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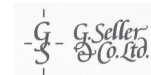
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*You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
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with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10*

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Facilities

Each of our three churches has a disabled access toilet and baby changing facility. Each Church also has a hearing loop system.

Services.....April

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 7 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	10:00 am United Service at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton		
Sunday 14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 21 April 4th Sunday of Easter	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 April 5th Sunday of Easter	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Café Church
Sunday 5 May 6th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft		

Weekday Services:

Broughton Astley: Wednesday 9:30 am A service of Holy Communion
Stoney Stanton: Thursday 9:30 am A service of morning prayer with a Eucharist on the 4th Thursday of the month

Details of services correct at time of going to print. However, please check weekly news sheet and Church noticeboards or visit the BACSS Facebook page regularly to check for any changes and updates.

(You don't need a Facebook login to see these pages).

<https://m.facebook.com/bacsschurches/posts/>

Dear Friends

As our days are now longer and our clocks have been adjusted, we look forward to clearer skies and more time in our gardens. I always feel that at this time of year, probably more than any other time, closer to Christ. This is because we have spent 40 days of Advent, 40 days of Lent and then having been immersed in Holy Week to the rejoicing of Easter. I wonder how you have been during this time? Maybe a little tired and exhausted? So, as we are now in April, we can enjoy and plan more outdoor activities. I have mentioned some below that have been enjoyed by many over the years and have gathered communities from across the globe in one way or another. Our own Christian festivities do the same albeit that we are not in a race or competing in any way, we gather with Christians around the world when we



remember particular events in our liturgical calendar. Within our own parish we have a number of activities that we can look forward to such as the Enderby Wind Band Concert on 27 April at 7:30pm, St Mary's Church Broughton Astley, Bingo Night on

19 April at 7pm St Michael and All Angels Church in Croft, to name just a few of the many community minded activities that happen in our parish. We are called to equip and enable each other which can only be done when we gather together.

Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

7 April - The first boat race was started by two old school friends, Charles Wordsworth and Charles Merivale who both attended Harrow School as children, but then went their separate ways; Wordsworth attended Christ Church College in Oxford, while Charles Merivale attended St. John's College in Cambridge. The first boat race took place on 10 June 1829 at Henley-on-Thames, with eight male rowers and one cox from each university taking part. These races



continued irregularly for the next 26 years, before officially becoming an annual event in 1856. Currently Cambridge have more wins in both the men's and women's races with more than 100 million people who watch the boat races worldwide each year.

The Grand National meeting 11 - 13 April - The history of the Randox Grand National can be traced back to the early 1800's.

In February 1839, Lottery became the first winner of the Grand Liverpool Steeplechase, the race that would become known as the Grand National. Horses had to jump a stone wall, cross a stretch of ploughed land and finish over two hurdles. The current course, which stages races over conventional fences and hurdles, opened in 1839. The Grand National is completely unscripted and totally captivating, steeped in a history of unpredictable winners and fabulous stories. Such as Red Rum, it's been over 40 years since Red Rum recorded the first of the three victories in the Grand National that earned him pride of place in the record books, and immortalised him as one of the greatest steeplechasers in the world. He remains the only horse to have won the Grand National three times.

In faith
Reverend Pauline

ELECTORAL ROLL

A revision of the Church Electoral Roll will be carried out between 17 March and 10 April 2024.

Anyone whose name is not on the Roll, and wishes to be included, should complete a form (available in all churches), and forward it to Tom Cockerill, Electoral Roll Officer, 9 Osprey Close, Broughton Astley LE9 6RS by 10 April.

1st Stoney Stanton Scout Group



For information on membership - please contact the Leaders listed below

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(Age 6 to 8 years)

Meet Wednesdays 6.30pm
to 7.30pm

Contact Claire Carrington
07538 780713

Cub Scouts

(Age 8 to 10½ years)

Meet Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Contact Luke Cousin
07843 378904

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Scouts

(Age 10½ to 14 years)

Meet Fridays 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Contact David 'Sport' Howes
07897 918797

SCOUTS

Explorer Scouts

(Age 14 to 18 years)

Meet Fridays 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Contact Martin Oliver
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EXPLORERS

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Appreciating Johann Sebastian Bach

Three hundred years ago, on 7 April 1724, the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's *St John Passion* was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

It was put on as part of Good Friday Vespers at St Nicholas Church, having been transferred from St Thomas at the last moment by the music council. Bach, who had just turned 39, agreed to the move, while pointing out that the booklet had already been printed, there was no room immediately available for the musicians, and the harpsichord needed some repair. These problems were overcome.

Bach was already highly regarded, but primarily as a harpsichordist and organ expert. Later seen as one of the best composers of all time – renowned for such works as the *Brandenburg Concertos* and his *Mass in B Minor* – he was one of a large family of north German musicians. He is widely praised as a great synthesiser of styles and traditions.

The *St John Passion*, written during his first year as director of church music in Leipzig, was designed to be used as part of a church service. It follows John 18 and 19 in the Luther Bible, but the writer of the libretto is not known. A possible earlier Passion, written in Weimar, is lost.

Nowadays the *St John Passion* is heard mainly in the 1739–1749 version, which was never performed in Bach's lifetime, though he made many revisions to the original before his death.





Baptisms

Croft

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All requests are treated in confidence. It is up to you how much you want to tell the prayer chain about the request. It can simply be the first name of the person.

Each request is prayed for, from the date of the request, for 1 month. If you want prayers to continue after that month you need to make another request.

Please contact Jackie March with your request on bacsprayerchain@gmail.com .

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Jackie March

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50 years of ABBA!

Fifty years ago, on 6th April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song *Waterloo*. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

The victory, in Brighton, was just the first step on the road to conquering the world, as far as pop music was concerned. The songs, written mainly by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, were matched by the passion, exuberance and good looks of singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid 'Frida' Lyngstad, who later married them – and even later, divorced them.

The name of the group came from the initials of the four Christian names. Some have suggested a link to the biblical Abba and looked for Jewish themes in their songs, but this is wishful thinking. While Anni-Frid (who was born Norwegian) may be Christian, Björn is definitely an outspoken atheist. In fact, ABBA is the name of a Swedish canned fish company that had to give permission for the singers to use it – a decision they are unlikely to have regretted.

Both *Waterloo* and ABBA achieved worldwide superstar status quickly – no small feat for a group performing in a language that is not their own. The film *ABBA – the Movie* and the musical *Mamma Mia* and its sequel, featuring their compelling songs, were huge successes. It is estimated that the musical has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide.

ABBA hit the jackpot again when their revolutionary new project, *ABBA Voyage*, launched in 2022. In it, Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid perform their love-songs digitally with a live 10-piece band, in a purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. Not bad for four divorcees in their 70s.

The 5th commandment

In reply to a question in Sunday school, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'

World Autism Acceptance Week, 2nd – 8th April 2024

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is. According to the website psychcentral.com, there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK.

The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this 'acceptance week', by going to the National Autistic Society's website, <https://www.autism.org.uk> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.

What headstones are for

In the 1950s, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, visited the church of Scotland in Dumfries. As she was walking through the graveyard after the service, she asked the Lord Provost who was with her, why the headstones were so large? He replied "To hold them doon, Ma'am."

23 April - St George and Hiccup and the dragon

Have you seen the film How to Train your Dragon? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually learn to live in harmony.

This month we celebrate St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

St Michael and all Angels Croft



Bingo Night

Friday April 19th

7pm

Croft Church

Adults £8 children £4 (accompanied)

Hot Dog,

dessert,

soft drink /glass

of wine and silly prizes!

To book your place, sign the sheet in church or contact Claire
01455 282495



Don't hesitate to use hearing aids

Here is something you didn't expect: using hearing aids if you are a bit deaf can be of great benefit to your overall health.

Crystal Rolfe, director of health at the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) said: "Hearing aids bring enormous benefits for people with hearing loss. Research shows that wearing hearing aids may reduce the risk of cognitive decline, and it is well known that they have positive effects on physical, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

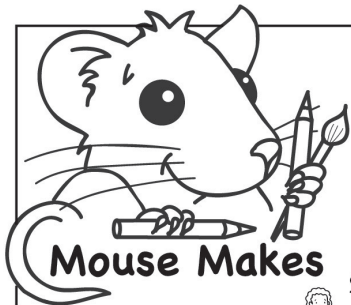
According to hearing loss charity RNID, 12 million adults in the UK are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus and an estimated seven million people could benefit from hearing aids, but only about two million use them.

The researchers hope the findings, published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity journal, will encourage more people to wear hearing aids. As one doctor said: "If you have hearing loss, get hearing aids. The benefits could be limitless."



Long prayer

A friend took her small daughter to church. The vicar's prayer had gone on for several minutes when suddenly a small voice piped up: "Has he forgotten how to say Amen?"



Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered. He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."



So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



READ
the story in **John 21**

How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?
Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?
Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?
Read John 21: 11



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Women of influence

Sunday School teachers

The member of the PCC had heard enough. His colleague was 'holding forth' passionately about a subject dear to her heart and hardly stopping to draw breath. Eventually he interrupted. 'Would the little bishop please sit down and let someone else have their say?' That incident was remembered for years afterwards and in one of our local churches the lady concerned was to be forever known as 'the little bishop'. But joking aside, there is a whole back story packed into that little phrase.



Sunday School procession with Lucy Lane

Because that lady was one of a huge movement, of whom the greater majority were women, who had a significant influence on the children of the twentieth century in this country, women who nurtured the Christian faith in those children, spectacularly well.

The twentieth century is a remarkable period, in that it produced two world wars and a pandemic of massive and damaging proportions within its first fifty years. It was a time of social change like no other. One of its effects was to reduce the population of young men, particularly after the First World War. There was many a young girl who waved off a boyfriend, in the hope of 'serving his country' never to see him again. There were too many children left orphaned at an

DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

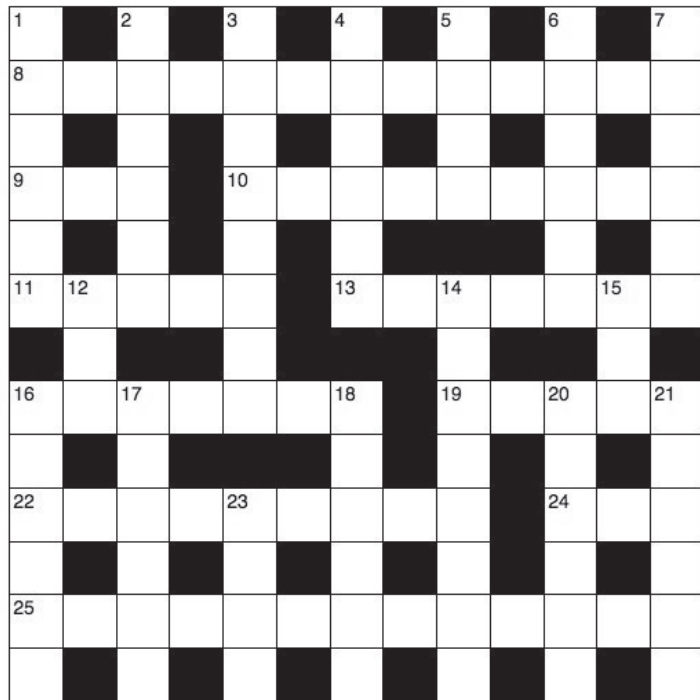
March Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover.
11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane.
20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy.
7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son.
18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

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Crossword - April



ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —'
(Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives
(Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his
inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

early age. And in churches, always so reliant on the unseen services of women, many bereaved young women turned their skills to teaching the next generation the Christian faith, conscious that they would probably never have the chance of creating their own families to follow in their wake.

At the outset, these women were not even properly emancipated, the full vote was not given to women over the age of 21, until 1928. Earlier legislation in 1918 allowed women over the age of 30 to vote if they were property-holders, but it had taken nearly a century of campaigning for women to be allowed a seemingly basic right. But.... Bishops? Women with the appropriate talents and passion for the Christian faith such as the 'little Bishop' had, would not live to see such a dream come to reality. The highest position a woman of her time could attain to in the Church 'hierarchy' was that of Sunday School teacher.



Edna Baum's Church pageant

A recent memoir highlights the influence of some of these good ladies in Stoney Stanton. Sarah Peters, who would rule a gaggle of unruly boys with iron discipline. You did not misbehave in church with

Sarah in charge. Lucy Lane was another formidable personality. And yet outings to Wicksteed Park were always great fun with Lucy leading the singing on the return journey. Edna Baum became a friend to the older girls through her Bible classes - and, of course she presided over a stylish pageant depicting the History of St. Michael's which she had written, and in which everyone could play their part. The Stevens sisters, Phyllis and Ellen brought their own very special gifts to bear. Ellen lived to a great age, 102, receiving guests in her cottage on Station Road, over the weekend of her 100th birthday with great pleasure. Her quiet personality and profound wisdom made her a 'soul friend' to many past pupils. Phyllis, for many years was Secretary to the Sparkenhoe II Deanery Sunday School teachers Association, a fact commemorated on the altar book rest in St. Michael's, given in her memory. That Association ensured that the Sunday School teachers in the area were well trained, and had a wider support group, than might be found in their own churches.

Each church will have had its own group of faithful, well remembered teachers, who had such an influence on the children of their time. Sadly time moves on and many of those children grew up, became old themselves, and are now no more.

But it is good, from time to time to remember these good people who served their churches and the people within them with such passion and dedication. There must be many a church which has had within its number its own 'little bishop' whose influence has had its effect - even to this day.

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

March

First Prize - £25.00 - No 60 - Malcolm Burland
 Second Prize - £15.00 - No 67 - Sandie Johnson
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 103 - Christine Hartley

There are numbers available for this draw.
 Please contact Julie on 07738 764245

St Mary's Subscription Draw

March

First Prize - £40.00 - No 53 - Mr R Sweeting
 Second Prize - £20.00 - No 63 - Mr M Riley
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 19 - Mrs L Sasse

Some numbers still available – an excellent way to support the church and have some fun in these difficult times.
 Contact Tom Cockerill on 01455 698949.

Who?!

Seen in a West Country church:

Whenever I see a little church,
 I always pay a visit.
 So when at last I'm carried in,
 the Lord won't ask 'Who is it?'

Clubs, activities & events in April

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 9 April 7:30 pm	"Tools With A Mission (TWAM)" Michelle Lewis	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 10 April 7:30 pm	"Wonderful Wicked Wallis" Julie Kinnear	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 10 April 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information	Rev'd Pauline Cummins	

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On the other hand, a disruptive family life with poor sleep patterns could mean your child has slower brain development, poorer cognitive function, and below average academic achievement.

Those are the findings of a new study from Colorado State University. It found that children thrive when the family has a weekly 'family time' together, when homework is done at the same time every day, the family eats dinner together every night, the child is expected to carry out regular household chores, and when bedtime is at a consistent time, accompanied by a bedtime story or similar calming ritual.

The underlying need is for the child to get enough regular and deep sleep. Children with disrupted families get disrupted sleep, and therefore are more likely to have thinner regions of the brain in the amygdala as well as parts of the left and right frontal cortex. These areas control skills related to language, behaviour, sensory perception, and emotional processing.



All in the month of April

It was:

300 years ago, on 7 April 1724 that the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

200 years ago, on 19 April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10 April 1849 that American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

150 years ago, on 5 April 1874 that Johann Strauss II's operetta Die Fledermaus was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

125 years ago, on 29 April 1899 that Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.

100 years ago, on 17 April 1924 that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.

Also 100 years ago, on 23 April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

90 years ago, on 3 April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

75 years ago, on 4 April 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7 April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

EFFFI (Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flower Initiative)

Raising money for St Mary's Church and other local charities

Coffee Morning

Elmesthorpe Village Hall

10:00—11:30

Saturday 27 April

All Welcome

Celebrating St George's Day

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursday 25 April

10:00 am—11:30 am



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Saturday 6 April

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael and All Angels Croft

Lunch

Saturday 6 April

For more information

Contact Libby on 01455 282629

St Michael's Stoney Stanton

Saturday 13 April

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning and Craft Stalls

Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

70 years ago, on 7 April 1954 that in a news conference about Communism in Indochina, US President Dwight D Eisenhower explained his 'domino theory'. He said that if one country in a region came under the influence of Communism, then the countries surrounding it would follow. He and later presidential administrations have always believed this.

Also 70 years ago, on 26 April 1954 that the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine. In 2014 Russia annexed Crimea, but it is not recognised internationally, and a number of sanctions were imposed on Russia as a result.

65 years ago, on 9 April 1959 that Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect and writer, died. Regarded as 'the greatest American architect of all time.'

60 years ago, on 15 April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6 April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

40 years ago, on 17 April 1984 that British police officer Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London. This led to an 11-day siege by the police.

30 years ago, on 6 April 1994 that the Rwandan genocide began, when a plane carrying Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana and Burundian president Cyprien Ntaryamira was shot down by extremists. Civil war broke out the following day, and between 500,000 and one million people were massacred during the next 100 days.

Also 30 years ago, on 26 April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president, and took office on 10 May.

25 years ago, on 5 April 1999 that Libya handed over to the United Nations two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. They were taken to the Netherlands to face trial. One was found guilty, and sentenced to life imprisonment, only to be released in 2009 because he was dying of cancer. The other suspect was acquitted.

20 years ago, on 1 April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

10 years ago, on 14 April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

Who is he?

A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks a tough customer," she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. "Ah, actually, he is the chaplain."

Do it

Here's a sure-fire way to cross off every item on your To-Do list: Do the chores first, then write them down and *then* cross them off!

Problem

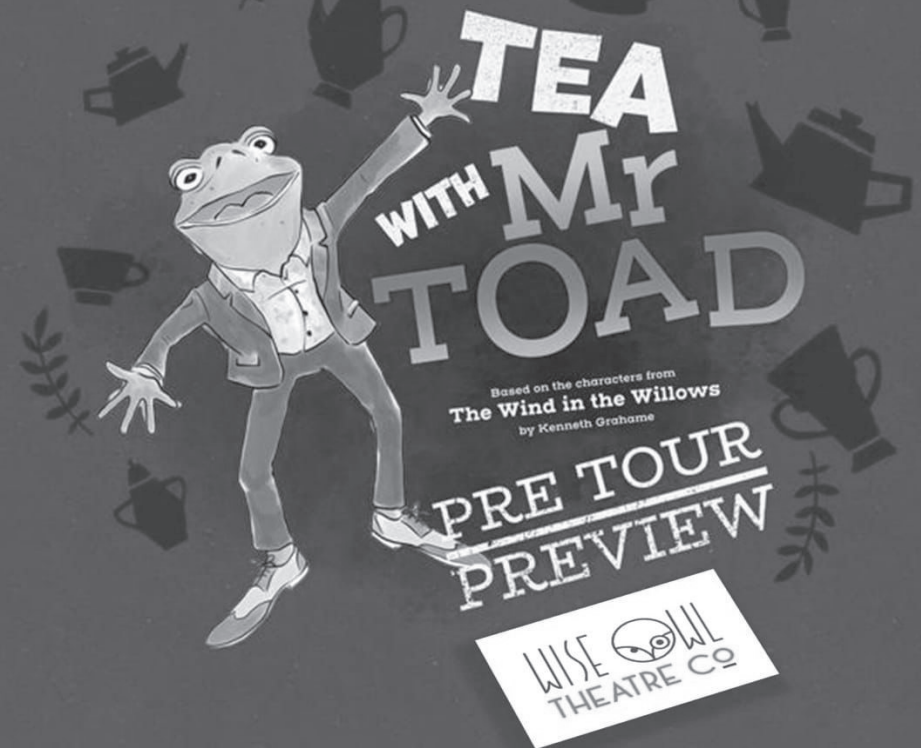
I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. ANY BOOKINGS ALREADY MADE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS NEW DATE. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE.

Sunday 5th May 2024

1.00pm & 4.00pm

St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton



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