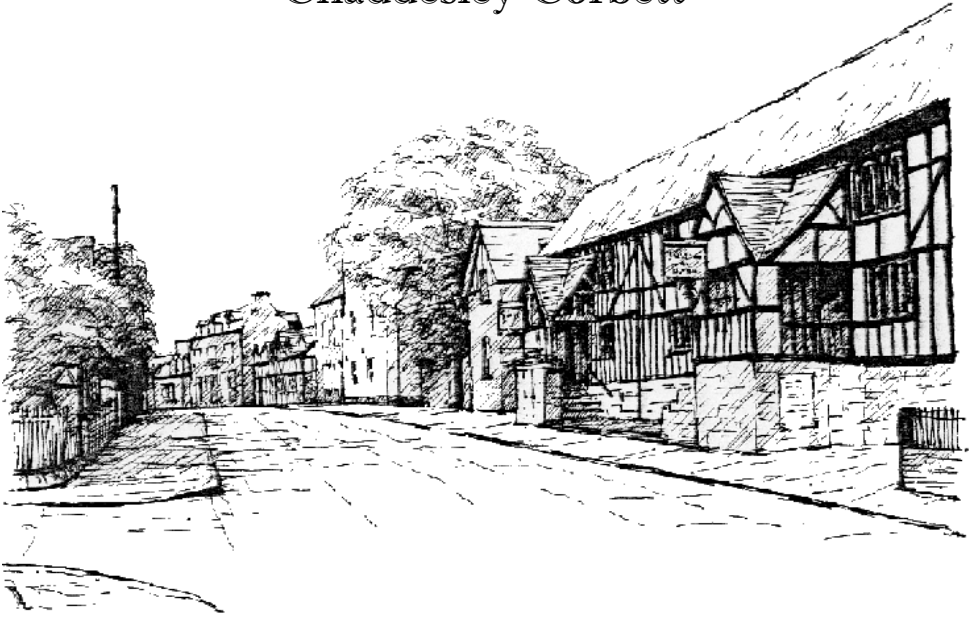


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## Thoughts from our Clergy

### **Sustainable? Green? Eco-friendly? Ethically traded?**

We are bombarded with all sorts of slogans and headlines. Do we believe them – or is someone just trying to sell us something, or pull the wool over our eyes?

We are right to ask questions, and wonder whether there are vested interests in what is being promoted. Let me focus on just one headline I've only recently become seriously aware of.

### **Peak oil**

This is a term relatively new to most of us. The production of oil, as well as the discovery of new reserves, has now reached a peak. Experts can't agree on exactly when. It may have happened, or it may be in a year or two – but they agree that it is happening. Even the big oil giant Shell recently estimated that “after 2015, supplies of easy-to-access oil and gas will no longer keep up with demand”.

### **Why it matters**

Our whole way of life is incredibly dependent on this one source of energy. Why? Because it has been very cheap, extremely effective, very portable, and can be used in a variety of ways. Just stop and think for a moment of all it gets used for. In fact, can you think of anything we do that doesn't require oil directly or indirectly? Tell me if you can!

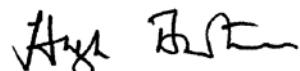
Jesus spoke of building life on secure foundations. Oil is anything but secure. So if our society is built on having a plentiful and cheap oil supply, it is rather scary to contemplate life without it.

### **What are the choices?**

We can carry on blindly as we are, until we hit the buffers. Many vainly imagine that some new source of energy or technology will suddenly emerge. No doubt a variety of new things will become possible. However the figures and the current evidence don't suggest these will remotely fill the gap left by oil depletion.

The alternative surely is to begin creatively to respond to the challenge, and rediscover more wholesome, less polluting, ways of living. Once we recognise that oil and other energy supplies are limited, we have to ask what are appropriate ways of using up what is left. Can the planet afford cruises and foreign travel, unbridled consumer spending and a throw-away society any longer? Putting restrictions on our lifestyle may sound negative. The positives would also be enormous: rediscovering the delights of living more locally (buying local, travelling less; walking, cycling), less pollution and traffic, more involvement in local neighbourhoods, growing some of our own food, re-using and re-cycling so nothing is wasted any longer.

These are areas where church and community can find common ground. The challenge of peak oil affects every area of life – what we do as individuals, churches, neighbourhoods, nations. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it: we have the opportunity to change how we live – are you up for the challenge?





## Church Duty Rota

**Senior sidesmen must check that the sidesmen and reader are available for duty and if not must make alternative arrangements. If senior sidesmen are unable to attend they should arrange to change with someone else and advise Bernard Cook (777308)**

### Morning Service 9.30 am

Date	Snr. Sidesman	Sidesman	Offertory	Lector
Nov 6th	S. Williams	Church Choir		
Nov 13th	M. Walker	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY The British Legion		
Nov 20th	B. Cook	Mrs A. Cook Mrs B. Page	Mr & Mrs Cook	Mrs A. Cook
Nov 27th	G. Green	Mrs W. Green Mrs A. Woodhouse	Mr & Mrs Green	Mrs A. Woodhouse
Dec 4th	Mrs J. Powick	Mrs G. Walton Mrs P Pardoe	Mrs G. Walton Mrs P Pardoe	E. Roe

### Evensong 6.30 pm

Date	Snr. Sidesman	Sidesman	Lector
Nov 13th	Mrs R. Needham	Mrs R. Needham	Mrs R. Needham
Nov 27th	M. Needham	M. Needham	M. Needham

### FROM THE REGISTERS

**Weddings:** Thomas Kenerdine and Kathryn Lewis on 1st October.

### SEND A COW TO AFRICA

The target for this charity harvest collection is £750 to provide a cow to enable the people of that country to provide for themselves.

So far the encouraging response has produced over £600. Help meet the target by making a donation. To do so call in to the Flower Room in The Village and Helen will pass on your contribution. It will be great if this Parish can achieve the target and SEND A COW!



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov 6th            Mrs S. Beardshaw  
 Nov 13th          Remembrance Sunday  
 Nov 20th          The Collie Family  
 Nov 27th          Mrs A Meredith



### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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Nov 5th-6th	Nov 12th-13th	Nov 19th-20th	Nov 26th-27th
Mrs A Hanson Mrs S Wood Mrs W Green	Mrs S Beardshaw Mrs S Pugh Mrs B Elliott	Mrs G.Collie Mrs D.Newbould	Mrs B Bartlett Mrs C Hislop Mrs J Powick
December 3rd & 4th - Mr & Mrs P Mindelsohn			

### BEST-KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 2011

The results in our section were:

First:                    Hagley                    St John the Baptist  
 Second                Sedgeberrow        St Mary the Baptist  
 Third                    Hampton Lovett    St Mary & All Saints

We were in the VERY GOOD section. The report stated -

Scored 92 in first round and 82 in second. Equal with Elmbridge at the top of the 'very good section'. Scored well in all criteria.

Very good effort ending just out of top three. Thank you to all who help to keep our churchyard tidy.

Rob Blakeway

### MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE



#### One visit this month on 15th November

Drayton (Robin Hood) 1.35pm - 1.55pm  
 Bluntington (Southlands) 2.00pm - 2.15pm  
 Briar Hill 2.20pm - 2.40pm  
 Hemming Way 2.45pm - 3.45pm  
 Village Hall 3.50pm - 4.05pm

## *What's on in November*

2nd	Chaddesley WI: Birthday Meeting	Village Hall	see page 12
6th	Chaddesley W I: Norah's Ramble		see page 12
7th	Parish Council	Village Hall	see page 34
9th	Gardening Club: Water in the Garden	Village Hall	see page 10
16th	History Society: King Richard 111	Village Hall	see page 15
26th	November Fairtrade Sale	Corn Exchange Kidderminster	see below
30th	Chaddesley W I: Craft Club	Village Hall	see page 12

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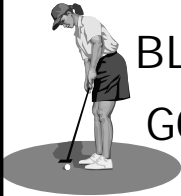
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Tanks creep and topple forward to the wire.  
The barrage roars and lifts. Then, clumsily bowed  
With bombs and guns and shovels and battle-gear,  
Men jostle and climb to meet the bristling fire.  
Lines of grey, muttering faces, masked with fear,  
They leave their trenches, going over the top,  
While time ticks blank and busy on their wrists,  
And hope, with furtive eyes and grappling fists,  
Founders in mud. O Jesus, make it stop!



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Ten years after the Lottery grant was made, a visit was arranged with Mohammed Kawsar with a view to examining the running of the village hall. After an in depth meeting he reported that he was more than satisfied with the way that the hall was being run.

Mr Kawsar confirmed that the retention period had lapsed and that the hall was now in the possession of the Village Hall Trustees and the Management Committee.

Carol Page - Chairman Management Committee

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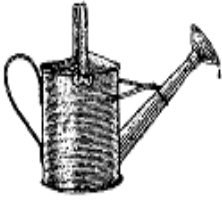
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## CHADDESLEY CORBETT GARDENERS' CLUB

A delightful Talk was given by Alan Solomon at our October meeting taking us on a trip to the Western Cape to travel through some of the spectacular South African Mountains and Deserts. Bright, colourful flowers shining out in the countryside and interestingly an idea of the wealth of beautiful flowers and foliage in their gardens. It made one realise how many South African plants are now sunning themselves in our own gardens.

On **November 9<sup>th</sup>** we welcome Linda Smith of Waterside Nursery who is going to show us how to enjoy water in our gardens. Linda has exhibited at Chelsea Flower Show so we should be in 'good hands'.

The tickets for the Annual Supper (**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**) will be on sale at the November meeting. Some details are yet to be finalised but we are having a change of venue this year and will hold it at Rowberrys. There will be choice of meal and entertainment. Details in November.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - 'Mistletoe Miscellany' by Jonathon Briggs. With mulled wine and mince pies.

I am writing this in October and we still have not been blessed with rain. The garden is dead, so many plants have given in and I am just hoping that under the soil the roots are feeling happier than I am. The most useful thing now is to make sure that dead foliage is cut back and not harbouring all the 'nasties' waiting to play havoc.

Look on the bright side, it will be exciting next year to note, which plants have survived and which have succumbed. A lot is going to depend now on the winter weather and how cold or wet it will be.

We look forward to seeing you at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for coffee and a chat before the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

Happy gardening

*Judy Berrow.*

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## Chaddesley Corbett WI

On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> Chaddesley W.I. held their Annual General Meeting and the Bi annual Produce Show.

Shirley Cadman welcomed everyone including two new members and one visitor. Shirley also introduced Sue Chilton who was representing the County Federation.

The usual business took place and information was given about forthcoming events including Norah's ramble, the book club, the lunch club, the craft club, various outings, Jackie's bread making classes and County events. Bridget Smalley said that the skittles team had won their two first matches.

The A.G.M began with a good rendition of Jerusalem and the various Officer's Reports were presented and adopted. Sue Chilton gave a short talk and then presided over the election of a president. Everyone was pleased when Shirley Cadman was re elected. Two new committee members, Bridget Smalley and Barbara Weston were welcomed and the rest of the committee were elected on bloc. Jackie Emeny and Jill Taylor who were retiring from the committee were thanked for their contributions to Chaddesley W.I.

The Produce Show had 87 very good entries, with all of the classes in the culinary and art and craft sections having an entry. Unfortunately the flower and produce section was very poorly represented.

Shirley thanked the judges and everyone else who had worked hard to organise the show. Peggy Cox was thanked for displaying the entries to their best advantage. Shirley also thanked everyone who had taken the trouble to put in an entry and said that the standard had been very high.

The results were very close. Helen Jackson won the Culinary Cup and Kate Collyer won the Art and Craft Salver and the Daisy Skinner Cup.

### Forthcoming events

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Birthday Meeting
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Norah's Ramble
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club The Brasserie. Booking essential please
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club . End Meadow Chocolate Wars
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Club Marzipan Fruits

### **New members and visitors are always welcome**

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## *Through the Garden Gate*

### *Mulch*

During the winter, fluctuating temperatures alternately freeze and thaw the soil. This often disturbs plant roots and may leave bulbs or plants out of the soil. Winter mulch will not prevent soil from freezing, but it gives insulation to maintain more even low temperatures.

Add a mound of mulch to roses to prepare them for winter.

#### **TYPES OF MULCH**

Fallen leaves are a good mulch for bare soil in a garden. Shred or chop them to stop them matting and block water from the soil.

Gravel is an appropriate mulch for arid landscapes and beds with plants that need good drainage, such as rock gardens.

Pine needles give a brown covering for the soil. Use them around acid-loving plants such as conifers, rhododendrons, and holly bushes.

Wood chips are long-lasting and inexpensive. Allow them to age for a few weeks, then spread them on paths and under trees and woody plants.

Leaf mould (partially decomposed leaves) contributes valuable organic matter to the soil as it decomposes. Use it for plants in woodland settings and informal gardens.

#### **HOW TO MULCH A TREE**

When mulching an established tree with grass growing beneath it, put a layer of cardboard over the lawn before spreading the mulch. This will keep the grass from penetrating the mulch.

Make the cardboard collar 2'- 3'(60-90cm) wide. Moisten to soften and easily conform to the contours of the ground and the root flare at the base of the trunk. Then cover it with wood chips.

Limit the mulch layer to 2"- 3" (5cm-7cm) so that the tree roots can still get sufficient air and moisture. Otherwise, they will migrate toward the soil surface. Be very careful not to pile mulch against the tree trunk. Unlike root bark, trunk bark can't handle constant moisture and will rot. If you wish, add a border of bricks, rocks, or other attractive material around the collar.

*"He who plants a tree loves others besides himself"*

## Chaddesley Corbett Local History Society

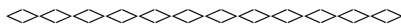
### **RICHARD III - HERO, MURDERER, LOYAL BROTHER OR ENGLAND'S GREATEST KING**

One of the most enduring mysteries in English history is that of the deaths of the Princes in the Tower.

The Society welcomes historian Max Keen back to give the last talk of the year during which he will discuss the reign of Richard III and cover the part he may have played in this tragedy during his two brief years as King.

The talk will take place in  
The Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
on Wednesday November 16.

Admission is £2.50 for members - £3.50 for non-members  
All are welcome



### **CHADDESLEYE CORBETT IN THE ROYAL FOREST OF FECKENHAM - A LIFE OF POVERTY AND TYRANNY**

The talk given in September by Roger Higgins on the above subject focussed largely on the draconian Forest Laws enacted by William I after the Conquest. Quoting extensively and drawing conclusions from the records of the Forest Eyres or Courts, he emphasised the severity of those laws and their tyrannous effect, not only on the ordinary people, including the inhabitants of Chaddesley, but on the owners of private woods. For example, the killing of deer was punishable by death and any dog found straying had its forepaws cut off.

It was pointed out at question time that evidence taken solely from records of law courts gave a less than objective view of the contentment of the peasantry. But, as Roger pointed out, written evidence of this period stems largely from the courts.

Roger le Higgins' talk certainly gave the audience something to think about on the way home!

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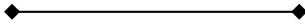
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My family and I would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and letters during Clive's illness and after his death.

It was much appreciated

Ann Woodhouse and Family

### Host Students at Christmastime

Can you imagine what it would be like to be in a foreign country during a national holiday when everything closes and people are with their families? Could you share your Christmas with an international student? Two opportunities are below.

#### From University Chaplain Fiona Haworth:

Most home university students will leave around the 16 December. Staying in the halls of residence during this time can be lonely and isolating.

Last year Fiona, the chaplain at Worcester Uni, was able to arrange for 23 students to spend Christmas Eve or Christmas Day with families, and for 11 to go to a Christmas Day lunch at Bromyard Road Methodist Church. It was overwhelmingly successful for both students and hosts.

This Christmas we would like to offer more students the opportunity to experience a traditional British Christmas. A simple act of hospitality and kindness makes a huge difference to a student's experience of Britain and can lead to lasting friendships.

If you are able to offer a meal to two, or more, students, ideally on Christmas Day, or would just like to find out more, please get in touch with the Revd Dr Fiona Haworth.

Fiona can be contacted by [email: fhaworth@worc.ac.uk](mailto:fhaworth@worc.ac.uk) Tel: 01905 542327

### Dr Fiona Partridge joins Chaddesley Surgery

**4 days a week**

Dr Fiona Partridge has been working at the Chaddesley Corbett surgery on Thursday mornings for the last year.

We are pleased to announce that, as from 1st December 2011, she will be joining us on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings on a regular basis.



Drs Spalding & Wilkie

**THE CHADDESLEY CORBETT  
NATIVITY PLAY**

**ST. CASSIAN'S CHURCH**

**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30pm**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30pm**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6:30pm**

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6:30pm**

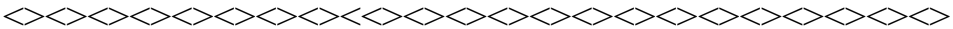
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**C.A.T.S.**

**'Murder on the Nile'**

Malvern Theatre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Ticket cost of £27 per person includes coach.

Further details from Peggy Cox 01562 777209

Offer closes by Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

## November's Puzzle

Find one letter per line, following the clues given in the verse below.  
For example,

'My first is in houses, but never in homes'  
gives the letter U as the first letter.

When you have finished, the letters will spell another word:

My first is in DOUBLE, and also in TREBLE,  
My second's in STONE, as well as in PEBBLE,  
My third's found in APPLE, but never in PLUM,  
My fourth's not in BREAD, though it is seen in CRUMB,  
My fifth's not in BONNET, but is found in HOOD,  
My whole is a tree that you'd see in a wood.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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Answer on page 18

## November's recipe

### HEREFORD PORK CHOPS

**Serves 4**



30ml/2 tablespoons Oil; 4 large Pork Chops  
1 large Onion (sliced); 15ml/1 tablespoon Flour;  
150g/6oz Streaky bacon (diced); Salt & Pepper  
250ml/10fl.oz Special Cellar or Woodpecker Sweet Cider.

Oven Temperature 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6

Heat oil in frying pan, add chops and brown on both sides.  
Remove from pan and transfer to a 1.7 litre/3pt shallow  
ovenproof dish. Fry onion and bacon for 5 minutes. Stir in  
flour and cook for 1 minute. Gradually add cider, stirring.  
Bring to boil and season to taste. Pour over chops and  
cover. Cook for 30 minutes.

## **The Village School – *The Present***

An “Outstanding” start for children at Chaddesley – officially a “Good” school. Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School has celebrated the new academic year with news that they are officially a “Good” school.

Inspected by Ofsted only one week into the new term the primary school is judged as “ Good” across the board and “outstanding” in its provision for the school’s newest intake in Reception. This marks significant progress since the last inspection where the school was judged to be “Satisfactory”. Commenting on the news, Headmaster James Hawthorn said, “This is a tremendous outcome and reflects the hard work, commitment and dedication of all the staff, governors, parents and children at this school . The whole school community can be rightly proud.”

The lead inspector made the following comments as part of the report, “Leadership and Management are good and clearly focussed on raising achievement...high expectations for pupils achievement are reflected in challenging targets.”

In Reception “Excellent teaching and highly relevant learning experiences quickly build on starting points. All children make excellent progress and by the end of Reception year they are all confident learners.”

Situated in the heart of Chaddesley Corbett the village school has 174 pupils and welcomes enquiries from potential pupils from Reception through to Year 6.

Full copies of the Ofsted are available to view on the school website, [www.ccschool.co.uk](http://www.ccschool.co.uk)

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## **NEW SCHOOL – UPDATE—*The Future***

### **WE'RE OFF!**

At the Wyre Forest District Council Planning Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, Councillors approved the Full Planning application for the new school to be built on the site next to Rowberry's Nursery. In making his recommendation for approval the Planning Officer was very complimentary about the sympathetic design, the manner in which the school will fit into the landscape and also the sustainability which had been proposed for the project. He praised the work of the architects, and it was fitting that Hayley Inston from Boughton Butler Architects, who had done much of the work, was at the meeting. Councillors also commented favourably on the design and commended the perseverance and tenacity of the Trustees on seeing the project through over the 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years since the Wyre Forest review increased by two year groups the number of pupils at Chaddesley Corbett School.

Now with the site finally purchased, construction will start shortly. It is however unlikely that it will be complete for occupation at term start in September 2012 and occupancy is more likely to be October half term, or even January 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, in particular, David Mills for his perseverance and support and without whose tenacity I am sure the project would never have got to where it is today. Thanks must also go to the Headteacher, James Hawthorn, for his considerable time working with the architects to ensure the layout is suitable for a 21<sup>st</sup> century school. I am sure there must have been times when he wondered if it would ever get off the ground. Thanks also to Nigel Evans who, as Project Manager, has worked with the architects in resolving many of the problems associated with the Conditions attached to the Outline Planning permission which was approved in 2008, and who has ensured that the tender process has been diligently and correctly followed.

Finally thanks to all who live in the village, to staff at the school, children and parents for their tolerance, patience and good will in the period since pupil numbers at the school were increased by the Local Authority.

Andrew Page  
Chairman Chaddesley Corbett Educational Foundation

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



There have been a number of burglaries in the Parish over the last few weeks and residents are asked to be vigilant.

Please do not hesitate to ring the Police if you see anything suspicious, no matter how small, because information can form a pattern and lead to arrests.

The number to ring is 0300 333 3000

If you would like to receive Alerts notifying you of what is happening in your area, please let the Parish Clerk have your e-mail details and you will be included on the circulation list.

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### **WARNING**

**BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE  
IT'S A NEW WAY TO DO CARJACKINGS**

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside.  
You start the engine put it into Reverse.

When you look into the rear-view mirror to back out of your space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you stop and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view.

When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically run you over as they speed off in your car.

Not only have they got your car but in the case of a lady, she may have left her handbag in the car when she got out to remove the paper. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

**SO, BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED.  
If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, lock your doors and just drive away. Remove the paper later.**

## **Rogue Trader Problem Highlighted In North Worcestershire**

Rogue traders are workmen who call at homes, posing as builders, odd job men or gardeners, offering to carry out home repairs, resurface drives or do gardening work. However they may claim that work needs doing when it does not, produce substandard work or charge well over the odds. They may even demand payment up front and then fail to turn up to complete the work.

Having identified a householder to target, they may call back to undertake other unnecessary work - or even sell on the details of the resident to other groups of criminals.

Reducing these sort of offences is a priority for West Mercia Police, which is highlighting the problem. Crime Reduction Officer for North Worcestershire, Mr Peter Aston, said: "These workmen can be quite intimidating, and typically target elderly and vulnerable residents, who can find it hard to say no."

"Residents are strongly recommended to use extreme caution if they open the door to a trader who claims work needs doing, and to take advice from family, friends, neighbours or other traders".

"If work genuinely does need doing, see if someone can recommend a trader, and obtain several written quotes, remembering the cheapest quote may not always be the best."

Residents are recommended only to use businesses that have an address and a landline telephone number, not those that just have a mobile number.

If friends, relatives or neighbours cannot personally recommend someone, Worcestershire County Council trading standards department administers a Trader Register, a directory of tradespeople who are committed to providing good workmanship and have signed up to Trading Standards' Code of Practice.

Residents can also protect themselves by:

- Keeping doors locked at all times.
- Using a spy hole or security chain to check who is at the door before opening it - and not opening it if they do not recognise or are not expecting a caller.
- Use businesses that are registered as part of a trade organisation as this can give more protection if things go wrong.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

Friends, relatives and neighbours can help by:

- Keeping a discreet eye on people calling in the area or acting suspiciously.
- Noting the registration numbers of vans parked in the area for a period of time and providing information to the police on 0300 333 3000 about suspicious people, activity or vehicles - however insignificant it may seem.
- Calling on vulnerable people on a regular basis. Help them keep their front garden tidy and find reliable tradespeople for any maintenance work that really does need to be undertaken.

## ONLY THE ENGLISH COULD HAVE INVENTED THIS LANGUAGE

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be  
meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of  
mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Then shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called  
beef?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called  
beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be  
those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of  
brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say  
methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and  
him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in ham-  
burger;  
neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
English muffins weren't invented in England ..  
We take English for granted, but if we explore  
its paradoxes,  
we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing  
rings are square,  
and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is  
it a pig.

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a  
humanitarian eat?  
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up  
speaking English  
should be committed to an asylum for the verbally  
insane.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't  
fing,  
grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?  
Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends  
but not one amend.  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends  
and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call  
it?

In what other language do people recite at a play  
and play at a recital?  
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.  
We have noses that run and feet that smell.  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be  
the same,  
while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a  
language  
in which your house can burn up as it burns  
down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out,  
and in which an alarm goes off by going on.  
And, in closing, if Father is Pop, how come  
Mother's not Mop?

i would like to add that if people from Poland are  
called Poles then people from Holland should be  
Holes and the Germans Germs!

Anon (and quite rightly so!)

## Chaddesley cares about Planet Earth

Is our climate really changing? There are still many climate sceptics, despite the “curious” weather that has been evident in many parts of the world in recent years.



Weather is what we experience on a daily basis.

Climate is what is expected over months and years.

We notice - obviously!! - what weather we are having today and can easily forget that it may have been influenced by our actions some years ago. More extreme weather, such as the recent tornados in the US, April temperatures here in the UK, floods in Pakistan and Australia last year, is one of the changes predicted by climate models of a warmer world.

It is good to know therefore that scientists are looking for links (or lack of them) between climate change and extreme weather events. They will seek to assess the probability that any one extreme event happened, or was made worse, because of steadily growing global temperatures.

These scientists will be drawn from the UK, US, and other parts of the world; so a truly global team.

We can surely all agree that weather around the world seems to have gone “mad”. In recent years there has been a number of extreme events, the like of which has not been seen for decades. The phrase “since records began...” seems to be being used with increasing regularity.

It has therefore to be right to see if there is a connection with global warming. For example, the scientists involved have already looked at the 2003 heat wave in Europe, during which 35,000 people died, as well as the UK floods of 2000. In both cases they found “that the contribution of man-made greenhouse gasses to global warming substantially increased the risk of such extreme events occurring”.

A recent report found that 2010 was one of the worst years on record (those words again!) for natural disasters, nine-tenths of which were extreme weather related. “This long term trend can no longer be explained by natural climate oscillations alone”, says the report.

Lots more snow this winter then...??!

Martin J. Kenrick For the Working Group set up by the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL**  
Held on Monday 5 September 2011  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.25 p.m.



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, R Pugh, D Thomas, W Mack, L Stockford, K Bartlett, B Green, M Walford.

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Williams, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, Members of the public.

**POLICE**

CSO Kate Easthope attended the meeting and reported that a large number of burglaries had taken place recently in Blakedown and one in Deansford Lane, and 12 vehicles had been broken into in Barrow Hill Lane. Drain covers and road signs continue to be stolen, and a car had been stolen from The Fox overnight. Residents are encouraged to report to the police anything suspicious and to fill in PACT Report postcards, which are available from the Surgery. 3 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators had resigned but others have been found to cover these. There was a report of a man acting suspiciously on the allotment site last week.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mrs J Fox, Mrs P Pardoe, Mr G Vernon

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

3. **MINUTES:**

(a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8 August 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8 August 2011 were accepted.

4.1 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked the management committee for organising a very successful Open Day on the Community Orchard.

4.2 **District Councillors Report**

Cllr S Williams reported that proposals had been made for a single shared service between Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest, for the creation of Emergency Planning and Business Community Service, to be hosted by Wyre Forest District Council. Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Council will decide on this at their next Cabinet meeting, and Wyre Forest will consider the detailed plans at its Transformation Board on 13 September 2011.

Every Council is required by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to set out an Emergency Plan for local actions and responsibilities in the event of an emergency, and Chaddesley Corbett had played a full part in the Wyre Forest Plan. Under these proposals, Wyre Forest District Council would save £16,000 from the current £41,000 annual costs.

## **5. CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

- 5.1 It was proposed that the Parish Council should purchase 4 No. grit bins from Worcestershire County Council at a cost of £175 each, to include delivery, fixing and initially filling with salt/grit. The proposal was agreed unanimously provided a contractor could be found locally to store 1 tonne bags of grit/sand which could be purchased from the County Council at a cost of £30.00 each. A local contractor had been approached to carry out snow clearance for the County Council, and if appointed, this same contractor could be asked to store and top up grit bins on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 5.2 An application had been received from Chaddesley Corbett Primary School for a series of car boot sales. Concerns were expressed about parking in the village and it was agreed that consent would be given provided the school made provision for visitors to park off-street. The Parish Council reserved the right to rescind this consent if the first event on 17 September was not properly managed in relation to parking.
- 5.3 A request had been received from Wyre Forest Citizens Advice Bureau to extend their services into local rural parishes using local volunteers and village halls. The Parish Council were in favour of this proposal.
- 5.4 It was proposed to increase fees for burials, exclusive rights and headstones in the Chaddesley Corbett Burial Ground. This proposal was agreed and would be effective from 1 September 2011. A full schedule of costs is available on the Parish website.
- 5.5 Lengthsman Scheme – Work had continued on clearing grips and gully tops, vegetation around signs, remove Ragwort, take down obsolete signs and siding out footways and gutters at Tanwood Lane, Bournes Green Lane, Drayton Road, A450, A448, Tandy's Lane, Morton Road and the Village.
- 5.6 Cllr L Stockford reported that £100 had been raised at the Opening of the Community Orchard on Saturday, which would be used to purchase tree stakes and maintain the grass.
- 5.7 Following a meeting with the Chairman of the Governors, no further report had been received about suggestions for joint initiatives to improve parking in the village.
- 5.8 Consideration was given to an earlier start time for Parish Council meetings, but it was decided to leave it to the current time of 7.25 p.m.

## **6. DATES FOR MEETINGS**

- 6.1 Policing Matters Group – Meeting Wednesday 7 September 2011 at Kidderminster Library, 7.00 p.m. It was agreed that the Clerk would attend.
- 6.2 Wyre Forest Area CALC/Parish Forum – Wednesday 19 October 2011 – Duke House Kidderminster. This would be attended by Cllrs J Swift, M Walford and the Clerk.
- 6.3 Worcestershire 6th Parish Conference – Tuesday 18 October 2011 – County Hall. This would be attended by Cllrs M Walford, R Pugh, J Swift and the Clerk.
- 6.4 Emergency Planning Group – Wednesday 5 October 2011 6.00 p.m. Duke House, Kidderminster. This would be attended by Cllr J Swift and the Clerk.
- 6.5 Business Group Meeting Monday 12 September 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

## 7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES

No meetings had taken place.

## 8. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 National Planning Policy Framework Consultation – Pending.
- 8.2 NALC Consultation – Localising Support for Council Tax in England – Cllr J Swift to respond.
- 8.3 NALC Consultation – Local Planning Regulations – Cllr D Thomas to respond.
- 8.4 Wyre Forest District Council – Proposed Gypsy, traveller and travelling showman sites. Meeting of Wyre Forest Area CALC to be called.

## 9. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk submitted a written report of items for information, which included:

- Proposal to replace fencing adjacent to allotment site at The Hayloft, The Village. Resident should obtain consent from landowner.
- Valley Memorials had anchored headstone on Plot E6 and sent a cheque for £152.00 to cover fees.
- New bus timetable sent to residents on our database and copies available from Post Office.
- Severn Trent works in Harvington Hall – reinstatement works complete; file to be closed.
- Burial ground waste bin – not invoiced for last 3 years. Invoices now received and payment due.
- Parish On-Line Mapping service ordered at initial cost of £40.00; £20.00 subscription in subsequent years.
- Tenancy of Mr Wilde on Plot 3A terminated and now let to new tenant from Briar Hill.
- SLCC Worcestershire Branch to organise training session for clerks in November.
- Letter from resident in Tandy's Lane regarding flooding issues sent to County Council.
- Royal Horticultural Society – details to be sent to Gardening Club. Agreed to ask Gardening Club if they would be willing to maintain the planter outside the church.
- Parish Footpaths – County Council only responding to reports; no regular maintenance being carried out. Clerk to approach Footpaths Wardens to identify the role the Parish Council expects of them and asking if they wish to continue.  
Drain covers and signs stolen in various locations around the Parish.

## 10. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 10.1 The Clerk presented a schedule of payments and receipts (shown opposite) which was approved.
- 10.3 Auditors Report – An unqualified audit opinion had been issued. Statutory Notices had been issued and displayed on the Notice Board in the Village.
- 11. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Date of next Meeting Monday 3 October 2011. Litter; Affordable housing on the Green

The meeting closed at 08.45 p.m.

**Payments**

10.2 A Bank Reconciliation for August 2011 had been prepared and a copy had been provided to Cllrs K Bartlett and J Swift.

Recipient	Details	Amount £	VAT £	Total £
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	318.00		318.00
CC Village Hall	August	43.00		43.00
W Waldron	Fixing Litter Bin1	25.00		25.00
ICO	Data Protection	35.00		35.00
Clement Keys	External Audit	285.00	57.00	342.00
Halls	Allotment Rent	225.00		225.00
Glasdon	Waste Bin and Anchors	331.89	66.37	398.26
Wyre Forest District Council	3 years waste bin Burial Ground	748.00	136.60	884.60
Parish on Line	Annual set up fee	40.00	8.00	48.00
Faithfull City Morris Dances	Open Day	75.00		75.00
		<b>2,125.89</b>	<b>267.97</b>	<b>2393.86</b>

**Volunteer Litter Wardens**

“Love Where you Live” is a new National anti-litter campaign that encourages and enables us to make where we live, work and play the kind of place we really want it to be. It’s about communities and organisations working side by side to make their little bit of England cleaner and greener.

The Parish Council would like to recruit a number of volunteer litter wardens to each keep a small part of the parish litter free. We can provide you with everything you need, high visibility vest, waste bags, picker, etc.

If you would like to volunteer for this task, which you can do whenever it suits you, please contact the Clerk on 01299 851654 or

e-mail for further details :

[clerk@chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk).



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Held on Monday 5th September 2011  
at 08.50p.m.  
Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall



Present: Councillors: Chairman: Cllrs L Stockford, D Thomas, W Mack, M Walford, B Green

In attendance: the Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, and a member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs J Swift, Mrs P Pardoe, R Pugh, G Vernon, K Bartlett, Mrs J Fox
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr W Mack (Item 7.1) – Prejudicial Interest (Relative).  
  
The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time  
  
The meeting was re-opened
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS** held on 8 August 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **PROGRESS REPORTS:** None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION RECEIVED:**
  - 5.1 Proposed Development of Waste Facility at Hartlebury Trading Estate – Public Inquiry starts Tuesday 22 November for 8 days. Additional information issued by Mercia Envirecover available to view at [www.envirecover.co.uk](http://www.envirecover.co.uk) (link to Public Inquiry). Further representations to be made to the Secretary of State by 8 September 2011.
  - 5.2 Robin Hood Public House, Drayton – Appeal lodged against Enforcement Notice issued by Wyre Forest District Council, on grounds that ‘Planning Permission should be granted for what is alleged in the notice, and time given to comply with the notice is too short. Objections need to be re-submitted by 22nd September to the Planning Inspectorate.
6. **PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED/REJECTED:**
  - 6.1 11/0333/LIST – Cakebole House, Cakebole – Creation of four en-suite bathrooms to bedrooms on the south west side and waterproof tanking of the cellar. **Approved.**
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
  - 7.1 11/0520/FULL – The Cottage, Tanwood Lane, Bluntington – Two storey extension to side, providing study, garden room and en-suite. (Cllr W Mack left the room during discussion of this planning application. **No objections.**

The meeting closed at 09.05 p.m.

Date of next Meeting Monday 3 October 2011.



Chairman : J Swift 01562 777268  
Vice Chairman : K Bartlett 01562 777453  
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The next Parish Council Meeting  
will be held on

Monday 7 November 2011

at 7.25 p.m.

to be held at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall

All members of the public are welcome.

Agenda is available from the Parish Council web-site:

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All members of the public are welcome and are invited to  
speak to the Council on matters of concern prior to  
commencement of the meeting.

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Chaddesley Corbett Educational Foundation (Clerk)	Yolande Biggs	777312
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