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At this time of the year churches up and down the land will be celebrating Harvest



Thanksgiving, and they will be filled with the good things of God's creation as an expression of the earth's bounty and God's generosity to

us. Window ledges and pulpits and porches will be sporting displays of fruit and vegetables, of tinned goods and packet food to remind us of these truths.

But I doubt if any of them will be arranged like the subject of this month's painting: 'Autumn' by Giuseppe Archimboldo.

He was an Italian artist who began his painting career as a student of Leonardo da Vinci, but moved to Vienna and Prague when he was appointed the court painter for the Hapsburg emperors. His duties included copying portraits for the imperial family and planning colourful pageants for royal parties. And in his spare time he gave expression to his own imaginative sense of fun, painting arrangements of vegetables, fruit and other natural objects to form faces celebrating the four seasons and the elements.

Children learn this form of art early on at

school when they arrange pieces of carrot and peas to depict funny or sad faces. At the other extreme there are those sophisticated arrangements of fish and the riches of the sea for those lucky enough to shop in Harrod's Food Hall in London. And there is this painting, 'Autumn.'

As we look at it, we can see grapes and apples, a pumpkin and a potato, mushrooms, nuts, leaves and flowers forming a quirky, slightly pagan face, reminiscent of the Green Man found in carvings in Rosslyn Chapel and other churches. But Archimboldo's painting is executed with a sense of carefree relish and fun: the gifts of creation brought together in a spirit of enjoyment. Here, says the artist, are the good gifts of creation: look on them and enjoy them. That is the Harvest message: God's gifts to us, preaching a richness and a variety that point to God as Lord of creation.

As we give thanks for the fruits of the earth at this Harvest, we can remember our Lord's words: 'Consider the lilies of the field.' In other words, ask yourself: what is it that you see as you look on these gifts? Just the bounty of creation or signs of a generous Creator? Archimboldo invites us all to celebrate Harvest with a sense of delight and exhilaration as we rejoice in God's creation and praise him for all that is.

Rev Michael Burgess

The Car Driver

Cyril was driving down Hendon Road when he gets pulled over by a policeman.

Walking up to Cyril's car, the policeman says, "I've come to tell you that your wife fell out your car some 2 miles back."

Cyril replies, "Thank goodness, I thought I'd gone deaf."

News from the Gardening Club



During the summer break members and friends have been on an afternoon trip to Cothay Manor near Wellington and enjoyed an evening meal together at Worlebury Golf Club. This month sees the start of our new season of monthly meetings, the first being on Thursday 27th September in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Building a Border will be the subject of a talk by Dinah Lindon Critchley and she will also be bringing along some plants for sale. Membership costs £4 for the season or £1.50 per lecture. A raffle is held each month (prizes very much appreciated) with tea or coffee and biscuits provided halfway through the evening. A competition is held each month starting in October when we hope you will be able to bring along 'An Unusual or Odd Shaped Fruit or Vegetable'. We look forward to welcoming members old and new at the meetings. Further details please ring Eileen on 822433.

Banfest 07

Banfest raised an amazing grand total of £6,895.07. This will be shared between the Village Hall and five of Banwell's other charity groups (The British Legion, Banwell School, Banwell Playgroup, Banwell Toddlers and Banwell Scouts and Guides). Each of these groups will receive £589.50.

None of this would have been achieved without the organisation and support of Lyn Ralph. Lyn was relentless in her planning and encouragement of all the event organisers. She should be justly proud of all her efforts.

Thanks must also go to Ian and Jean of Banwell Newsagent and Mr Vickery for selling event tickets. Every year, without question, these chaps make a huge contribution by flogging all our tickets. And finally, a big thank you to Peter and Trisha Gwyn of Court Farm for hosting the Westerners weekend which raised £636.30 and helped boost our grand total.

Neil Merrick

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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.

September

- 9th West Street
- 16th Westfield Crescent
- 23rd Westfield Road
- 30th Whitecross Lane

October

- 7th William Daw Close
- 14th Wint Hill

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

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.

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Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

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

Tai Chi

Tai Chi at the Village Hall. Classes will resume on 14 September 2007. Class meets Friday at 3.30 - 4.30pm, cost just £2 per session. This gentle exercise has been proven to improve strength, balance and co-ordination, as well as helping with many stress-related illnesses such as high blood pressure. Comments from class participants this year include: 'class is a pleasure', 'entertaining', 'excellent instruction', 'look forward to attending'

For further details, or to register interest, please contact Liz Lansley, North Somerset NHS Primary Care Trust tel 01275 546746

Many years ago when an adored dog died a great friend, a bishop, said to me: 'You must always remember that, as far as the Bible is concerned, God only threw the humans out of Paradise.'

Bruce Foyle

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
23rd	10.00 am	Harvest Festival (With presentation of gifts) Preacher Rev. Keith Dimoline

METHODIST

	10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC Cheddar
 Sunday 9.00 am Mass

ALL WELCOME

Parish Council

The Banwell Parish Council Highways committee will meet at 7.30 on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the clinic room at Banwell Village Hall.

This committee deals with street lighting, parking issues, Highway maintenance, etc.

All interested villagers are invited to attend and participate in the meeting, and will have a formal opportunity to speak about any matters that concern them at the start of the meeting.

Alternatively, feel free to discuss any issues prior to the meeting with any of the members, who are: Graham Found (Chair), Andy Rout, Angela Haden, John Denton and P.C Adrian Woolacott.

From the Registers

Baptisms:

July

- 29th Brandon Marc Hewitt-Hunt
Georgia Michelle Hewitt-Hunt

August

- 26th Ryan Antony Stephen Taylor

Wedding

August

- 26th Cathryn Sarah Askey to
Mark Andrew Bradner

Funerals

- 28th Madge Wilday

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The 47th Banwell Horticultural show was well supported again this year.

There were over 250 exhibits on show, a great total given the disappointing summer



weather. Most classes had increased entries and the judges were impressed by the quality of the exhibits. Vegetables, flowers, floral displays and the very popular domestic section gave the judges a

particularly hard job in choosing the best.

The Floral art themes bought some stunning exhibits. Arrangements included 'A Blaze of Colour', 'Foliage with Fruit' and 'Time to Celebrate'.

There were some



mouth-watering cakes & preserves in the domestic section. The homemade wine classes gaining a special mention as being a very good vintage!



We would like to thank the judges for their time and continuing support. Mr Knowles (fruit and vegetables), Mr Ferdinando (wine), Mrs Celia Wilson (floral art) and Mrs Norma Jones (domestic section). Mrs Jones also presented the trophies during the afternoon.



A great afternoon was had by all, with the usual friendly rivalry and a chance to catch up with all the village news. It was also encouraging to see some new faces amongst

the exhibitors.

In all this was a great effort by the village and did Banwell proud.

Jude Long

BANWELL HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2007

TROPHIES	2007 WINNER
C B CHAMPION ROSE BOWL for highest number of points in the show excluding Domestic Section	T. BRAFIELD
J WYTHES CUP for most points in Vegetable Section	T. BRAFIELD
MISS M COLLINS CUP for best collection of vegetables	T. BRAFIELD
W J THOMAS CUP for best collection of 4 salad vegetables	T. BRAFIELD
DOROTHEE HARDING CUP for best exhibit in Fruit Section	H. BIBB
CHURCH HOUSE CUP for most points in Flower Section	B. THOMAS
MISS E DIGHT CUP for best exhibit in Flower Section	B. THOMAS
H NICHOLLS CUP for best Fuchsia exhibit	B. THOMAS
CLUB SILVER VASE for most points in Floral Art Section	C. MARTER
MRS M KNIGHT CUP for best exhibit in Floral Art Section	C. MARTER
CLUB TROPHY for most points in Baking Section	S. BIBB
PAT RICHARDS CUP for most points in Preserves Section	J. LONG
MISS E BATES CUP for most points overall in Domestic	J. LONG
Baking and Preserves	
LES TURPIN CUP for most points in Home-made Wine Section	P. PURCHASE
MRS M DERBY CUP for most points in Children's Section (10 years and over)	T. HEAL/ S. RALPH
CLUB CUP for most points in Children's Section (7-9 yrs)	L. HEAL
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Bellringers Cycle Ride



On Saturday 11th August Banwell bell ringers, 25 of us, took to the road for a 14 mile cycling/bell ringing outing.

Bikes were loaded onto two trailers provided by Roy and Wally Rice, the day before. We set off in shared cars at 9 am prompt, bound for villages south of Glastonbury.

The cycling commenced at the village of Butleigh. After much ado Mary keenly set the pace for a comfortable ride to Baltonborough church where ringing took place. Back in the saddle and onto West Lydford for more ringing, and most importantly a picnic lunch



taken in the village fruit orchard (apples, pears, cherries, blackcurrants and redcurrants). Paige, Emma and Sophie refreshed

their feet (and exercised their vocal cords) in the river Brue.

With the sun blazing, we mounted again in the direction of Barton St. David. This was our longest stretch, (challenging for some!) past freshly cut hayfields and gentle grazing cattle. An enjoyable ring was had at yet another picturesque church. Grazing goats and pecking geese next to the graveyard.

The ringers set off on the last leg. Some weary by now! Dawn, Angela and Nicky bringing up the rear (ours were quite sore by the end of the day!). Finally back to Butleigh, a welcome ice cream (or two for



some, no names!) at the local store. A last ring followed by more refreshments on the green in front of the church.

I can confidently say everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Beautiful countryside, traditional English villages and, of course, lots of practice on a variety of bells. Many thanks to Wally, for organizing the day. Also thank you to Colin for driving patiently at snails pace behind the stragglers to provide help for any casualties. Hot baths and an early night ready for our BBQ on Sunday in Peggy and Peter's garden.

Nicky Eadie

Banwell Potigny Twinning Association



Cheese & Wine Party

Saturday 20th October

Scout HQ

7.30 pm

This social event is being held to promote the village twinning with our neighbours in Normandy. We aim to have fun, enjoy some interesting wine & introduce new people to our group.

If you would like to come along and meet us or find out more about the Twinning then contact **Jeanne Evans**, Park Farm, Wolverhill - 01934 823878 or Jeanne_evans70@hotmail.com

£7.50 (first glass of wine FREE)

The last meal.

Fabritzi, Jacques, and Abe are about to be executed and they are asked what they wish to have for their last meal.

Fabritzi asks for a Pepperoni Pizza which he is served. He is then executed.

Jacques asks for a Filet Mignon which he is served. He too is then promptly executed.

Abe requests a plate of strawberries. "Strawberries?"

"Yes," replies Abe, "strawberries."

"But they are out of season."

"So, I'll wait . . ."

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Charitable Giving

St Andrew's Church gives 10% of its unrestricted annual income to charitable organisations that are involved in working either locally, nationally, or internationally with the most vulnerable members of society. Listed below are the organisations helped from our income in 2006. In addition to this, the church supports Christian Aid Week, the British Legion Poppy Appeal, has an annual collection for the Church Mission Society, and arranges special additional collections during the year in response to emergency appeals or special needs.

Graham House, Weston-super-Mare. (Provides shelter for vulnerable young women in premises run by the Christian Alliance Housing Association).

'Somewhere to Go' (Deanery Homeless Project in Weston-super-Mare).

Vine Counselling (Counselling service based in Congresbury and available locally)

Corrymeela. (Committed to the healing of social, religious and political divisions in N. Ireland).

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Oops!

Rivkah, a little old lady gets on flight to Israel. She's carrying a bag, a purse and a little dog in a box. She sits down and puts the box on the seat next to her.

A stewardess approaches Rivkah and says, "I'm sorry Madam, but you can't keep the dog here. I'll have to take it and put it in baggage."

Rivkah agrees. What else can she do?

During the flight, the stewardess looks in on the little dog, and oh dear, the dog is dead. She informs the pilot who notifies Tel Aviv airport who tells the director who decides

that they will get an other dog to replace this one. The little old lady will never know.

When the plane lands and Rivkah goes to the baggage hall to claim her box, they bring her a box with a new dog, an exact replica of her old dog. "This is not my dog", Rivkah exclaims.

"Why yes it is," the captain tells her. "See, it has the same markings."

"This is not my dog", Rivkah insists.

"How do you know this isn't your dog?" asks the captain.

"My dog is dead!"

Banwell Caves Heritage Group



Visitors studying the notice board at the entrance to the Bone Cave

At the last open day on the 12th August nearly 300 visitors enjoyed an afternoon out at Banwell Caves. The weather was warm and sunny and the visitors enjoyed their cream teas on the terrace in between a tour of the Bone Cave, climb to the top of Banwell Tower and watching a film of the history of The Caves.

The next open days will be on Saturday & Sunday the 8th & 9th September between 10.30am & 4.30pm. This is organised as part of the Heritage Open Days where hundreds of places of interest all over the UK are open to the public. In addition to the Bone Cave & Tower, on the Sunday only the Horton Classic Car Club will be holding a rally finishing at The Caves where the classic cars can be scrutinised by visitors in the afternoon. We do hope you'll come along and the treat the family to an interesting day out.

Entrance is free, Caveman's lunches & cream teas will be served on both days. The Caves is on the Western End of Banwell hill on the Christon Road, Well Lane, on the left as you drive out of Banwell.

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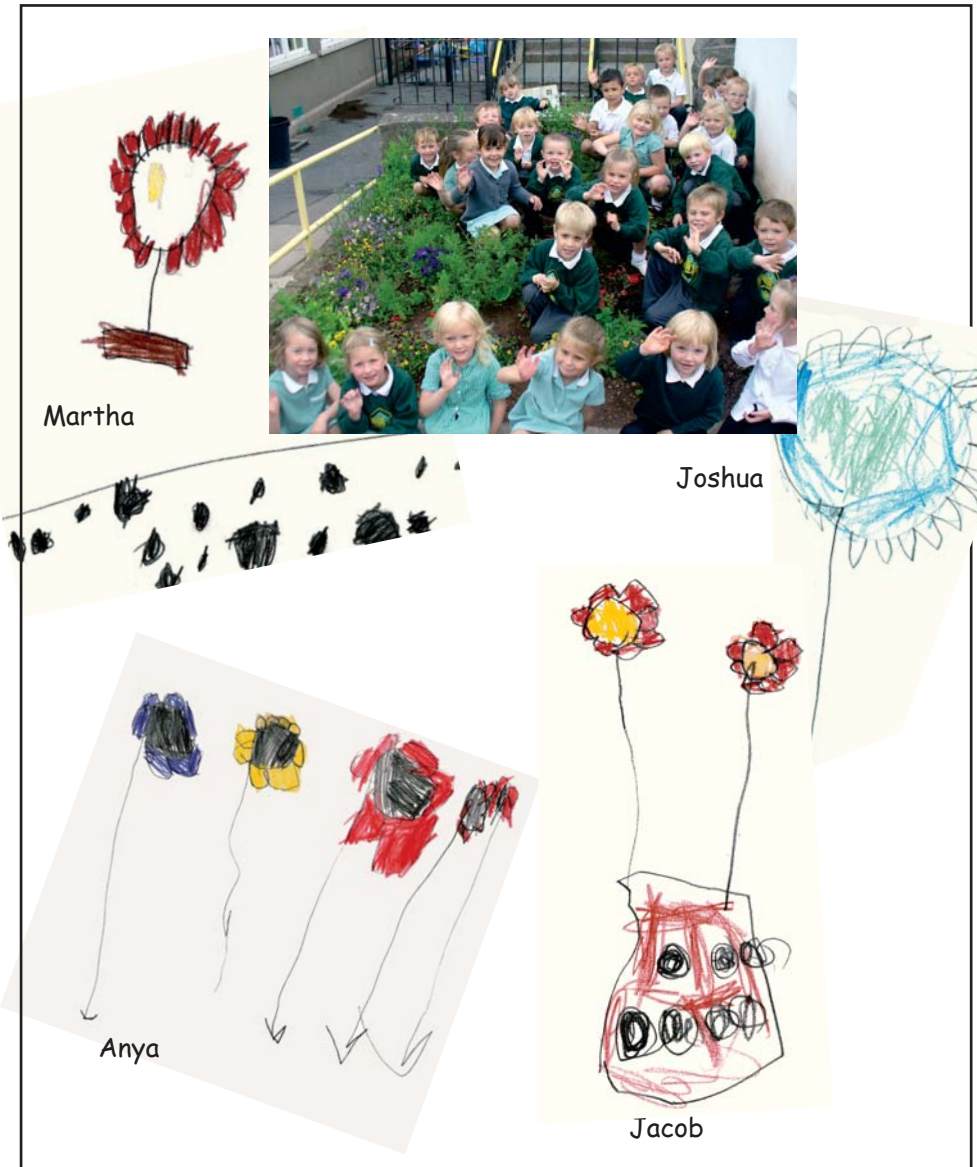
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Reception Class

The Reception class have been growing plants and flowers in their own garden at school. They have grown poppies, cornflowers, pansies, busy lizzies, daisies and daffodils. Here are some of their drawings of their favourites.



Martha

Joshua

Anya

Jacob

Debt – the problem with interest

The belief that money can make money out of money is fundamental to the finance systems of the Western world. Yet usury – the lending of money with interest – is condemned, both in the Judeo-Christian tradition, and in Islam. It is condemned first because it promotes the love of money as an end, not as a means, which is the root of all idolatry. Second, because it is income gained without labour or risk. Third, because it transfers resources from the already-poor to the already-rich.

And fourth, because of the claims it makes on the future, through fixed rates of interest. These lead to the assumption that somehow technology will overcome the limits of natural resources. God gives freely, but does he give us a blank cheque to despoil the world?

Money itself is barren; it cannot reproduce interest in the same way that a parent gives birth to a child. Usury must always be at the expense of some other person or some future time. That is why Ann Pettifor, in her book 'The Coming First World Debt Crisis'* says that there is an urgent need for Christian leaders to rediscover ancient wisdom and 'rescue usury from the usurers and from those who collude with them'.

God has provided abundantly for his people, but there are also limits to consumption of his gifts. The land is to lie fallow every seventh year (Leviticus 25). We are not to turn God's creation into a dust bowl, or people into slaves to unremitting drudgery. Rest and recreation are every bit as much a part

of God's plan for us as is work, which is a sharing in God's activity of creation. Debt, and especially the debt created by usury, works against this plan.

How do our finances reflect the God who gives so freely?

Elizabeth Goodridge and Ian Yearsley

Seniors

What a shame the weather was bad for our outing to Minehead; so we left there early and had time to visit a Garden Centre for a tea break. Thank you Myrtle for looking after all of us.

During August we had our Coffee Mornings when we have a small raffle and a Bring & Buy table. We have a good laugh as we get the men to model the ladies' dresses!

We had a very happy birthday this month as our dear friend Win Morris was 90 years old. She has always been there to help us with running the Club.

We are looking forward to the start of our Thursday afternoons again. The first one is on September 6th when we have Dave Solo to play the music for us and we sing the old favourite songs.

We are hoping we can welcome some new members in September. It is nice to meet our friends each week and we wish any members who have been ill that they are better and will be back with us again.

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Noah and the Ark

In the year 2007, Noah was living in England when the Lord came unto him and said, "Once again, the earth has become too wicked to continue. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing. You have six months before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights." Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his garden, but no Ark. "Noah", He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me Lord", begged Noah "but things have been difficult. I needed Building Regulations approval because the Ark was over 30 square metres. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site even though in my opinion it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high.

"The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was going to be too steep and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible. Getting the wood has been another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to preserve the Spotted Owl. I tried to convince them that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA sued me for intending to confine wild animals without the proper paperwork. The County Council, the Environment

Agency and the Rivers Authority have ruled that I can't build the Ark until they've conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood. The Trade Unions insist that I can't use my sons to build the Ark; I can only employ members of the Shipbuilding and Allied Trades union. Finally, Customs and Excise have seized all my assets, claiming I am going to attempt to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

"So, forgive me Lord, but it will take me at least another ten years to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine and a rainbow stretched across the sky. "No need for me to destroy the world after all," observed God. "The government's beaten me to it."

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When push comes to shove....

A minister and his wife were awakened at 3am by a loud pounding on the door. Startled, the man got up and went to the door to find a stranger, standing in the pouring rain. "Please will you help me," he said. "I need a push."

"Not a chance," said the minister. "It is three o'clock in the morning." He slammed the door and returned to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some chap asking for a push," he answered.

"And did you help him?" she asks.

"No. I did not. It's three o'clock in the morning and it is pouring with rain outside!"

His wife said, "I'm ashamed of you! Last Sunday you preached on the Good Samaritan. Now you've got someone in need knocking on your door, and you refuse to help... oh, how can you be so hard-hearted?"

The minister knew he was beaten. So he got up, got dressed and went out into the pouring rain. He called out into the dark, "Hello! Are you still there?"

"Yes," came back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" called the minister.

"Yes! Please! I can't move without one!" came the eager reply.

"But - where are you?" cried the minister, peering into the rain.

"Over here on the swing!!!"

Gardening Tips For September



This is the best month for planting evergreens such as conifers and rhododendrons while the soil is still warm. Prune rambling roses, cut back flowered canes near ground level; tie in long shoots of climbing varieties before wind snaps them. Prune blackcurrants, cut back old fruited shoots to sturdy stems. Wash and sterilise apple and pear storage boxes ready for your late keeping fruit. Sow tough hardy annuals, such as alyssum, candytuft and cornflower. Plant more spring flowering bulbs and work plenty of bone meal into the soil to add nourishment. This will help the bulbs to swell in the spring.

“Christmas Arrangements For The Home”

This year we are going to make an early start!

Jo Jacobs, our Tutor, is offering a 5 week course commencing on 5th October at 2.30 pm on Friday afternoons at the Methodist Church Hall. The proposed cost is likely to be in the region of £30 depending on numbers.

If you would like to take part on this course please telephone Sonia Mitchell 820460 as soon as possible.

Banwell Flower Arranging Group

Mothers' Union

During our August meeting we thought about all those who were affected by the recent flooding, a huge disaster for many, that will continue to cause many problems for families and businesses for a long time into the future. As I watched events unfolding in the News Broadcasts, I became aware of the men and women of the emergency services and armed forces working tirelessly to give aid to those in need; it brought to mind Mary Sumner's personal prayer :

'All this day O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. Amen'

All those men and women were living that prayer touching lives as they went about their, sometimes, dangerous duties.

August 9th was Mary Sumner day. She was the founder of the Mother's Union in 1876 in the small village of Old Alresford, Hampshire, an organisation standing today for Christian care of families worldwide with a membership of 3½ million in more than seventy countries around the world.

During our service, we prayed for all who worked in the emergency services and armed forces, often in dangerous conditions, and on whom the lives of others so largely depend.

We then welcomed our speaker Mr Barry Mather, who delighted us with a presentation of the history of the Mother's Union, narrated by Miss Patricia Reynolds. There followed by a picture story of our Lady Day Service and our visit to St James the Great in Winscombe, plus a wonderful presentation

of the stained glass windows in our own St Andrew's Church. Thank you Patricia and Barry for giving us a delightful afternoon's entertainment.

In September, we are off to Compton House at Wedmore for afternoon tea and at our meeting on October 10th our speaker will be the Revd. Matthew Thompson.

All Welcome

Gloria Boddy

Two beggars

Two beggars were sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One had a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people went by and looked at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.

A priest came by and watched throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but none giving to the beggar behind the Star of David.

Finally, the priest went over to the beggar behind the Star of David and said, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said: "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Association

Visit to Potigny – Summer 2007

A small group of our Members have just returned from a six day visit to our twinned vil-



lage of Potigny in Normandy. As usual, the weather was good, the company and food great, and we all agreed that the programme of events was probably the best ever. The

highlight of the trip was a visit to Monet's Garden at Giverny.

We also went to the lovely spa town of Bagnoles de l'Orne, and Richard the Lionheart's castle at Chateau Gailard, where we watched a falconry display.



Other highlights were a walk through the scenic Roche d'Oëtre,

and a visit to Beuvron, which is a lovely protected village. We visited Camembert and a Normandy cheese factory at Livarot, where we enjoyed a tasting.

We went shopping in Bayeux, visited a surprising painted church and the museum and Abbaye aux Dames at Caen. We picnicked in parks, forests and in the grounds of chateaux.

As usual, our French hosts excelled themselves with great food, washed down with much wine, cidre and calvados. We had a wonderful time & look forward to returning the complement next year.



If you would like to join us or are interested in finding out more about the Twinning Association, please contact Jeanne Evans, Park Farm,

Wolvershill – 01934 823878 or Jeanne_evans70@hotmail.com

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

10th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
24th	7.30 pm	“ “	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit	*	V.H.
Weekly	5.30 – 6.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
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.
Weekly	5.45 - 7.15 pm	Brownies	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides	*	Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY

5th & 19th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
12th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union – Tea Outing	*	V.H.
12th	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

13th & 27th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
6th & 20th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
13th	7.30 pm	W.I. Speaker: Tricia Harrison "Use Your Loaf"	*	V.H.
27th	7.30 pm	Gardening Club – Speaker:  Diana Lindon Critchley "Building a Border"	*	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.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Rainbows	*	Scout Hall

FRIDAY

14th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society – Speaker: Robert Tinker "Grand Pier Ltd."	*	V.H.
22nd	10.00 am	Banwell Flower Arranging Group – Decorate Village Hall for Harvest Supper	*	V.H.
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.30 – 7.45 pm	Cubs	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.45 – 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall

SATURDAY

22nd	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Harvest Supper	*	V.H.
29th	10.00 – 2 pm	Charities Day	*	V.H.

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.

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- Banwell Seniors Club
- Vine Counselling Service – Ecumenical project
- Targa Association – Transylvanian and Romanian Group Aid

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Christine Miles, Editor of Caris said, ‘Girls have big questions to deal with. In our target age-range, girls are changing from children into adults. They have questions about themselves and the world around them. Part of the job of Caris is to help girls to think through serious topics.

‘Girls don’t need more pressure to buy things. Caris features new products, events, festivals, fashion and accessories etc. But our editorial doesn’t push a ‘must have – must buy’ agenda or unrealistic, celebrity lifestyles.’

In a recent feature on a pilot edition of Caris, the Independent on Sunday asked teenage girls about the magazines aimed at their age group. Tayra Fuentes, 13, said: ‘Other magazines make you feel like you’re growing up too quickly - you’ve got to get a boy, got to wear lots of make-up. This one shows there

are other things to worry about, like school and friends and sports.’

Caris magazine has been developed by the Church Times with the backing of individuals – called Caris Angels – as well as trusts and charities; 50,000 copies of the first issue were to be distributed free at youth festivals and through youth groups nationally in August and September. The cover price is £2.50, but youth groups ordering more than 10 copies pay only £1 a copy. For details or to become a Caris Angel visit www.carismag.co.uk or write to Caris, 13-17 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9PN.

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