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

Meets monthly 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday at alternate village halls

President	Mrs Glynnis Steven	01568 780938
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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 jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com
Treasurer	Mrs Ann Morris	831692

Caynham Book Exchange

Meets monthly 11am 1st Monday Caynham Village Hall

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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

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Caynham Walking Group

Meets monthly 2nd Saturday: walks are 4 to 6 miles starting about 10am, followed by a pub lunch. For details please contact Catherine Newcombe (891225 or cathnewcombe@btinternet.com).

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

Chairman	Dr David Faulkner	879515 davidjfaulkner@btinternet.com
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Caynham Methodist Church

Minister in Charge	Revd Frances Biseker	01568 612406
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Friends of Bishop Hooper CE Primary School

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If you are organising anything and would like it to be listed here,
please contact David Faulkner at least one month in advance.

Can you spare a few minutes to help the Village Hall?

The Village Hall is currently closed and is unlikely to reopen until Spring 2021 (i.e. in about 6 months' time). This has implications for our insurance cover because the standard policy does not allow the building to be unoccupied for that length of time. Our insurers have asked that we set up a weekly inspection, internal and external, to check for any defects and that we maintain a log of these visits.

There are only two members of the Committee who can currently do this (David and Jean Faulkner are shielding). We are looking for volunteers who could share these inspections with Barbara Ashford and Caroline Prentice. It should require no more than 15 minutes on site, at a time and date convenient to you. We're likely to need about 24 inspections, so if we have 6 volunteers that would mean 3 visits each, if we have 10 volunteers only 2 visits each would be needed – and so on.

Please let me know (davidjfaulkner@btinternet.com or phone 879515) if you are willing to help. We can then organise a rota, provide a check list and record the inspection log via e-mail (so no physical contact will be required).

CAYNHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY: 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Chris King writes:

2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our Gardening Club. A Golden Celebration has been cancelled, or hopefully postponed, in this most unsettling of years. However, as club chairman I have to hand the old minute books and the time to browse through them. How interesting this has been!

Records started in 1970 when Revd Compton, vicar at Caynham, began to organise outings to gardens of note. A visit to the garden of Mr Percy Thrower is the first to be minuted. The most surprising though, is the tour of Fordhall Organic Farm in the spring of 1975. I quote, "Having travelled through a snowstorm, walked through disinfectant and under the germ-killing ultra-violet ray, we were taken to see the Dairy. We were able to watch the Grand National while eating a farm tea to remember and we finished up by walking the Nature Trail".

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The price of coach hire now is almost prohibitive for a day out, but I read that in 1973 the cost of a trip to Charlote Park near Stratford was £1.40, to include coach travel, entrance and tea. More recently we were fortunate to be able to enjoy memorable gardening holidays arranged by Diana and Ian Stone.

Throughout, meetings in Caynham Village Hall have been held on Tuesdays with a variety of speakers and entertainment. In the early days, Harvest Suppers and Whist Drives were on the programme and speakers included a rep from Murphy's Chemicals and several visits from the now defunct County Horticultural Service. Some of you may remember Clay Jones, who was a rare special and expensive visitor. There were quizzes with neighbouring garden societies and these: Gentlemen's Nights, when the men provided punch and sausages on sticks. I think these are due for a revival!

For many years, bulk orders of seeds from Dobies were organised by the treasurer and in August throughout the 1980's the Annual Show was held, sometimes open to non-members.

Since 2000 the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale has been a high point of the year, raising much needed funds and becoming a popular social event for locals looking to buy plants, especially the fashionable white Cosmos "Purity".

We hear from visiting speakers that a number of gardening societies have closed down over the past decade, but we are fortunate to have loyal members who are looking forward to meeting again. So sadly this has not been the year we expected, but as soon as we are able we will celebrate times gone by and make plans for the future, which I hope will include new members, who will be very welcome.

Chris King

LOCAL SHOPPING SERVICES

please see the July issue for full details

Several shops have altered their working practices as guidelines changed. Please continue to support your local shops as the current restrictions are eased.

St Mary's Caynham

Our first service in 2020!

(due to a combination of bad weather and the pandemic)

20th September at 11.15 a.m. in the church observing all required precautions. A simple modern language service of morning prayer lasting about 45 mins (no hymns) followed by our Annual Meetings when we elect Churchwardens and PCC members, review the last year and look to the future (will we become a festival church focusing on the major celebrations such a Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival etc rather than maintaining regular monthly services?) What do you think? Let us know.

Further details on the church notice boards.

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