

# CAYNHAM NEWS

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please contact David Faulkner at least one month in advance.

## ***Caynham Harvest Festival***

***Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 11.15 am St Mary's Church Caynham***

*Jill Bufton writes:* I have not organised a flower rota this year due to Covid and being unsure of service dates. I look forward to seeing all who would like to decorate the Church for Harvest Festival and Christmas. Would those who usually decorate specific windows please let me know if you are unable to help with your usual window. Decorating can be done on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October when the Church will be unlocked.

Dates for Christmas will be either Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, ready for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Any new flower arrangers would be greatly appreciated – contact Jill on 876900.

## ***Caynham Christmas Tree Festival***

***Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December St Mary's Church Caynham***

*Jill Bufton writes:* St Mary's Church Caynham are planning to hold our annual Christmas Tree Festival again this year. On the Saturday evening there will be a concert by 'Little Hereford Voices' and on Sunday at 3pm we will hold a Christingle service to conclude the festival.

This year's festival theme is 'A Christmas Song' (**not** a carol!). If you would like to participate by decorating a tree, please phone either Jill on 876900 or Chris on 876819 as soon as possible with the title of your tree.

Offers of help to run stalls and the tombola, plus raffle prizes, cakes, and mince pies etc are needed.

This will have been our only money raising event this year and we need funds to keep our beautiful church open.

## **The environmental crisis and us – part 2: plastic**

Plastic gets a bad press, sometimes quite rightly – for example, replacing single-use plastic items with sustainable alternatives usually makes sense; and removing plastic microparticles is a challenge. But plastic is a very versatile material, lightweight, strong, and easily moulded. It has become a vital component in many fields where these properties are valuable: for example, medical applications – the NHS could not function without plastic. Banning such a useful material entirely is not the best solution: the problems lie not so much with the use of plastic but with its production and, especially, its disposal.

New plastic can be produced from three sources: fossil fuels, plants, or recycled plastic. Fossil fuels are unsustainable, and we need to stop their extraction. The production of plastic should not provide fossil fuel companies with another excuse to continue operations. Bio-plastic from plants is sustainable, although it competes for growing space with food and bio-fuels, and can be recyclable (PET, as used in plastic bottles) or biodegradable/compostable (but may need industrial rather than home composting). Recycled plastic is already a significant percentage in many items: Evian (Danone) now make bottles from 100% recycled plastic for some of their products.

In an ideal world, all plastic would be recyclable and all plastic products would be made from recycled material – this is a 'circular economy'. In practice, some new plastic would still be needed to make up for losses in the recycling process. However, this is an attainable goal. We can encourage this process by choosing to buy products which include a high percentage of recycled material and are themselves recyclable.

'End of life management' is an important part of good product design yet until recently it seems to have been ignored by much of the plastics industry. Years of global mismanagement of plastic disposal have resulted in massive pollution of rivers, seas and oceans. Much of this has come from China and SE Asia, but the material itself started out in Europe and America. We exported our plastic waste to be treated elsewhere. Often the treatment facilities were inadequate and the waste material turned out to be contaminated. No wonder China banned these imports and others have followed. This was essentially fly-tipping on a global scale. Those responsible should be prosecuted.

To achieve a circular economy we must have a recycling system that is fit for purpose. The infrastructure for that can only be ensured by government – international, national, and local. We can help by applying pressure towards this outcome in the same ways as campaigning for the reduction of carbon emissions (see part 1, September issue).

Locally, Shropshire's recycling rate for all household waste (not just plastic) was 54.6% in 2019/20, although 6.8% of this was rejected due to contamination (eg non-recyclable plastic). What can we do to improve this? Essentially, recycle more of the right plastic and less of the wrong plastic. Unfortunately, this isn't always easy: there are many different types of plastic, which may require different recycling processes, and - although this is improving - recycling information is often missing from product labels. Kerbside recycling for Caynham currently accepts plastic bottles (latest advice: squash bottle and replace cap – also replace screw top caps on glass bottles), plastic trays and pots (not black), plastic tubes (hand cream etc), spray tops from cleaning products (but not pumps, eg hand wash), toothpaste pumps (but not tubes), and plastic caps from Tetrapaks etc.

However, other plastic products can be recycled locally too. Most obviously, larger supermarkets (in Ludlow, Tesco) are legally obliged to accept any plastic bags for recycling – these include magazine wrappers, bread bags (non-waxed) and bags for some garden compost etc. Free schemes for recycling more difficult products are run by Terracycle ([www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)), sponsored by manufacturers but usually accepting any make. There are collection points in Ludlow for several of these: the links below give more details of what is and what isn't accepted.

**Peter Meredith Opticians**, 9 Church Street: Mon-Weds, Fri 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5.30pm, Thurs, Sat 9.30am to 1pm  
*Contact lenses, blister packs, foil covers*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/acuvue>

**Pricklebums Hedgehog Rescue**, Quality Square/6b Church Street: Mon -Sun 10am to 4pm  
*Household disposable gloves (NB: gloves used for PPE should NOT be recycled)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/spontex>  
*Snacks, nuts, popcorn, crisps & pretzel packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/kpsnacks>

**Annette's Taxis**, 68 Old Street: Mon – Fri 8am to 7pm, Sat 8am to 10pm  
*Bread bags (waxed)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/breadbag>  
*Personal care products (plastic/metal tubes, lipsticks, compacts etc)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/burtsbees-personalcare-uk>  
*Cheese packaging (flexible)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/cheesepackaging-uk>

*Toothbrushes & heads, toothpaste tubes (not pumps), floss containers, outer packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/colgate-uk>  
*Plastic confectionery packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/confectionery>

*Crisp packets*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/crisppacket>  
*LOL Surprise products & packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/lolsurprise-uk>  
*Plastic phone cases, PopSockets products & packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/popsockets-uk>  
*Pringles cans, lids & seals*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/pringles>  
*Plastic ring carriers used to hold cans*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/ringcarrier>  
*Taylor's of Harrogate coffee pouches & sachets*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/taylor's-of-harrogate-uk>  
*Babybel packaging*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/babybel-uk>

**Gillette** will send you an envelope to recycle any brand of *razor & razor blades*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/gillette-envelope-uk>

Some useful facilities further afield, but probably not justifying a special trip:

**8 Wigmore Street**, Leominster HR6 8PJ: 24/7  
*Carex, Imperial Leather, Bayleys hand wash refill pouches & pumps (not bottles)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/carex-uk>

**21 Walkers Green**, Marden HR1 3DU: 24/7  
*Flexible refill pouches & packaging for dishwashing & cleaning products*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/rb>

**Presteigne Primary School**: Mon-Fri 9am to 3.30pm  
*Writing implements (pens, pencils, highlighters etc)*  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/bic-uk>

### Update on calculating your carbon footprint

Most online calculators break down your emissions into four categories: household energy use; transport; food and drink; and general expenditure ("stuff"). They all do a reasonable job for the first 2 categories and a fair one for the third, but often your emissions due to purchases seem to be deduced from lifestyle assumptions which may be completely inaccurate - and this category may produce a large part of your footprint. The best calculators allow you to customise your stuff to reflect your actual behaviour more closely. The best two that I have found are:

[www.carbonfootprint.com](http://www.carbonfootprint.com)  
[www.carbonsavvy.uk](http://www.carbonsavvy.uk) (use the '45 minute' version)

## Caring for God's Acre continues support for Caynham Churchyard.

*Stephen Ashford writes:* On 4th August, six 'Caring for Gods Acre' conservation volunteers, led by Alex, visited Caynham churchyard. The main task of the day was to cut and remove the long grass areas as they have mainly flowered and seeded now and we need to remove the nutrient from the grass area before it goes back down to the ground. This will improve it as a wild flower meadow habitat (making it more biodiverse) as time goes on. The grass was scythed and removed to the compost heap. The volunteers also piled up sticks to make habitat piles for wildlife and made a list of all the species that they could find to be recorded on a national database (I-record) for future reference. Caynham is a very good churchyard with a huge number of species that we don't really see elsewhere, it is basically the parish's original seedbank from before intensive farming. With the help of volunteers from the village and a management plan for the churchyard so that more areas can be improved we hope to make a big difference to the local environment.

Many thanks for Caring for God's Acre and the volunteers for their continued support.

If you want to be invited to future work parties, please contact Stephen - telephone 01584 874402 or email at [sjashford@hotmail.com](mailto:sjashford@hotmail.com)

## Clean jam jar appeal

*Jill Bufton writes:* I am very short of clean jam jars (any size, no lids required). Jars can be left under the sales table at the driveway entrance to Primrose Bank Caynham.

## Events in October and November (Caynham Village Hall unless noted)

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Gardening Society: Kevin Alviti 'Unusual fruit & vegetables' 7.30pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Caynham Walkers – details from organiser
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Caynham Harvest Festival 11.15am, St Mary's Church Caynham</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Caynham Book Exchange 11am
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WI: Beetle Drive 7.30pm (Ashford Carbonel VH)
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Gardening Society: Victoria Logue 'Gardening with & for wildlife' 7.30pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Caynham Book Exchange 11am
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WI: AGM and 'Floral ideas' 7.30pm (Ashford Carbonel VH)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Caynham Walkers – details from organiser

## Contact details (area code 01584 except where noted)

### Caynham Ashford Women's Institute (<https://sites.google.com/site/caynhamashfordwi/>)

Meets monthly 7.30pm	2nd Wednesday at Caynham or Ashford Carbonell village halls	
President	Mrs Christine King	876819
Secretary	Mrs Jane van Duijvenvoorde	891396 <a href="mailto:janevanduij@gmail.com">janevanduij@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Mrs Ann Morris	831692

### Caynham & District Gardening Society (<http://caynhamgardening.blogspot.co.uk>)

Meets monthly 7.30pm	1st Tuesday Caynham Village Hall	
Chairman	Mrs Christine King	876819
Secretary	Mrs Jean Faulkner	879515 <a href="mailto:jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com">jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com</a>
Treasurer	Mrs Ann Morris	831692

### Caynham Book Exchange

Meets monthly 11am	2nd Monday Caynham Village Hall	
Contact	Mrs Paula Spencer	875419

### Ashford & Caynham Butterflies Pre-school Playgroup

Every weekday in term time, 9am to 3pm	Bishop Hooper CE Primary School	
Committee Chair	Ms Julia Harmen	
Leader	Ms Leigh Turner	07779171674

### Caynham Parish Council (<http://www.caynhampc.org.uk>)

Meets bimonthly 7pm	1st Monday usually Knowbury Memorial Hall, occasionally Caynham or Clee Hill Village Hall	
Caynham Councillor	Mrs Barbara Ashford (Chairman)	874402
County Councillor	Mr Richard Huffer	891215 <a href="mailto:richard.huffer@shropshire.gov.uk">richard.huffer@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Clerk	Mr Eric Williams	874661 <a href="mailto:cewilliams1@btinternet.com">cewilliams1@btinternet.com</a>

### Caynham Walking Group

Meets monthly 2nd Saturday: walks are 4 to 6 miles starting about 10am. For details please contact Catherine Newcombe (891225 or [cathnewcombe@btinternet.com](mailto:cathnewcombe@btinternet.com)).

### Caynham Village Hall Committee (<http://www.caynham.eclipse.co.uk/vhall.html>)

Chairman	Dr David Faulkner	879515 <a href="mailto:davidjfaulkner@btinternet.com">davidjfaulkner@btinternet.com</a>
Hall Bookings	Mrs Jean Faulkner	879515 <a href="mailto:jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com">jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com</a>

### St Mary's Church Caynham

Rector	Revd Lynn Money	831203 <a href="mailto:ashfordsrector@gmail.com">ashfordsrector@gmail.com</a>
Churchwardens	Mrs Ann Reid	875519
	Mr Stephen Ashford	874402 <a href="mailto:sjashford@hotmail.com">sjashford@hotmail.com</a>

### Friends of Bishop Hooper CE Primary School

Contact	Mrs Anna Gittins (Headmistress)	831110
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