all is fresh and green,
And contemplate in silent calm
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe
The wisdom of the sage,
Or take some old and lovely thought
From a bygone age,
And meditate upon the good
The honest and the true,
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Banwell Ringers Gardening Tips

Coach Outing

This year's Banwell Ringers' coach outing will take place on Saturday 6th October in and around the Barnstaple area of North Devon. As usual we will depart the village car park at 8.00 am and aim to return by 8 pm. Ringing will take place at 6 churches, namely Molland, Swimbridge (the famous Jack Russell incumbency), Barnstaple, Pilton, Tawstock and Chittlehampton. Lunch will be taken, under own arrangements, in Barnstaple. We will have the use of a 49 seat executive style coach, complete with loo and beverage making facilities, at an estimated cost of £8 per head. As in past year's we welcome any non-ringers who would like to join us on this outing although places will, inevitably, be limited. If you would like to do so, please contact the Banwell Tower Secretary, Peter Rolfe, on 823945.



For August

Continue controlling slugs and snails. Keep earwigs away from blooms (they shred petals) by inverting 4 inch pots stuffed with straw dusted with Derris on canes among plants. Pests will hide in pots and die. Sow spring cabbage on a well limed nursery bed. Lift and dry off onions, lay bulbs on wire netting. Weed and deadhead regularly, checking for pests and diseases at the same time. Plant out seedlings and rooted cuttings. Trim and reshape hedges. Top up water in ponds and aerate it. Harvest fruit, vegetables and herbs while they are in prime condition. Freeze, store or give away.

Love Is

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket - safe, dark, motionless, airless - it will change. It will not be broken; it will be come unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.

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Mothers' Union

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr & Mrs Starks on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th July.

At our meeting on Wednesday 11th July our Speaker, Mother's Union member and Diocesan World Mission adviser Jenny Humphreys, talked to us about her visit to South Africa as part of a delegation to the TEAM conference (Towards Effective Anglican Mission). Anglicans from across the world met to discuss the way forward with regard to addressing the problems faced by third world countries in Health, Poverty, Hunger, Education and Christian Mission. Jenny told us that HIV AIDS is not the only health problem faced by many countries, but access to drugs and equipment to treat other diseases such as cancer are also not easily available. It was also important to make young mothers aware of the advantages of good hygiene practices when caring for small children, a difficult task when many don't have easy access to clean water.

In the third world ten children die every minute of disease caused by malnutrition, not because there is not enough food to go round; the world produces enough food to feed every man, woman and child on earth. Hunger and malnutrition therefore are not due to a lack of food alone, but also the consequences of poverty, inequality and misplaced priorities [Quote from Kui C Gautam, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director]. The Mothers' Union is in the unique position of having many branches in countries affected by these problems and is actively involved in looking towards finding long-term solutions.

It is also the case that 3.4 million children

in the UK still live in poverty and we are being urged to maintain pressure on H.M. Government to keep their promise to halve this problem by 2010 by logging onto <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/endchildpoverty> and signing the on line petition.

St Andrew's Mothers' Union helps to support work at home and abroad by fund raising through activities like our Lent Lunches and collection boxes. Children are the future and we have a responsibility to see they are cared for.

In our Service we said prayers for children in poor circumstances throughout the world, and thanked God for our own families as we enjoy them through the summer (should it stop raining). At the time of writing this report it is still pouring, so let's pray for better weather so that nationwide flooding recedes and those people affected can begin to get back to a measure of normality.

Our speaker for August 8th is Mr Barry Mather who will be showing a Power Point Presentation on the History of the Mothers' Union followed by a picture story of our Lady Day Services and our visit to St James the Great church at Winscombe [I have had a preview and it's excellent and well worth seeing]. On 12th September we hope to have a trip to Compton House, Wedmore, for afternoon tea, and on 10th October, our speaker will be Revd Matthew Thompson.

All Welcome

Gloria Boddy

Personally, I stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get.

George Burns

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W.I.

At our June meeting we were very pleased to welcome Miss Claire Hanham from Bradford on-Avon. She talked about her three years as a student at the Hampton Court School of Needlework. The samples of her work that she brought were really beautiful, and the hours that she had to work must have been very tiring. It was an open meeting and we were pleased that over sixty ladies attended. At our July meeting Mrs Gina Merret-Smith gave us a talk and demonstration on 'The World of TV Makeup'. She told us of some interesting anecdotes of some of the TV stars she has met.

There is no official meeting in August. Our Annual Garden Party is to be held at the home of our President, Mrs Jean Sims. Here's hoping we have some better weather than of late.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 13th when our speaker will be Mrs Tricia Harrison and the subject 'Use Your Loaf'. Visitors are allowed to come to two meetings before joining. Why not give us a try? We have gained members this way in the past and hope to gain more in the future. You will be made very welcome.

M Oatway

I'm on this amazing new diet. You can eat whatever you want, whenever you want, and as much as you want. You don't loose any weight, but it's very easy to stick to.

George Tricker.

Banwell Short Mat Bowling Club.

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MONDAY

13th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
13th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.

TUESDAY

Weekly	10.00 am	Mendip Art Group (term time only)	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	*	P.H.
1st & 15th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
8th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union – Speakers: Barry & Jean Mather "Old Banwell Exhibition & New Films"	*	V.H.
8th	7.15 pm	Royal British Legion	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	*	St. Andrews
Weekly	8.00 pm	Banwell Sequence Dance Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.30 pm	Bridge Club	*	V.H.

THURSDAY

9th & 23rd	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
2nd 16th 30th	7.30 pm	" " " "	*	V.H.
9th		W.I. Garden Tea Party	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30pm	Playgroup	*	P.H.
Weekly	2.30 pm	Seniors' Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Youth Club (term time only)	*	Y.C.C.

FRIDAY

Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
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SUNDAY

Weekly	11.00 am	Judo Club	*	Y.C.C.
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Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; **V.H.** Village Hall; **M.H.** Methodist Hall; **P.H.** Playgroup Hall; **Y.C.C.** Youth and Community Centre.

Schoolboy Howlers

- Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out "Same to you, Brutus."

- Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw for reasons I don't really understand. The English and French still have problems.

- It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood.



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